

# Vision and Mission Statements

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## Vision Statement

The City of Madison will be a safe and healthy place for all to live, learn, work and play.

## Mission Statement

The City of Madison, through the efforts of dedicated employees and elected officials, will deliver the highest quality services and provide a fair and orderly system of governance for our citizens and visitors.

## Financial and Budget Management Policies

To avoid the creation of future structural budget deficits, the City of Madison will not use one-time revenue sources to fund ongoing operating expenses.

Consistent with recommended financial and budget management practices, the City of Madison has a goal of maintaining an unassigned general fund balance on December 31st equal to 15% of subsequent year budgeted general fund appropriations. In order to achieve and maintain that goal, the City will allocate excess balances in ways that avoid structural deficits (e.g., through one-time appropriations), and will take actions to increase the balance if it is below the 15% goal (e.g., through prudent spending reductions or revenue increases). The City will also seek to avoid appropriations outside of its regular budget process other than to respond to emergency situations (as expressed by the Mayor and Council through resolution) or to address year-end reconciliation and expenditure restraint requirements.