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March 9, 2015

### **Public Invited to Comment on Budget Priorities**

The Camden County Board of Commissioners values citizen involvement in County government. As the County of Camden develops the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget, residents and businesses are encouraged to share feedback and priorities to help guide the upcoming budget development process. There are a few ways to provide input:

- Visit the County's website at [www.camdencountync.gov](http://www.camdencountync.gov) to access budget survey questions (See the attachment);
- Complete the form and mail it by May 13, 2015 to the County Manager's Office at PO Box 190, Camden, NC 27921.
- Those who do not have access to the Internet can call the County Manager's Office at 252-338-6363 ext. 107 to have a paper copy of the survey mailed to them.
- Email survey responses, budget comments and suggestions to [shumphries@camdencountync.gov](mailto:shumphries@camdencountync.gov). All feedback received will be provided to the County Commissioners; or,
- Attend the County Commissioner's budget work sessions on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday May 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Historic Courthouse located at 117 NC HWY 343 North.

The County Manager plans to present the recommended budget to the Board of County Commissioners on May 15. Following the proposal, the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive feedback on the proposed budget on June 8 at 7:00 p.m. The County's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30, and the Board of County Commissioners must adopt a budget no later than July 1.

Thank you for sharing feedback regarding **YOUR** priorities for the upcoming Budget. Your involvement is valued and greatly appreciated!

## FY 2015-16 Citizen Budget Survey

**The County of Camden is developing its budget for fiscal year 2015-16 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016).**

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Budget Hearing on the FY 2015/2016 annual budget on Monday, June 8, 2015, to receive comments on next year's budget. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Camden County Historic Courthouse located at 117 NC HWY 343 North, Camden, NC, 27921.

As an important part of this process, the County invites your input on the following questions:

1. What do you think is the most important budget priority for the County in FY 2015-16?

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2. Are there any programs, services, or facilities you would like to see provided with County funds in FY 2015-16?

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3. Are there any programs or services provided by the County that you would like to see discontinued?

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4. Please note any other suggestions for the FY 2015-16 Budget:

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

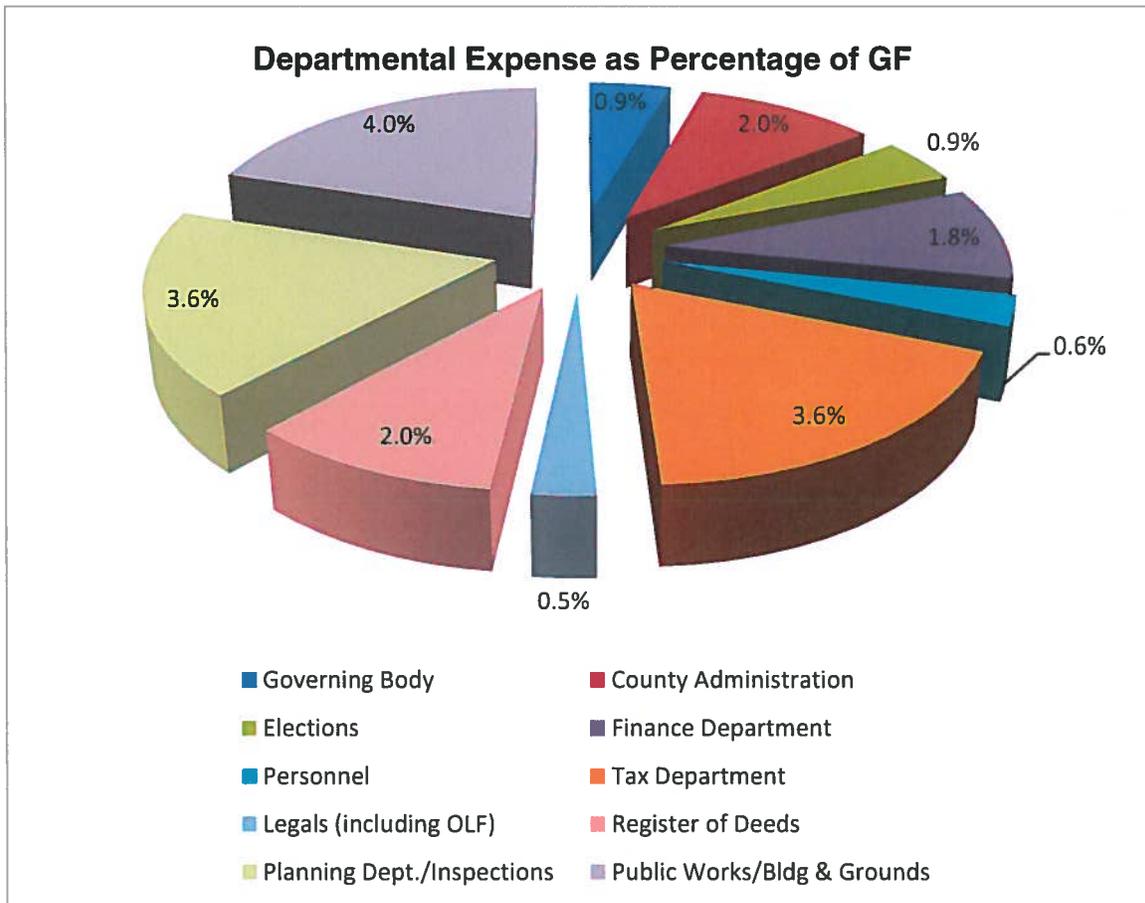
Please mail this sheet by May 13, 2015 to: County Manager Office, PO Box 190, Camden, NC 27921 or send completed forms via email to [shumphries@camdencountync.gov](mailto:shumphries@camdencountync.gov). Please use additional sheets if necessary.

