

**Town of Chapel Hill
North Carolina**

**2009-2010
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED
BUDGET**



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Letter of Transmittal

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of Town Council
Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina Recommended Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10. The budget as recommended includes a revenue neutral combined property tax rate for the General Fund, Transportation Fund, and Debt Service Fund of 49.7 cents per \$100 of assessed value; a decrease of 8.4 cents from the 2008-09 budget. The property tax rate for the Downtown Service District is adjusted to a revenue neutral rate of 7.1 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Developing an annual budget for Town services is a key responsibility of the Town Council as elected representatives of the community. The Recommended Annual Budget for 2009-10 recognizes Council's most important goals and makes adjustments to compensate for the impact of the economic crisis. We were pleased to work with Council in making the final decisions on continuing the Town's high level of services and how they would be funded in the 2009-10 budget year. In addition to continuing basic services, the annual budget:

- Maintains a fare-free transit system as in past years;
- Maintains pay and employee health benefits at current levels;
- Maintains funding level for performance agreements with outside agencies;
- Provides for a reduced level of capital projects and delays debt issuance; and

This Recommended Annual Budget document is organized as in previous fiscal years utilizing the governmental budget practices recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Stancil
Town Manager

May 6, 2009

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