

# DID YOU KNOW?

## The FY23 Electronic PAFR Document Has Interactive Features?

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**Popular Annual Financial Report**  
City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023

Prepared by:  
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Director of Finance and Administration, Jude Belanger

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to the City of Portsmouth, NH for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of the state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability, and reader appeal.

An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. This is the City of Portsmouth's 5th PAFR Award. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another Award.

**Portsmouth City Council**

**Police Commission**  
Stefani Shabien, Chair  
Buzza Sabar  
Kate Coyle

**School Board**  
Nancy Novellino Chabourgh, Chair  
Margaux Peabody, Vice-Chair  
Ann M. Walker  
Christina "Pip" Clem  
Helen Van Eenou  
Liz Barnett  
Lisa Peabody  
Blair Griffin  
Kerry Goffe

**Fire Commission**  
Michael J. Hughes  
Richard Ganestier

**Portsmouth Elected Officials (FY23)**

Deagan McEachern, Mayor  
Johanna Lofley, Assistant Mayor  
John Jacob  
Josh Denton  
Beth Moreau  
Andrew Bagley  
Vincent Lombardi  
Rob Blalock  
Kate Cook

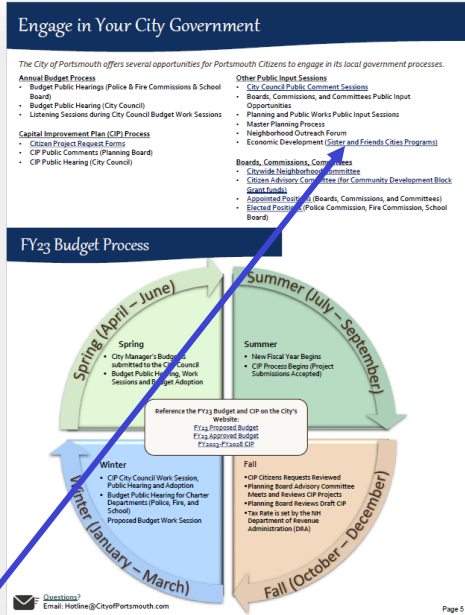
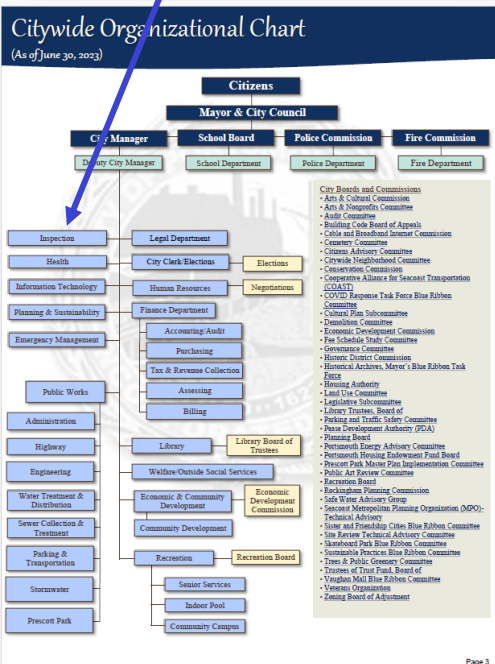
City Council meetings are held in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Complex, One Jenkins Avenue, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801. The public is invited to attend City Council meetings. Meeting dates are available on the agenda calendar located on the City website. The meetings are streamed live on Portsmouth City Council's YouTube channel. For further information, call the City Clerk's Office at 603-434-7100.

**FY23 Budget City Council Goals**

- Invite and Honor input from the Community, and Encourage Increased Participation/Engagement of Youth.
- Identify and Promote Strategies for Local Business Retention and Preservation of Affordable Commercial Spaces.
- Leverage Local Resources and Partnerships to Improve and Support Needs of Residents, Nonprofits, Arts, and Culture Community.
- Proactively Pursue the Integration of Sustainability, Resilience, and Climate Change Mitigation Actions Throughout City Government and the Community.
- Diversify and Enhance the Supply of Housing Choices.
- Continuously Enhance City Council Best Practices to Deliver a Trusted, Transparent, and Responsive Process.
- Consistently Communicate with Community Members and Stakeholders, respecting Channels of Communication they prefer and keeping them informed.