## Budget Snapshot

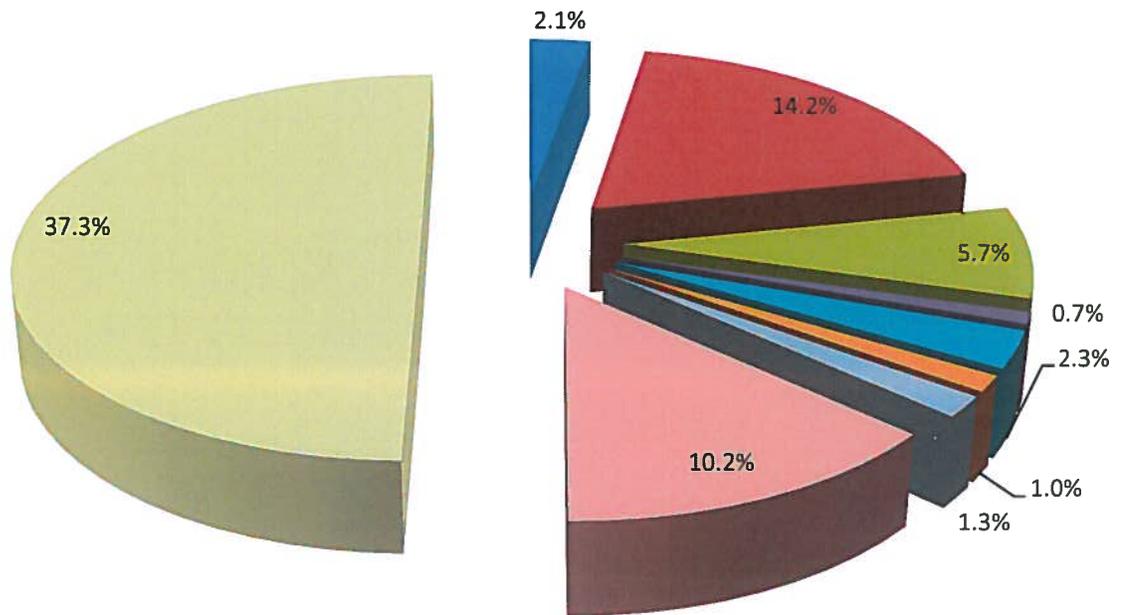
The below charts are provided as a “snap shot” of the County’s departmental expenses as a percentage of the General Fund, or those funds that are budgeted for day-to-day operations and payment of debt service. These charts reflect the current FY 2014-15 Budget as adopted by the Board of Commissioners. The FY 2014-15 Budget authorized General Fund expenditures totaling \$11,322,134.

While most of the categories reflected in the pie charts refer directly to specific departments and are self-explanatory, the category of Special Appropriations listed on the second chart warrants more explanation. Included in Special Appropriations are funds for Camden County Public Schools (\$2,230,297), Emergency Medical Services (\$263,496), Albemarle District Jail Operations (\$405,920), and funding for our two Volunteer Fire Departments (\$461,912).

Additional detail can be found by reviewing the annual Budget Ordinance which can be found on the County’s Web site (Finance Department) at <http://www.camdencountync.gov>.



### Departmental Expense as Percentage of GF Expenditure



- Non-Departmental
- Sheriff & SRO
- Solid Waste
- Coop. Extension
- Recreation
- Senior Center
- Economic Development
- Capital Outlay/Debt Service
- Special Appropriations