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Proposed Budget to Address Growth in Charleston County

Charleston County's proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2017 will aim to address the needs of a growing population. The proposal includes no property tax increases and adds 25 new positions to provide direct services to citizens and addresses the increasing service demand. The positions include 11 new employees for the drainage program recently approved by Council to meet federal mandates and improve service to the community.

New positions:

Stormwater/drainage	11	Transportation Development	2
Dispatch	5	Zoning/Planning	2
Assessor	2	Awendaw McClellanville Fire	1
Building Inspections	2		

"This proposed, no-tax-increase budget responsibly addresses the growth in customer service demands and funds road and drainage repairs stemming from the October floods," said County Administrator Keith Bustran. "In addition, this budget will strengthen county finances and prepare for the coming generational change in leadership."

This plan to address a growing community is a continuation of last year's measure to add 39 positions in the EMS department and an additional 24 Charleston County Sheriff's deputies.

FY 2017 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Addresses Growth in Charleston County
- Strengthens Financial Fundamentals
 - Matches Recurring Revenue with Recurring Expenditures
 - Maintains Prudent Fund Balance
 - Reallocates Rainy Day Fund
- Preserves County Resources
- Plans for Future
- No Tax Increase

County Council must approve the budget in three readings. **County Council's Budget Schedule** (meetings are subject to change; check the calendar for the most up-to-date information: <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/calendar.php> The schedule is as follows:

- *Thursday, June 2*
 - *Special Purpose Districts*
 - *1st Reading of Budget Ordinances*
- *Tuesday, June 7*
 - *Public Hearings*
 - *2nd Reading of Budget Ordinances*
- *Tuesday, June 21*
 - *3rd Reading of Budget Ordinances*

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