

Town of Rochester



2006 Budget

Purpose

1. Inform about budget process (expenditures and revenues)
2. Present highlights of General Town and Highway Budgets (2006 vs. 2005)
3. Distinguish fixed and uncontrollable expenses from discretionary expenses
4. Explain major cost increases and cost saving efforts.
5. Present tax rates for 2006.

Role of the Budget Officer

- Budget processes and roles controlled by State Law
- Requirement for balanced budget
- Supervisor is Town's Budget Officer
- Budget Officer (B.O.) oversees & manages the process (with direct involvement of Town Board)
- But only for General Town and Highway budgets, not for Fire budget.

Budget Preparation Timetable

- Tentative Budget: early August – September 30
- Preliminary Budget prepared as additional cost & revenue information is gathered
- Preliminary Budget reviewed and agreed upon by Town Board and presented in public hearing
- Budget must be formally adopted by Town Board and submitted by November 20th.

Budget Preparation Steps

1. Data on current & past years' budgets provided to all departments – used as basis for determining coming year needs
2. B.O. receives & assembles input from all town departments and others (First Aid, libraries, etc.)
3. B.O. makes projections of non-tax revenues (e.g., town fees, county sales tax receipts) to estimate gap between funding requests and tax revenues
4. Town Board conducts hearings with departments and others requesting budget appropriations
5. B.O. makes recommendations to Town Board based on input received and explanations provided.

Other Inputs in Process

- Evaluations conducted for non-elected town employees and salary increases determined based on performance
- Salary increases for elected town officials are established by Town Board)
(Proposed 2006 increase is 3%)

Town expenses incurred in:

- General Fund (e.g., Town Hall offices/units, Transfer Station, Youth Commission, Building Dept.)
 - Highway Fund (e.g., wages, contracts, materials, equipment)
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- Accord Fire District
- Other Special Districts (e.g., lighting)

Increased Expenses for 2006

- Salary increases
- Employee benefits
- Fuel and utilities
- New election procedure costs (up by \$10,000)
- Refuse removal and disposal (up \$3/ton & new \$24/container pull fee)
- Correspondence (5% postage increase)

Cost Savings

- Negotiated new fuel contract
- Arranged better cell phone plan
- Cost-effective policy for use of town vehicles vs. personal vehicles
- Analysis of highway budget, employee benefits, etc. to more accurately project expenditures
- From these and other cost saving efforts, spending requests trimmed by more than \$200,000.