**#2. Contact your City Elected Officials by clicking on their name.**

**#3. "Click" a Department Name on the City's Organizational Chart to go to that Department's City Website.**



**#4. "Click" a blue, underlined link to be taken to a related website or document.**

Click here to go to the [FY23 Electronic PAFR.](#)

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**#5. "Click" the FY24 Budget Book Photo to be taken to the FY24 Proposed Budget Document Online.**

**Next Year's FY24 Budgets**

At the time of publication of the PAFR for year ending June 30, 2023, Fiscal Year 2024 is underway, and the budget document is available for review at the Public Library, City Clerk's office as well as on the City's website. The document describes the strategy implemented to continue the services, critical infrastructure needs, and fiscal stability of the City.

**Tax Rate \$16.13**  
93¢ (6.1%)

**General Fund Fiscal Year 2024 Budget**

The tax rate approved by the Department of Revenue Administration is \$16.13 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

**Operating Budget**

General Government	25,761,257
Police Department	13,959,993
Fire Department	11,243,307
School Department	60,680,961
Transfers to Other Funds	920,094
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$112,565,612</b>

**Non-Operating**

Debt Service	13,180,206
Rockingham County Tax	5,730,000
Capital Outlay	1,820,000
McIntyre Settlement	500,000
Legal Fees	450,000
Other Non-Operating	4,377,557
<b>Total Non-Operating</b>	<b>\$26,057,763</b>

**Total Annual Budget** \$138,623,375

The FY24 General Fund Final Budget of \$138,623,375 includes two supplemental appropriations:

- \$895,000 for Collective Bargaining; and
- \$499,000 for Outside Legal Counsel.

**FY24 GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

Non-Operating 18%	General Government 18%
Transfers to Other Funds 1%	Police Department 12%
School Department 43%	Fire Department 8%

**Water and Sewer Rates**

Both the Water and Sewer Division user rates have been set based on a two-tier inclining rate block structure based on units of water consumed. One unit is equal to 500 cubic feet or 7.8 gallons of water.

The FY24 water user rates reflect a 4.5% increase from FY23.

First 30 units of water consumed per month increased from \$4.54 to \$4.74.

Over 30 units per month increased from \$5.45 to \$5.74.

The FY24 irrigation rates are based on a three-tier inclining rate structure.

- First 30 units of water consumed \$5.70/unit
- 30 units up to 20 units consumed \$10.76/unit
- Above 20 units consumed \$13.28/unit

The FY24 sewer user rates reflect a 4.5% increase from the FY23 rates.

First 30 units of water per month increased from \$15.78 to \$16.49.

Over 30 units per month increased from \$17.36 to \$18.14 per unit.

**Public Works (Highway, Parking, Water, Sewer & Stormwater)**

**Highway Division**

- 1,074 Click N' Fix Items Addressed in FY23
- 48 Adopt-A-Spot Gardens within the City
- 82 City Biodiesel Vehicles
- 2 City Electric Vehicles
- 365 Period LED Downtown Street Lights

**Water & Sewer Divisions**

**FY23 Accomplishments**

- Bellamy Reservoir Water Protection Project
- PFAS Treatment Piloting at Pease
- August Avenue Sewer Extension Project, Water and Sewer Pipe Replacements and Upgrade
- Sewer Separation Work
- Islington Street Corridor Roadway Improvements
- 1,935 Fire Hydrants in the City
- 43 Water Main Breaks
- 107 Miles of Sanitary Sewers
- 190 Miles of Water Mains
- 46.08 Inches of Precipitation

**Parking Division**

FY23 Services Provided by the Parking Division helped offset Property Taxes by 67 cents.

Services Provided:

- Transportation Programs
- Salaries & Benefits
- Paving Parking Lots
- Snow Removal
- Transportation Services
- School Bus Support
- Police Services Support
- Fire Services Support
- Bike/Pedestrian Plan Implementation

**Stormwater Division**

**FY23 Accomplishments**

- Stormwater BMPs (Best Management Practices) continued
- Stormwater Division Outreach: "Think Blue" Strawberry Bank Museum Exhibit

Stormwater Resources:  
[www.ci.portsmouth.nh.us/publicworks/stormwater/about](http://www.ci.portsmouth.nh.us/publicworks/stormwater/about)  
Portsmouth Department of Public Works (603) 427-1330

**What is the Downtown Workforce Parking Program?**

\$3 per hour for a 10 hour parking session

Bring an application, your photo ID, and a check stub from a downtown business to the Foundry Parking Garage.

