

The Tax Collector receives fees for services based on statutory formulas. Revenues that are not required to support operations are returned to the funds in the form of excess/unused fees. As a result, the size of the Tax Collector's budget to pay fees in the General Fund has historically been much larger than the Tax Collector's actual expenditures. The Tax Collector's General Fund expenditure request of \$10,859,280 has met the requested target guidelines for FY18. Per Florida Statutes, the Tax Collector's budget is approved by the Florida Department of Revenue, not the Board of County Commissioners.

The Tax Collector bills, collects and distributes all taxes for the County, Municipalities, Tourist Development Council, School Board, and taxing districts - including the sales tax on vehicles, vessels, and mobile homes. This office also collects delinquent taxes and sells certificates for unpaid taxes. As the agent for state government, the Tax Collector issues licenses and titles for cars, trucks, boats, and mobile homes, collects fees for fishing and hunting licenses, issues Drivers Licenses and Birth Certificates, processes applications for Concealed Weapons Licenses, and makes application for voter ID cards. In accordance with Florida Statute 192.091, the fees associated with the School Board and Municipalities are paid for by the County and are included in the appropriations for the General Fund. Statutory fees and commissions of other property tax levying funds (EMS, Fire Districts, etc.) are shown separately within their fund budgets.

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General Fund Budget History



