

THE BUDGET

Q36 - Every city operates within a budget. When preparing the next budget for the City of Chesapeake, can you think of ONE thing you think the City should spend LESS on?

| | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| I don't know specifically what to cut to really help out | 176 | 57.1% |
| High level administrators' salaries | 11 | 3.6% |
| Cut back on spending for parks | 11 | 3.6% |
| Cut back on welfare programs and payments | 10 | 3.2% |
| Eliminate subsidies for developers | 7 | 2.3% |
| Elected officials' compensation | 6 | 1.9% |
| Entertainment and meal expenses for out-of-town travel and meetings | 6 | 1.9% |
| Eliminate recycling | 6 | 1.9% |
| Eliminate cars for City employees/off-duty use of cars by police | 6 | 1.9% |
| Employees' salaries | 5 | 1.6% |
| Spend less on the schools | 5 | 1.6% |
| Cut back on spending for libraries | 5 | 1.6% |
| Don't re-pave perfectly good roads | 5 | 1.6% |
| Don't build fancy City buildings | 5 | 1.6% |
| Cut back on spending related to drainage | 4 | 1.3% |
| Reduce growth to save on providing City services | 4 | 1.3% |
| The entire budget needs to be tightened up | 4 | 1.3% |
| Eliminate employees who don't do a good job | 2 | 0.6% |
| Eliminate billboards | 2 | 0.6% |
| Eliminate SPSA and work with a cheaper supplier | 2 | 0.6% |
| Cut back on street sweeping | 2 | 0.6% |
| Cut back on spending for police services | 2 | 0.6% |
| Cut back on spending for recreation programs | 2 | 0.6% |

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| Cut back on mowing the grass along curbs | 2 | 0.6% |
| Don't spend money advertising events | 2 | 0.6% |
| Spend less on water treatment | 1 | 0.3% |
| Spend less on the Chesapeake Jubilee | 1 | 0.3% |
| Don't build new schools | 1 | 0.3% |
| Eliminate tree trimming | 1 | 0.3% |
| Eliminate spending for the arts | 1 | 0.3% |
| Eliminate the Civil War monument | 1 | 0.3% |
| Eliminate the bike trail on Route 17 | 1 | 0.3% |
| Cut back on youth programs | 1 | 0.3% |
| Cut back on spending for fire services | 1 | 0.3% |
| Get energy efficient street lights | 1 | 0.3% |
| Reduce mosquito spraying | 1 | 0.3% |
| The Parks and Rec vehicles are extravagant | 1 | 0.3% |
| Spend less on the toll bridge | 1 | 0.3% |
| Reduce the use of paper/go electronic | 1 | 0.3% |
| Eliminate the Animal Control Board | 1 | 0.3% |
| Spend less on Great Bridge | <u>1</u> | <u>0.3%</u> |
| | 308 | 100.0% |