

Cost of Local Government

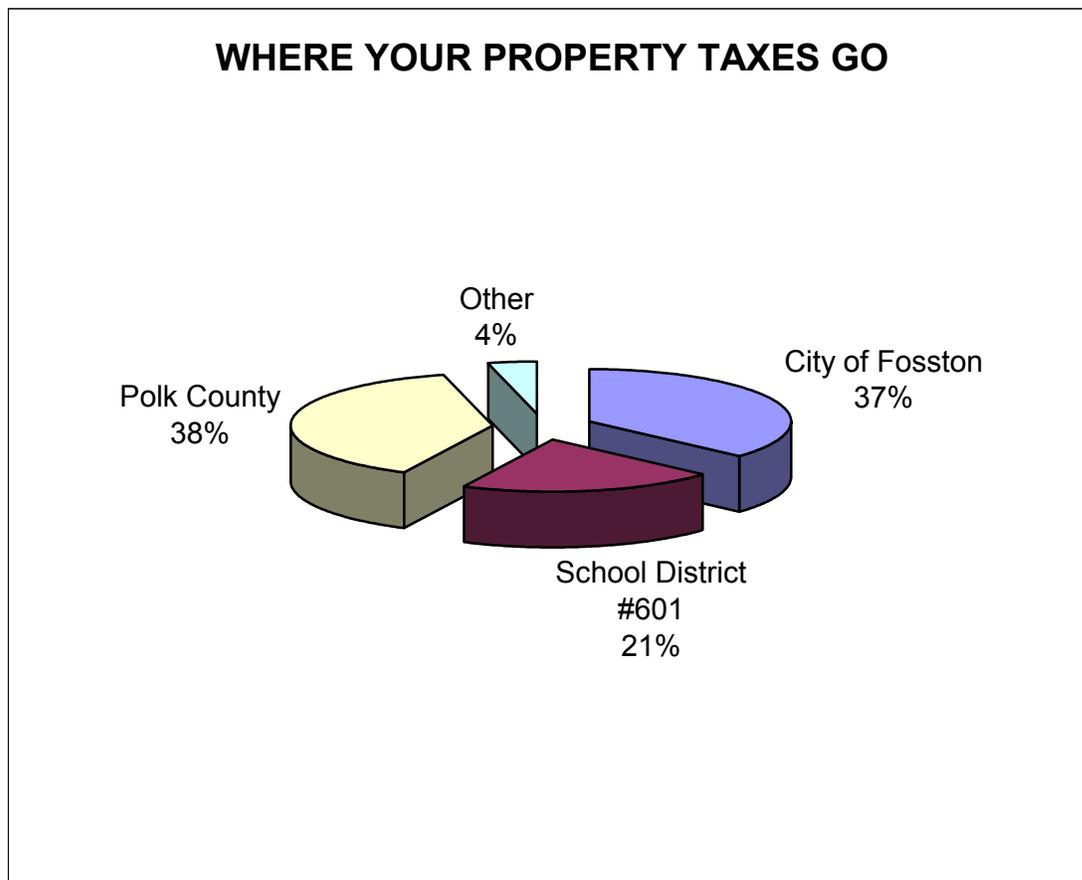
Have you ever wondered how much of your property taxes go to the city?

Have you ever thought the cost of Fosston city government is too expensive?

If so you are not alone. Many people think the city has high tax rates which burdens their residents; however, the facts may surprise you!

How much does it cost to live in Fosston?

Based on a home value of \$76,000 the city receives \$508 from your \$1,345 property tax bill. That is only \$42 a month going to the city, the remainder mostly goes to Polk County and the Fosston School District.



What do you get for your tax dollar?

You may be wondering what you get for your hard earned \$42. We believe in providing you, our residents, the best services at minimal costs.

You might be asking yourself, “What services and for how much?” Fosston provides its residents the following services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Monthly Cost</u>
Public Safety (Police & Fire)	\$ 8.82
General Government	\$ 5.88
Public Works	\$ 7.14
Library	\$ 1.26
Park & Recreation	\$ 13.44
Airport	\$.84
Economic/ Comm Development	\$ 1.26
Various Unallocated	\$ 3.36
Total Monthly Cost	\$ 42.00

How do we compare?

You may find yourself thinking \$42 a month is not bad for all those services, but it might be cheaper in neighboring city. The following is a comparison between Fosston and neighboring cities:

<u>City</u>	<u>Local Taxes Received</u>	
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
Erskine	\$ 1,069	\$ 89
Clearbrook	\$ 984	\$ 82
Oklee	\$ 923	\$ 77
Bagely	\$ 573	\$ 48
Fosston	\$ 508	\$ 42
McIntosh	\$ 379	\$ 32

What does it mean to you as a resident?

- The cost of Fosston city government is just a small fraction of your property taxes.
- Fosston city government is not the most expensive municipality in the area.
- City Council and staff believe you get a great value for your \$42 per month.