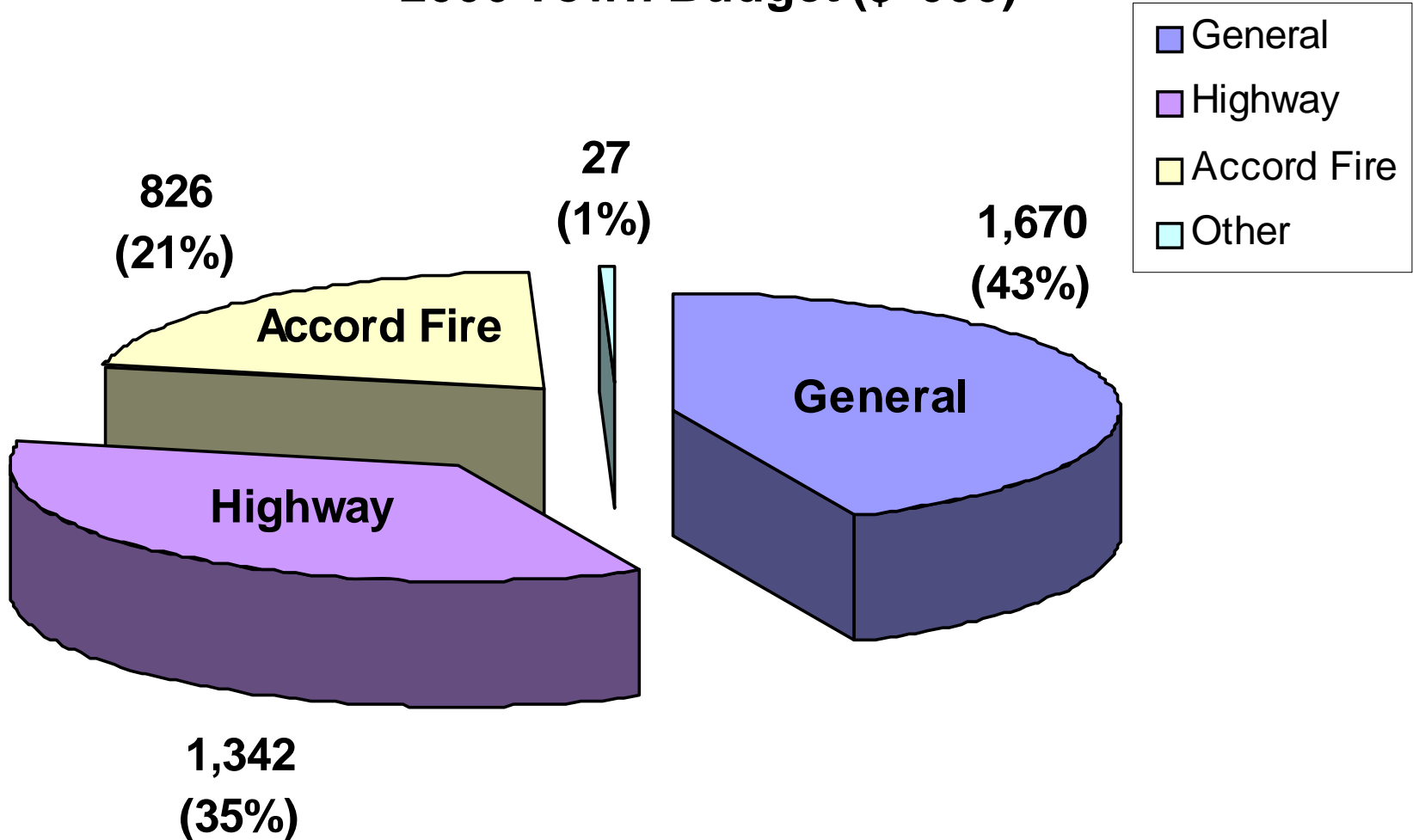
2006 Budget Summary

Appropriations

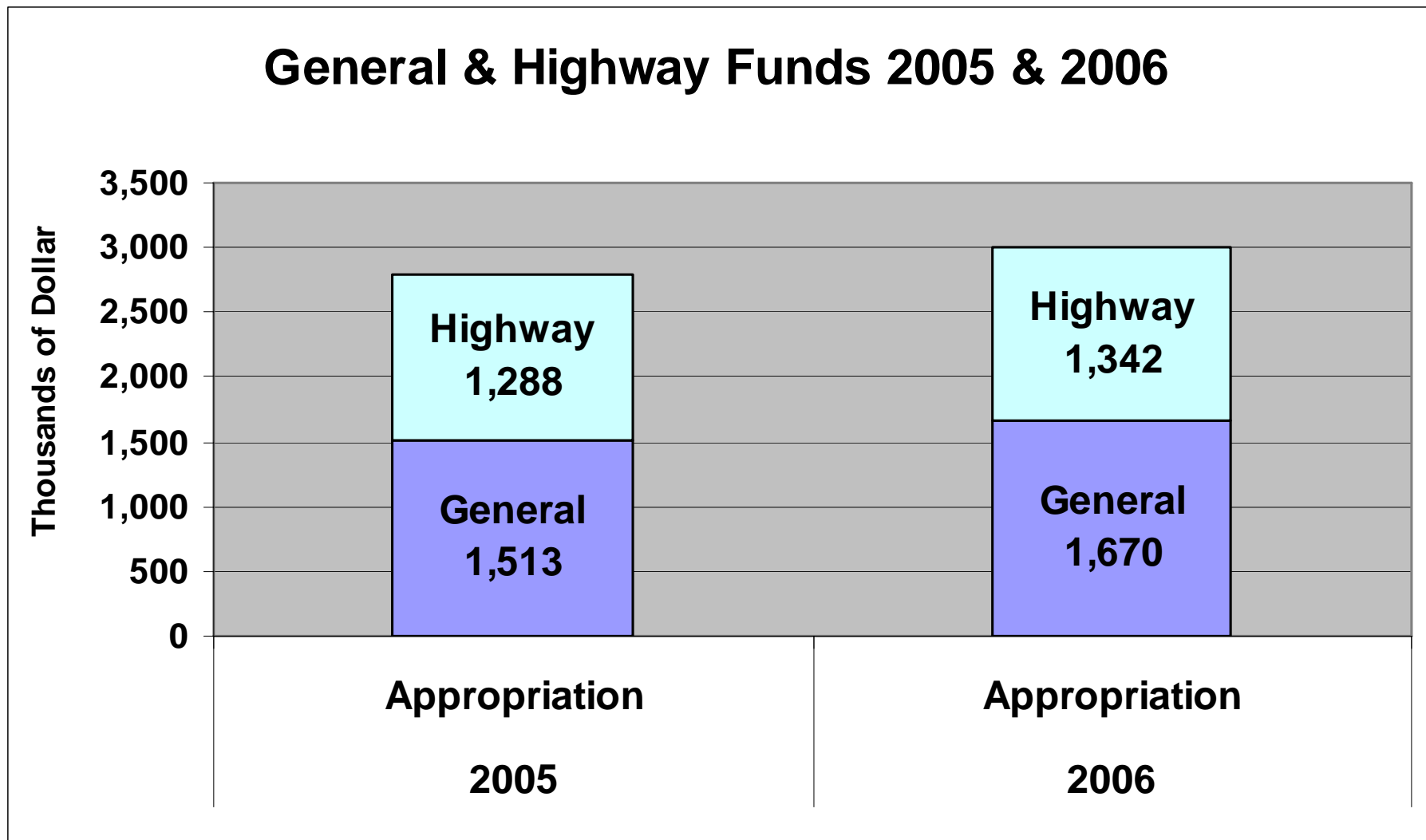
• Total General	\$1,670,303
• Total Highway	<u>\$1,341,766</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$3,012,069</u>
• Accord Fire	\$ 826,270
• Other Special Districts	<u>\$ 26,708</u>
Total Town	\$3,865,047

How Town Budget is Apportioned

2006 Town Budget (\$ '000)



General & Highway Funds Compared



Revenue Sources

For the General Fund:

- Department Income (fees from Transfer Station, Time Warner, Building, Zoning/Planning, Town Clerk, Youth/Rec., Justice, etc.)
- State & County Aid (per capita aid, mortgage tax, non-property tax distribution, etc.)
- Other Misc. Sources (fines/forfeitures, interest, etc.)
- Property Tax (to meet shortfall)

