

# City of Minneapolis 2012 Budget

## Form of Government

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The City is a municipal corporation governed by a Mayor–Council form of government. It was incorporated in 1867 and adopted a Charter on November 2, 1920. Thirteen City Council Members from individual wards and the Mayor are elected for terms of four years. There is no term limit on these positions. The Mayor and City Council are jointly responsible for the adoption of the annual budget and a five-year capital improvement program. As required by Charter, the Mayor is responsible for preparing an annual operating and capital budget recommendation for the City Council's consideration. The Mayor has veto power, which the Council may override with a vote of nine members.

The City Finance Officer is charged with maintaining and supervising the various accounts and funds of the City as well as several boards and commissions. In addition, the city budget director is charged with assisting the Mayor, City Council and City departments in preparing the City's annual capital and operating budget. The City Finance Officer reports to the City Coordinator, who is appointed by the Mayor and serves as chief administrative officer of the City.

This annual budget report for the City includes organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the primary government are such that exclusion could cause the City's budget report to be misleading or incomplete. Below is a summary of the organizations reflected in the City's annual budget report, in addition to the primary government.

### Blended component units

The following component units have been presented as blended component units because the component unit's governing body is substantially the same as the governing body of the City, or the component unit provides services almost entirely to the primary government.

- ◆ ***Municipal Building Commission.*** The Municipal Building Commission (MBC) is an organization established January 4, 1904, by the State of Minnesota, to operate and maintain the Minneapolis City Hall/Hennepin County Court House Building, which was built pursuant to Chapter 395 of the Special Laws of 1887. The four commissioners are the Chairman of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, the Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, an appointee of the Hennepin County Board and an appointee of the Minneapolis City Council. The Mayor recommends the tax levy and budget for the City's share of the MBC's operations, and the City Council and Mayor approve the allocation of state local governmental aid to the MBC.
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- ◆ ***Board of Estimate and Taxation.*** The Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) is established under Chapter 15 of the City Charter. It is composed of seven members, two of whom are elected by voters of the City. The Mayor or the Mayor's appointee, the President of the City Council and the Chair of the City Council's Ways and Means/Budget Committee are ex-officio members of the Board. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board annually selects one of its members to serve on the BET. By action of the City Council, or such other governing board of a department requesting the sale of bonds, the BET may vote to incur indebtedness and issue and sell bonds and pledge the full faith and credit of the City

for payment of principal and interest. The BET also establishes the maximum property tax levies for most City funds.

### **Discretely presented component units**

The following organization is legally separate from the City, but is included in the City's annual budget report and annual financial reports because the primary government is financially accountable.

- ◆ ***Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.*** The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board was established according to Chapter 16 of the City Charter. The nine-member board is elected by the voters of the City and is responsible for developing and maintaining parkland and parkways, as well as planting and maintaining the City's boulevard trees. The Mayor recommends the tax levies and budget for the Park Board, and the City Council and Mayor approve the allocations of local government aid from the state for Park Board operations. All Park Board actions are submitted to the Mayor, and a mayoral veto may be overridden by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Park Board. The Board of Estimate and Taxation approves the maximum property tax levy for the Park Board, and the full faith and credit of the City secure debt issued for Park Board projects. The City Finance Officer acts as Treasurer of the Park Board.



### **Related organizations**

The City's officials are also responsible for appointing members of the boards of other organizations, but the City's accountability for these organizations does not extend beyond making the appointments. The financial information for these organizations is not included in detail in this report.

- ◆ ***Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission.*** The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission (Commission) is an appointed authority established in 1977 Minnesota laws. Of the seven members of the Commission, the City of Minneapolis appoints six. The Chair, who must by statute reside outside Minneapolis, is appointed by the Governor. The Commissioners serve four-year terms and removal is for cause only. The primary responsibility of the Commission is to serve as owners, operators, and landlords of the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome Sports Facility in Minneapolis. The major tenant of the Metrodome sports facility is the Minnesota Vikings.
- ◆ ***Minneapolis Public Housing Authority.*** The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) is the public agency responsible for administering public housing and Section 8 rental assistance programs for eligible individuals and families in Minneapolis. A nine-member Board of Commissioners governs MPHA. The Mayor of Minneapolis appoints the Board Chairperson, and four Commissioners (one of whom must be a public housing family-development resident) are appointed by the City Council. The mission of the MPHA is to provide well-managed, high-quality housing for eligible families and individuals; to increase the supply of affordable rental housing; and to assist public housing residents in realizing goals of economic independence and self-sufficiency.

## Joint ventures

The City is a participant in several joint ventures in which it retains an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility. Two of these joint ventures are reflected in the annual budget report for the City: Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Board and Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board.

- ◆ ***Minneapolis/Saint Paul Housing Finance Board.*** The Minneapolis/Saint Paul Housing Finance Board was established in the early 1980s, in accordance with a Joint Powers Agreement entered into between the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul and the Community Planning and Economic Development Department, and accepted by the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul under Minnesota law. The Community Planning and Economic Development Department's oversight responsibility of the Board is limited to its governing body's ability to appoint only three of the six members of the Board. The territorial jurisdiction of the Board extends beyond the corporate limits of the City of Minneapolis.
- ◆ ***Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board.*** The Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (NRPB) was established in 1990, in accordance with a Joint Powers Agreement entered into between the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Directors of Special School District No. 1, the Park Board and the Mayor and City Council under authority of State of Minnesota laws. The NRPB is composed of 20 members and includes public officials as well as representatives of neighborhood and community-interest organizations. The majority of members are persons other than the representatives of the jurisdictions that entered into the Joint Powers Agreement.
- ***Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board.*** The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board (YCB) was established in the mid-1980s, in accordance with a Joint Powers Agreement entered into between the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Directors of Special School District No. 1, the Park Board, the Mayor and the City Council under authority of State of Minnesota laws. The Board consists of 10 members as follows: the Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, two Hennepin County Commissioners, the Hennepin County Attorney, two Minneapolis School Board members, two Minneapolis City Council members, a Hennepin County District Court Judge, and one member from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

