

OLD TOWN SERVICE DISTRICT

FUNCTION: Old Town Service District
DEPARTMENT:
DIVISION OR ACTIVITY:

BUDGET COMMENTS:

The City Council established the Old Town Service District in 2000 which levies special assessment taxes against properties located in Old Town Fairfax; the sunset date for the Old Town Service District is June 30, 2020. The special district tax rate is 6 cents per \$100 of assessed value of real property and improvements. Taxes collected pursuant to this ordinance are levied for and used to provide additional government services not being offered uniformly throughout the entire City including, but not limited to, economic and business development and promotional activities intended to foster business retention; business recruitment and developer recruitment; physical improvements to public facilities which are unique to the downtown area; and planning for the acquisition and development of public spaces needed for the downtown area. Past facility improvements in the Old Town Service District include, but are not limited to, the construction of a new library, the undergrounding of overhead utility lines and road improvements throughout the Old Town Service District.

Annual debt service (principal debt of approximately \$23 million) relating to the financing of the library, which opened in January 2008, is offset by reallocating payments due for library operating costs (due to the County of Fairfax) from the County of Fairfax to the financing institution. The library is owned and operated by the County of Fairfax; however, because of the library's location in the heart of the City of Fairfax, the City is a major beneficiary.

Financing of the Old Town Service District's undergrounding of overhead utility lines and road improvements (totaling approximately \$16 million) is supported in part by revenue generated from the Old Town District special assessment and increased revenues realized and anticipated from the redevelopment of the downtown area.

The FY 2017 Adopted budget reflects a decrease of \$176,470 or 47.7% from the FY 2016 Adopted Budget. Notable adjustments include:

- **Old Town Improvements and Expenses, increase of \$100,000**
 - Aesthetic improvements to Historic Old Town
- **Transfer to General Fund, decrease of \$276,470 or 74.3%**
 - Return of unused Old Town Service District tax revenue to the General Fund

FY 2017 Adopted Budget - City of Fairfax, Virginia

**City of Fairfax, Virginia
FY 2017 Old Town Service District
Budget Summary**

	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2016 Estimate	FY 2017 Adopted	Variance to Budget \$	Variance to Budget %
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 5,416,091	\$ 272,838	\$ 959,365	\$ 10,500		
Revenues						
Misc Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Transfer from General Fund	184,255	187,931	190,684	190,651	2,720	1.45%
Transfer from Transportation Tax Fund	49,817	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Revenues	\$ 234,072	\$ 187,931	\$ 190,684	\$ 190,651	\$ 2,720	1.45%
Expenses						
Old Town Redevelopment	\$ 91,273	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Old Town Square	4,415,270	-	769,579	-	-	0.00%
Old Town Improvements and Expenses	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	0.00%
Transfer to General Fund	184,255	369,970	369,970	93,500	(276,470)	-74.73%
Total Expenses	\$ 4,690,798	\$ 369,970	\$ 1,139,549	\$ 193,500	\$ (176,470)	-47.70%
Available Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 959,365	\$ 90,799	\$ 10,500	\$ 7,652		

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