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Woolmarket officially became part of Biloxi in 1999. Since that time, the city has invested millions each year providing municipal-level services to the residents of the area.



Biloxi Police Department

- Averages 160 calls a day for service in Woolmarket area, with response time of under five minutes in 92 percent of the cases.
- Has six patrol officers assigned to Woolmarket.
- More than \$350,000 paid in annual salaries.



Biloxi Fire Department

- Averages 77 emergency calls a month in Woolmarket, with average response time of about 4 mins and :44 secs.
- Operates three stations that serve Woolmarket -- including a two-year-old, million-dollar station on Oaklawn Road.
- Construction expected to be underway this budget year on a \$1.5 million station at Popp's Ferry and Cedar Lake roads, where three trucks and 10 to 12 firefighters will be stationed.
- 50 firefighters are assigned to Woolmarket, working in three 24-hour shifts.
- More than \$3 million paid in annual salaries.



Public Works Department

- Cleaned more than 508 miles of ditches in Woolmarket.
- Repaired nearly 40,000 potholes.
- \$7.4 million in major improvement projects, personnel and equipment.
- Among the major completed projects:
 - \$1.7 million for an elevated water tank
 - \$1.1 million for repairs to the Cedar Lake Bridge
 - \$585,500 on installing a Woolmarket water well
 - \$407,000 in upgrades to the Woolmarket treatment plant
 - \$351,000 in Oaklawn Road improvements.
- 21 workers assigned north of the Bay, accounting for \$947,000 in total salaries.



Parks and Recreation Department

- Invested more than \$1.4 million on programs, personnel and park improvements.
- More than 300 or so Woolmarket youth take part annually in a year-round menu of city-supported sports leagues in Woolmarket.
- No city registration fees required.
- Operate two Woolmarket sites for its eight-week summer camp program, offering an array of activities for campers. In 2007, the program grew to three Woolmarket sites, hosting 150 youngsters. In fact, 95 have already pre-registered for 2008.



Community Development Department

- Average of 885 construction permits of one type or another issued each year in Woolmarket.
- Either approved or reviewing plans for 14 subdivisions in the community, mostly one or two lot subdivisions, except for the 544-lot Belle La Vie proposal.
- Investigates 20 to 25 code enforcement cases in Woolmarket in an average month.

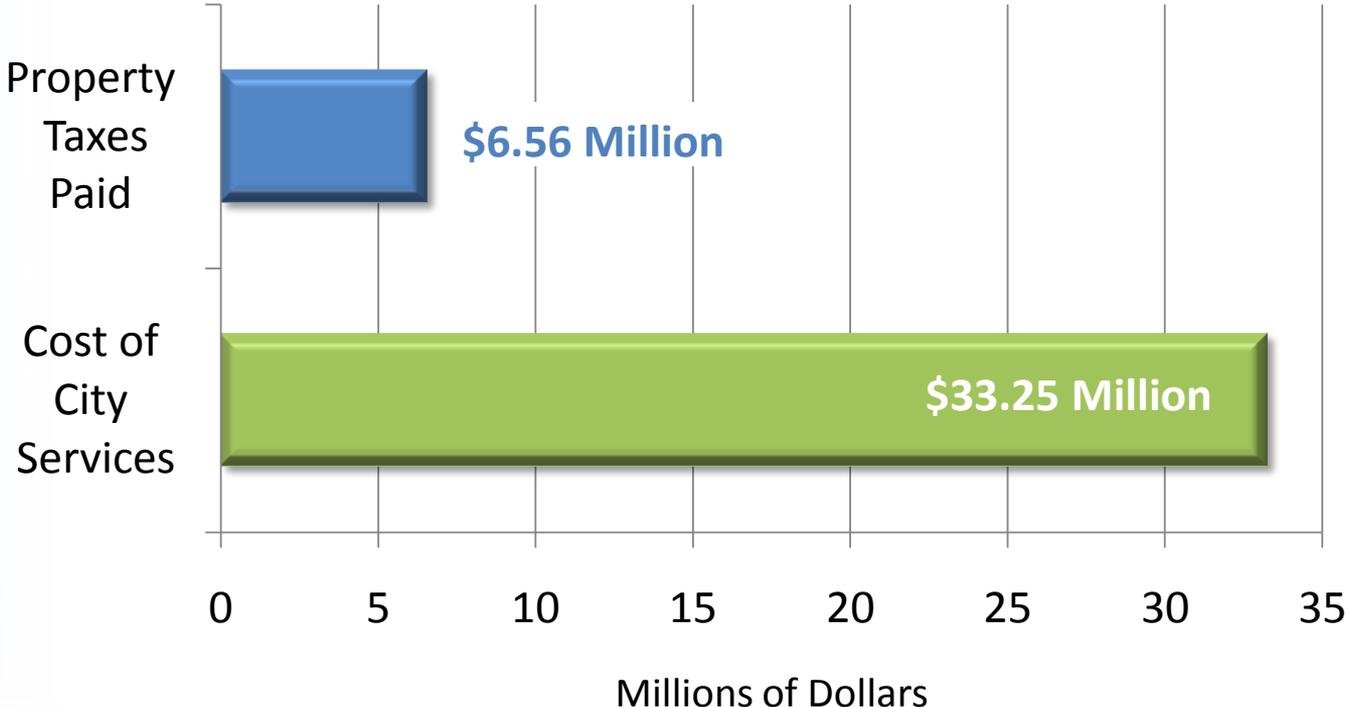


Frequently Asked Questions

How much money in property taxes do residents of Woolmarket pay to the city each year?

- Woolmarket residents have paid nearly \$6.6 million in property taxes over the past seven years, an average of \$936,000 a year.
- In contrast, the city has spent more than \$33.25 million in manpower, equipment, projects and programs, an average of \$4.75 million a year.

Return on Investment Since 1999





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What about the city's promise to provide water and sewer service to Woolmarket?

- The city has invested millions on water and sewer service.
- Currently going through the state permitting process to resume work interrupted by Hurricane Katrina.
- As part of the plan, the city will install water and sewer lines a mile north of Interstate 10, along Highway 67. Budget for the work: \$2.2 million.
- Municipal water systems are supposed to be operated as a business, and, as such, services are expanded where “economically feasible.”
- As a result, installation of city water and sewer began south of Interstate 10, where the majority of residents in the newly incorporated area resided, and is now moving north of I-10.