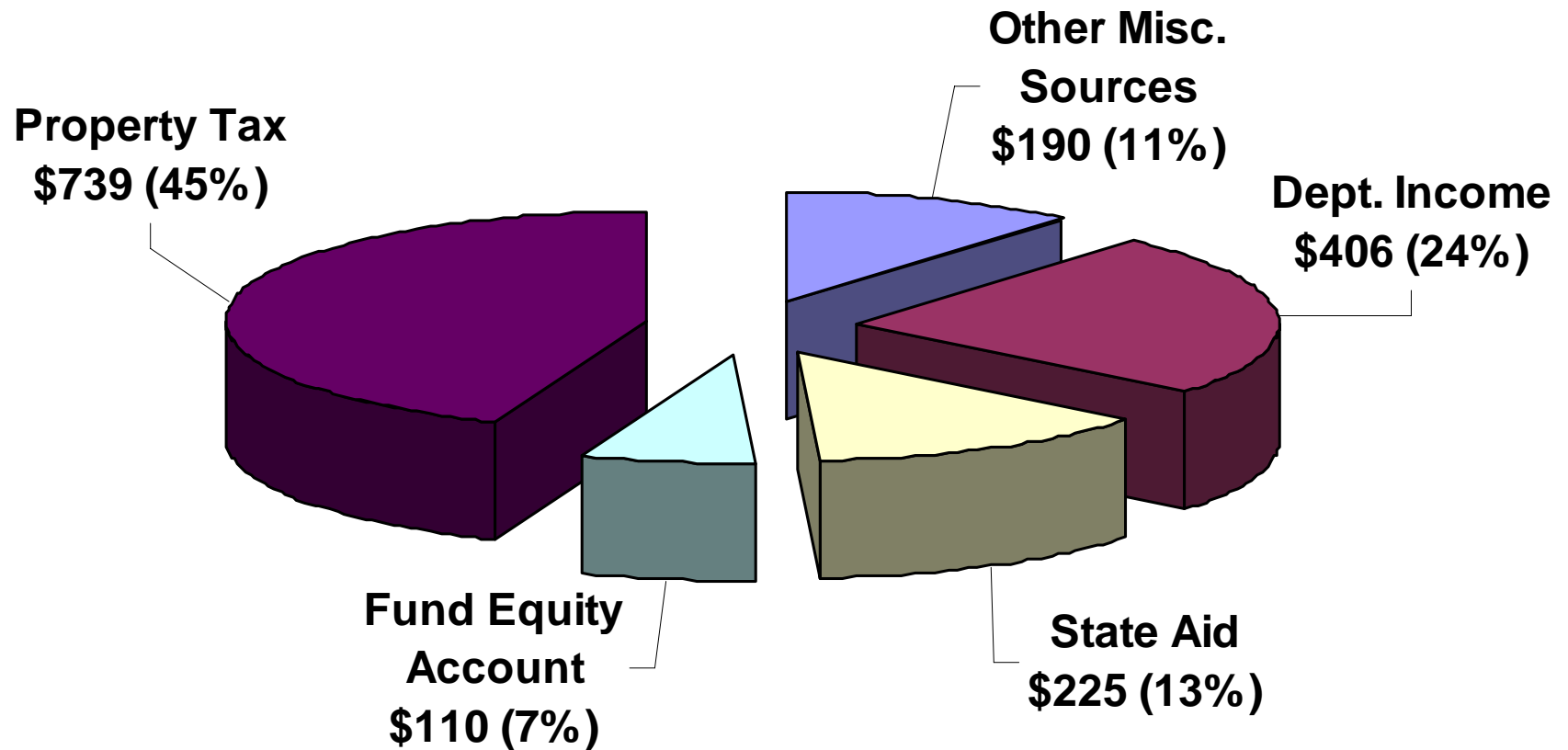
Revenue Sources (cont.)

