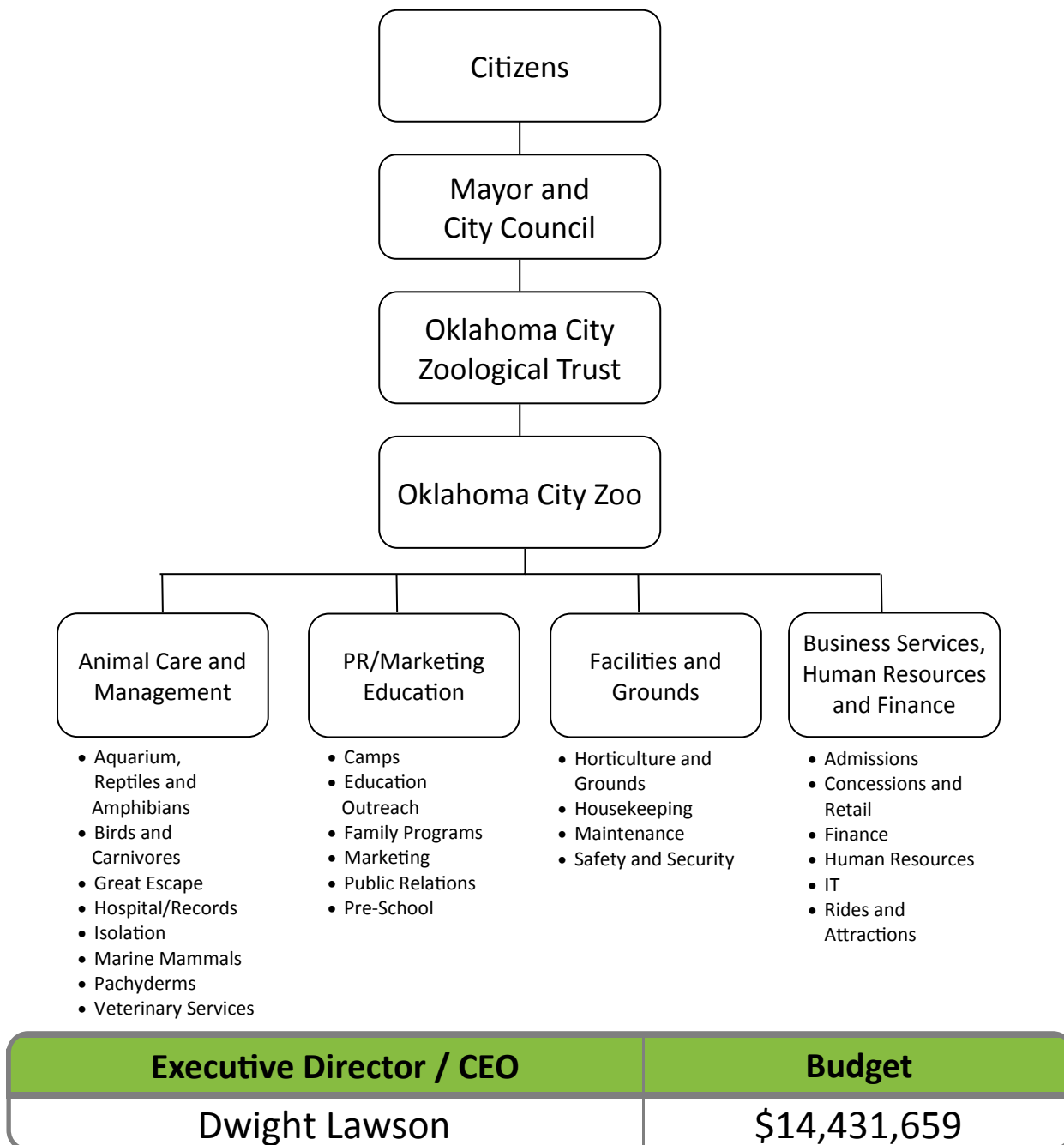


# Zoo



## DEPARTMENT INTRODUCTION

The Zoo budget is managed and positions are funded through the Oklahoma City Zoological Trust.

In 1990, City voters approved a 1/8-cent sales tax levy for the limited purpose of funding the Oklahoma City Zoo. The City of Oklahoma City as beneficiary, is the governing authority of the Oklahoma City Zoological Park. The Trust reviews all major financial expenditures; sets policy for the Zoo based on the study of recommendations from the Zoo's professional staff; and employs the Zoo's Executive Director/CEO. The Trust oversees all major building projects, exhibits and public events. The Trust's members assist in community and government relations and serve as advocates for the Zoo on issues affecting property and programs.

### Department Facts

- The OKC Zoo originally started in 1902 in what is now Wheeler Park with its first animal being a white tailed deer, which was at the time endangered.
- In 2017, the Oklahoma City Zoo celebrated its 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary and highest attendance record ever with more than 1,070,000 visitors.



## MAJOR BUDGET CHANGES

Oklahoma City Zoo Major Budget Changes	Amount	Positions
1. Sales tax collections exceeding the budgeted amount in FY18, and collections expected to grow by 3% in FY19	\$904,740	-



## EXPENDITURES

Summary of Expenditures by Funding Source	FY17 Actual	FY18 Adopted Budget	FY19 Proposed Budget	Percent Change
Zoo Sales Tax Fund	<u>\$13,008,756</u>	<u>\$13,526,919</u>	<u>\$14,431,659</u>	6.69%
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