

2009 Budget Fact Sheet

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Summary of All Cuts

- \$21.6 million in cuts to General Fund budget
- Abolishment of 190 positions (78 filled and 112 vacant)
- Numerous reductions to non-personnel items
- Every department is affected

Budget Cuts Required by Legislative Action of City Council

- We are reducing the **General Fund budget by \$16.5 million** through the elimination of 165 positions (72 of which are filled and 93 of which are vacant) and a number of non-personnel reductions, as follow:

REDUCTIONS:

- The Executive Offices by \$1.1 million. This reduction is achieved through the abolishment of 4 filled positions and 2 vacant positions and the elimination of the City's print shop-*(which is outsourced)*, among other non-personnel items.
- The Atlanta Police Department by \$5.2 million achieved through the abolishment of 53 currently vacant sworn positions and 4 currently vacant civilian positions, as well as \$2 million in non-personnel items.

- Atlanta Fire Rescue by \$4.7 million. This reduction will be achieved through the abolishment of 34 filled sworn positions, 2 filled civilian positions, and 1 vacant civilian position. These cuts will result in the closing of Fire Station No. 7 and the elimination of a special operations squad.
- The Department of Planning and Community Development by \$1.5 million. This reduction is achieved through the abolishment of 6 filled positions and 13 currently vacant positions, as well as the reduction of some non-personnel costs.
- The Office of the Solicitor by \$2.5 million through the abolishment of 20 positions.
- The Office of the Public Defender by \$900,000 through the abolishment of 13 positions.
- The Department of Corrections by \$500,000 through the abolishment of three filled positions and three vacant positions.
- The Department of Information Technology by \$70,000 through the abolishment of 1 filled position.
- Additional reductions to the budget of City Council (\$171,000) the Ethics Officer (\$12,000) and the Office of the Internal Auditor (\$32,000) – all of which are at or below the 2.5% reduction level expressed within the Budget Ordinance – will also be implemented.

Budget Cuts at the Direction of the Mayor

- **Reducing the General Fund budget by \$5.1 million** through the abolishment of 25 positions (6 filled and 19 vacant) and the reduction of numerous non-personnel items as follow:

REDUCTIONS:

- The Department of Public Works by \$1.262 million. This reduction will be achieved through the elimination of 8 vacant positions and reduction of the City's contract with Georgia Power for streetlight maintenance (the responsibilities for which the City will assume).
- The Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs by \$850,000 through the abolishment of 6 vacant positions and non-personnel items.
- The Department of Finance by \$339,000 through the abolishment of 2 filled and 1 vacant positions and the reduction of non-personnel items.
- The Department of Law by \$312,000 through the abolishment of 1 filled and 1 vacant position and reductions in non-personnel items.
- The Department of Human Resources by \$298,000 through non-personnel items.
- The Department of Procurement by \$107,000 through the abolishment of 1 filled position and the reduction in non-personnel items.
- The Department of Information Technology by \$1.208 million through the elimination of 2 filled and 3 vacant positions and non-personnel action.

- And finally, we are reducing the Non-Departmental budget by \$620,000 by cutting the City's funding of the Atlanta Development Authority by \$500,000 and by eliminating the General Fund portion of the City's federal lobbying contract.