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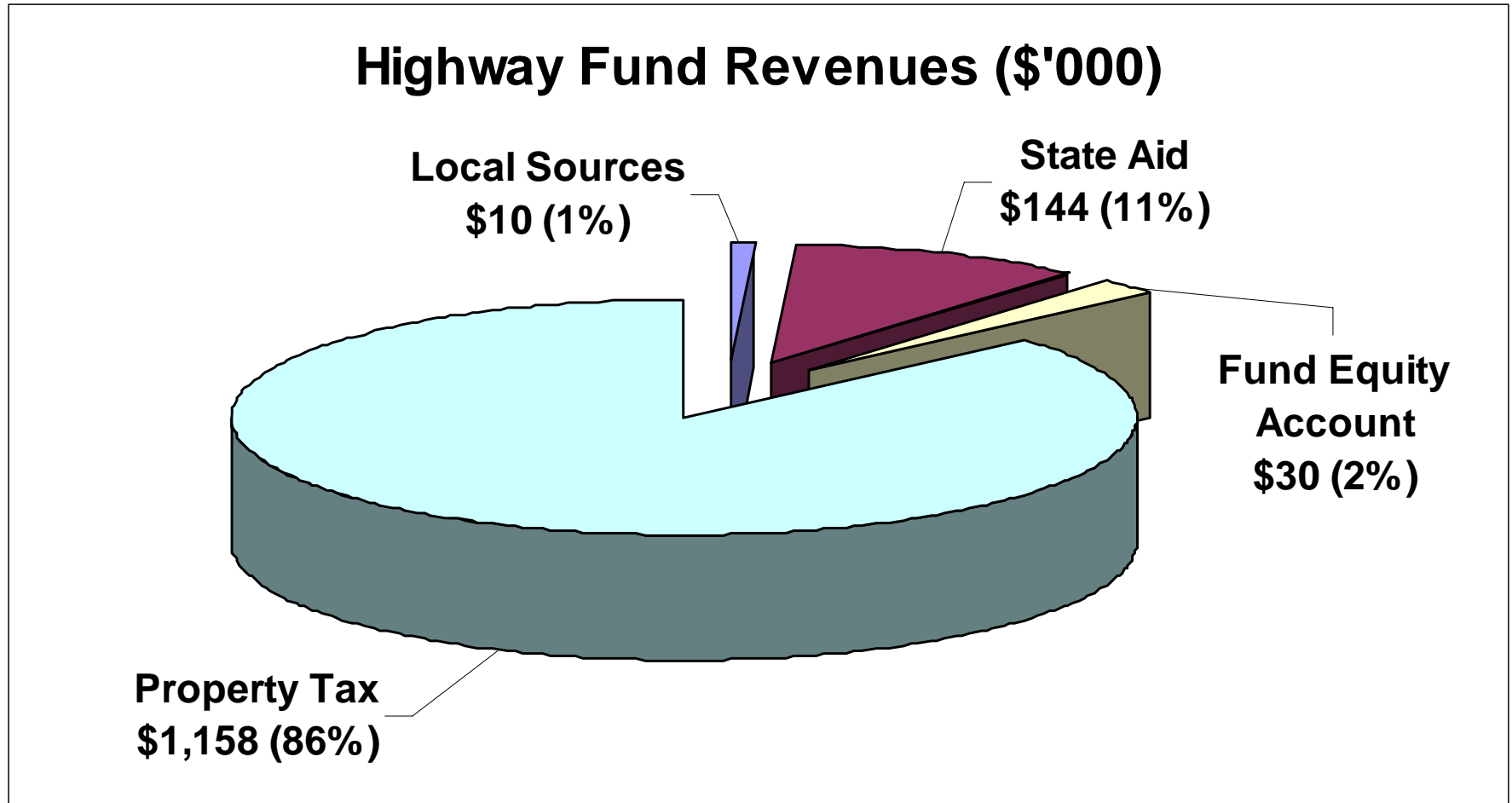
- State Aid
- Local Sources (e.g., interest/earnings)
- Property Tax (to meet shortfall)

General Fund Revenues Apportioned

General Fund Revenues (\$'000)