<https://www.ci.portsmouth.nh.us/publicworks/downtownworkforceparkingprogram>

**Learn More About Stormwater Do's And Don'ts**

<https://youtu.be/vpqrUNVzoA>

**#6. "Click" the Department's Name to be taken to the Department's Webpage.**

**#7. "Click" Any Page Number to return to the PAFR Document's Table of Contents.**

**Stay Connected**

**Download City Apps**

Portsmouth Click N' Fix: Connect with the Public Works Department, send images, report issues, and more!

**Park Mobile**

View park amenities and pay for parking (as well as feed the meter) all from your cell phone. Residents get a discount when using the Park Mobile App!

**Charge Point Mobile App**

The ChargePoint App helps the user find and utilize City ChargePoint EV Charging Stations.

**Disposal**

Find and reserve available Prescott Park disposal spaces online.

**Library and Hoopla**

Explore Library Apps that allow you to download ebooks, audio, and magazines.

**Weather**

This allows for Citywide Emergency alerts including snow parking bans.

For the most up-to-date list of resources to connect with the City of Portsmouth, visit: <https://portnh.com/connect>

**Visit CityofPortsmouth.com to:**

- Pay your Parking Tickets, Water/Sewer Bill, Property Tax Bill, and more.
- Renew your Motor Vehicle Registration
- Register or Renew your Title License
- Utilize City Project Pages to find information and sign up for email notices on individual projects;
- Get a City permit online with ViewPoint Cloud Permits;
- Research property values through the Vision Software system;
- View 3D maps of the City through Map66;
- Sign up for the City's Newsletter; and
- Send questions by email to: [feedback@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:feedback@cityofportsmouth.com)

**Follow City Departments on Social Media**

For up-to-date information on Citywide happenings (Road closures, recreation program, parking information, snow bans, and more) follow City Departments on Social Media:

**Facebook**

- City Hall: @cityhallportsmouth
- Fire Department: @portsmouthfiredepartment
- Portsmouth Public Library: @ppnh
- Police Department: @portsmouthpd
- Recreation Department: @portsmouthhres
- Schools: @PortsmouthSD

**Twitter**

- City of Portsmouth: (@MunPortsmouth)
- Police Department: (@portsmouthpd)
- Fire Department: (@portsmouthhfd)
- Park Portsmouth: (@ParksPortsmouth)
- Public Works Department: (@PortsmouthDPW)
- Recreation Department: (@PortsmouthRec)
- Portsmouth Schools: (@portsmouthsd)
- Planning Department: (@PlanPortsmouth)
- Portsmouth Public Library: (@PortsmouthLibNH)

**Instagram**

- City of Portsmouth: @cityofportsmouth
- Public Works Department: @portsmouthdpw
- Stormwater Division: Think Blue Portsmouth, NH @thinkblueportsmouth
- Portsmouth Public Library: @PortsmouthPublicLib
- Park Portsmouth: @Parks\_portsmouth

**Threads**

- City of Portsmouth: @cityofportsmouth

**Watch City Meetings LIVE from anywhere** (plus recent or archived City Meetings) on City's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofPortsmouth> and TV Channel 22.

**Did you know ...**

**You can donate funds to a City Project?**

Go to the City's Website: <https://www.ci.portsmouth.nh.us/city/pay-my-bill> to donate - or - scan a QR code below with your mobile phone.

QR codes for: Portsmouth 400th, City Cemetery Improvements, Skateboard Parks, Portsmouth Public Library, Community Education Scholarships.

**The City has a webpage dedicated to providing the public information about City projects?**

You can find the Project Page on the City's Department of Public Works Page on the City's Website: <https://www.ci.portsmouth.nh.us/publicworks/projects>

City projects in progress are listed as well as additional project information including:

- Project Description
- Project Status
- Designer
- City Staff Contact
- Unique Project Webpage Address

**#8. The PAFR features QR Codes for City project donation pages!**

**Click here to go to the FY23 Electronic PAFR.**