County Government

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Montgomery County Government is to provide for the peace, good government, health, safety, and welfare of the County in accordance with, and under authority of, the Constitution and laws of Maryland, and the Montgomery County Charter. To accomplish this mission, the Montgomery County Government provides: public laws and oversight through the County Council and the offices and boards of the Legislative Branch; the administration of judicial offices and public programs, services, and infrastructure through the County Executive and departments, offices, boards, and commissions within the Executive Branch.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The total recommended FY10 Operating Budget for the County Governmment is $1,650,594,410, an increase of $12,078,280 or 0.7 percent from the FY09 approved budget of $1,638,516,130 (excludes debt service). The total recommended FY10 tax-supported operating budget for the County Government is $1,273,803,750, a decrease of $5,629,180 or -0.4 percent from the FY09 approved tax-supported budget of $1,279,432,930.

The County Government is the agency responsible for providing general services to residents. To do this, the agency is organized functionally into departments, offices, boards, and commissions which undertake all activities and operations of the government. County Government accounting information is organized by fund; this includes both tax supported and non-tax supported special funds, which either encompass an entire department or portions thereof. Detailed budget presentations on each of these organizational units and funds are displayed, organized by function, in the following sections of this document.

Spending Affordability Guidelines

In February 2009, the Council approved FY10 Spending Affordability Guidelines (SAG) of $1,323.4 million for Montgomery County Government tax supported funds, a 3.4 percent increase from the $1,279.4 million original FY09 budget. For FY10, the Executive recommends $1,273.8 million in tax supported funds.

Government Functions

The County Government functions organize departments, offices, boards, and commissions by related activity. The functions of the Montgomery County Government are:

- General Government
- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Health and Human Services
- Libraries, Culture and Recreation
- Community Development and Housing
- Environment
- Other County Functions

Government Funds

County government funds are typically categorized by tax supported and non-tax supported funds. Tax supported funds are financed through Countywide taxes or special tax rates assessed on a geographic area encompassing the users of the respective services. In addition to taxes, these funds are also supported by inter-governmental aid, user fees, and other resources. Non-tax supported funds include enterprise funds and grants. Enterprise funds are operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private enterprise. The cost of providing these functions is primarily recovered through user charges.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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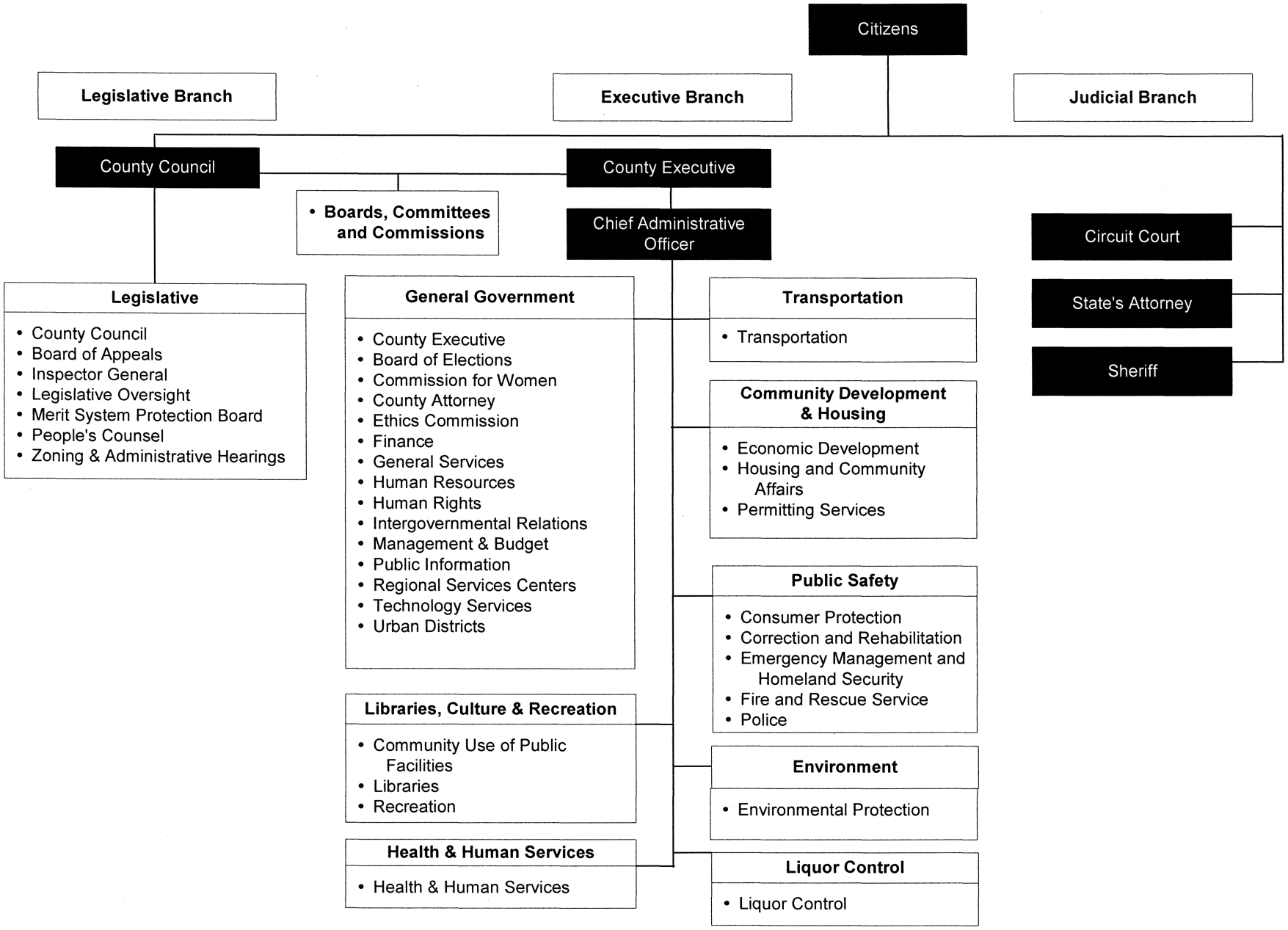
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