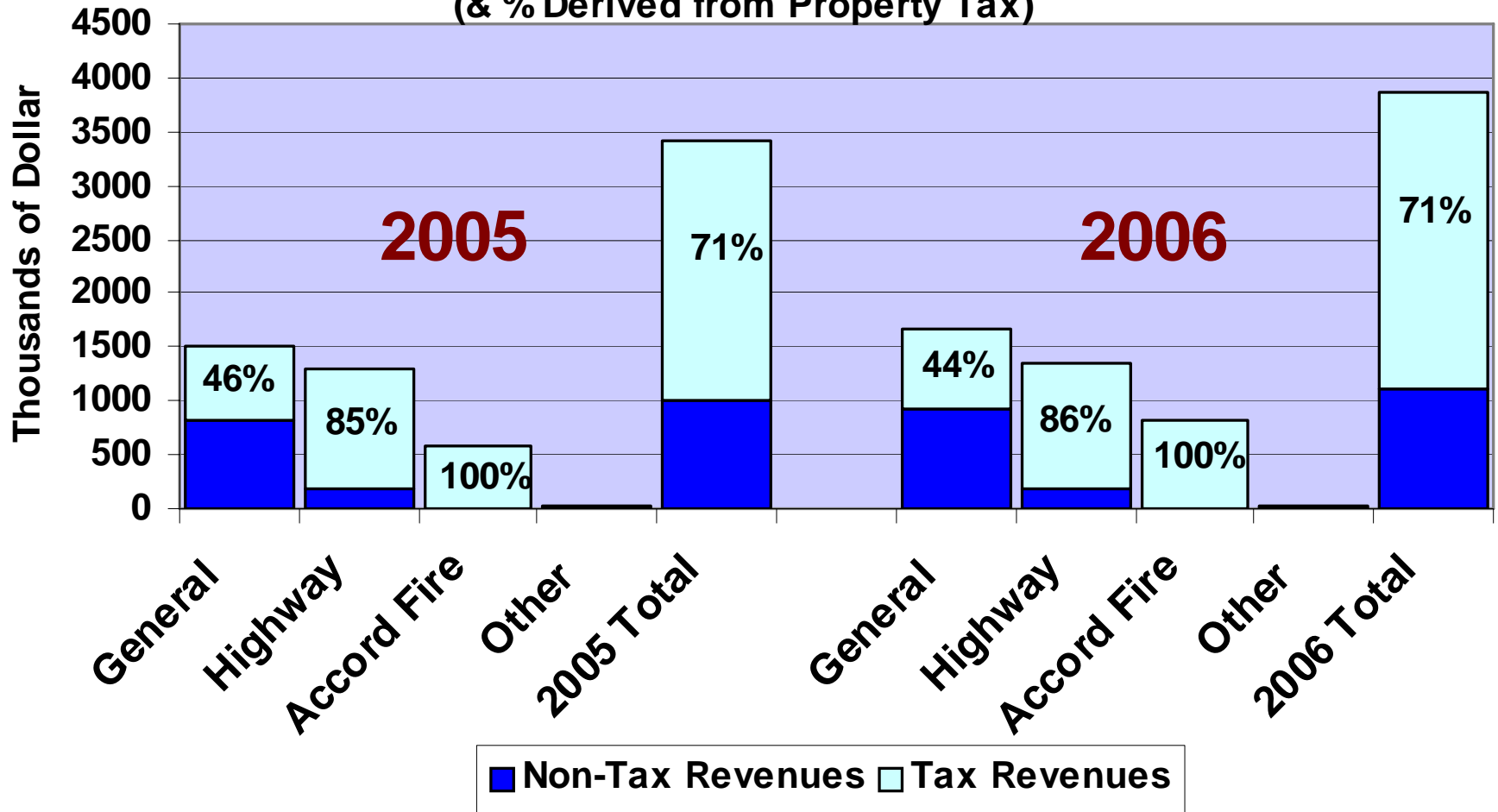


Highway Fund Revenues Apportioned



Proportion Paid by Taxes (2005 & 2006)

Town Revenues by Fund (\$'000)
(& % Derived from Property Tax)



Budget Summary

	Appropriations & Other Uses	Non-Tax Revenues	Unexpended Balance	Amount from Taxes
General Fund	\$1,670,303	\$821,621	\$110,000	\$738,682
Highway Fund	\$1,341,766	\$153,530	30,000	\$1,158,236
SubTotal	\$3,012,069	\$975,151	\$140,000	\$1,896,918
Accord Fire	\$826,270			\$826,270
Special Districts	\$26,708			\$26,708
Total	\$3,865,047	\$975,151	\$140,000	\$2,749,896

Tax Levy Determined by:

1. Totaling → Budget Appropriations
2. Subtracting → Non-Tax Revenue Estimates
3. Subtracting → Available Unexpended Balance
4. Yielding → Balance to be raised by taxes

General & Highway Fund Tax Rates

- General Fund tax rate increase = 0.78%
(to raise \$738,682)
- Highway Fund tax rate increase = 3.69%
(to raise \$1,158,236)
- Overall combined tax rate increase = 2.54%
(to raise \$1,896,918)

★ Note: Current inflation rate = 4.7%

★ Implications for home owners: \$14 increase in 2006 for homes assessed at \$100,000.