



The City of
NORMAN

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The Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Municipal Building
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mayor Rosenthal and Council Members:

INTRODUCTION

It is my privilege and responsibility to present to you the City Manager's proposed budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 (FYE 2011). The City Manager's proposed budget was adopted by City Council with amendments on June 8, 2010. The adoption of an annual budget is required by the City Charter (Article III, Section 4) and by State law (Title 11, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 17-205). An annual budget must be adopted by the City Council at least seven days before the beginning of the new fiscal year, certified by the Cleveland County Excise Board before July 1 and transmitted to the State Auditor within 30 days of the start of the fiscal year.

We encourage our citizens to explore their City's budget document, which contains interesting and vital information on all aspects of the City's operation as well as information of general interest on Norman.

The City Council and Council Finance Committee has been directly involved in providing input and guidance in the preparation of this executive budget. Because of this involvement, you know of the difficult economic and financial conditions under which the budget was prepared. While actions have been taken to address the downturn in our major sources of General Fund revenue, we have had to work very hard to minimize the impact of service reductions to the general public and to maintain existing services where possible. This will not be able to be accomplished within our current levels of staffing in key areas and without the assumption of employee compensation adjustments.

The total budget for all City Of Norman funds for fiscal year ending 2010 was \$161,766,145 and for FYE 2011 is \$133,717,047. The net operating budget (the funds needed for operating day to day services excluding capital projects) for FYE 2011 is projected to decrease 17.3% compared to FYE 2010.