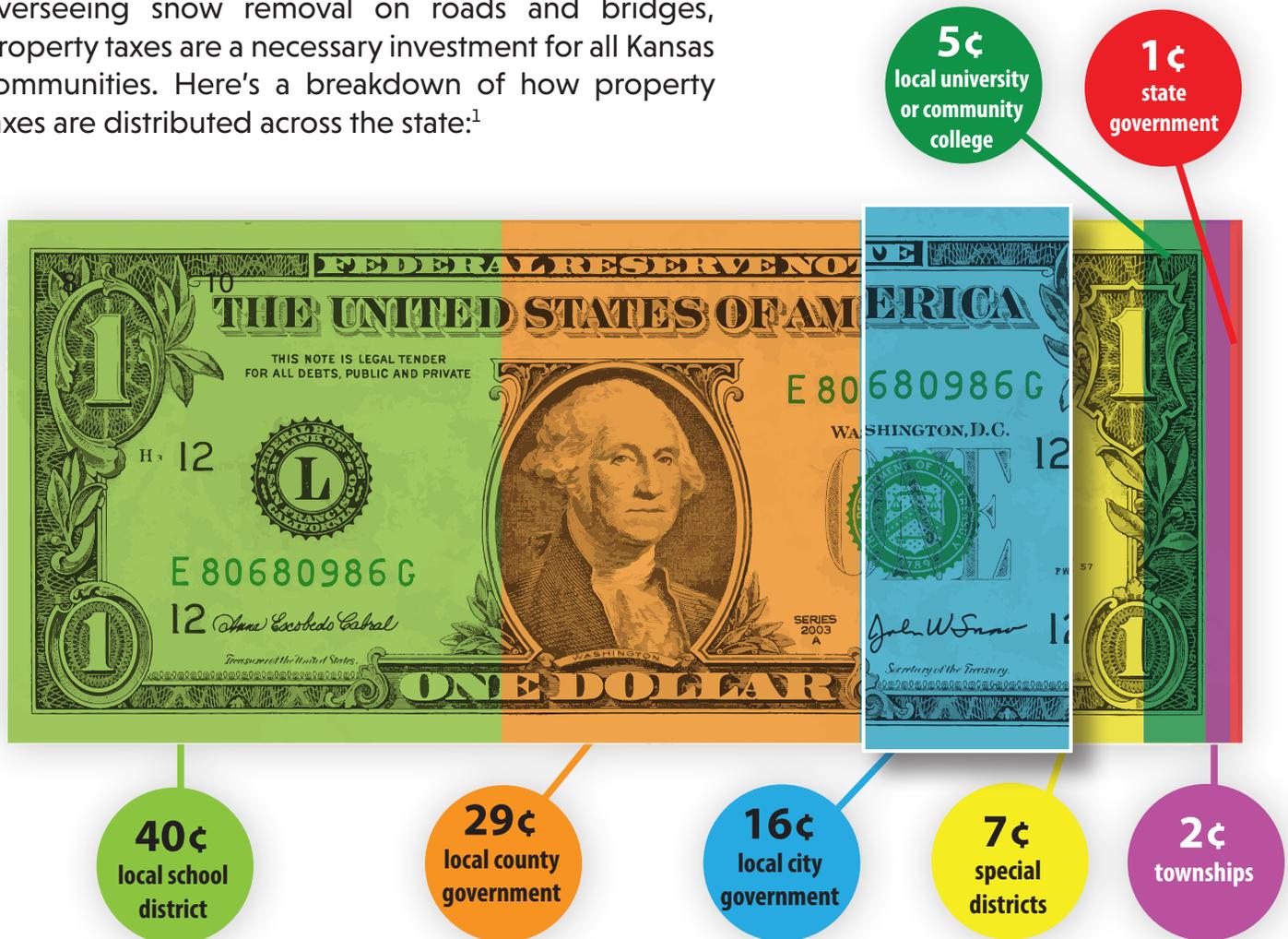


BREAKING DOWN THE PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR

From police officers who protect and serve to overseeing snow removal on roads and bridges, property taxes are a necessary investment for all Kansas communities. Here's a breakdown of how property taxes are distributed across the state:¹



On average, municipalities receive about 16 cents¹ of every property tax dollar. Examples of where the money goes:

- Maintaining a Qualified Workforce:** Local government is a hands-on industry, requiring cities to deal with common concerns of retained qualified employees to serve as code enforcers, engineers, and laborers. Oftentimes, municipal employees earn less than their private sector counterparts. Cities may struggle in retaining needed and qualified employees.
- Filling Potholes and Fixing Roads:** In recent years, nearly 50% of the funding to maintain the local road system has been generated entirely from local governments' budgets. Even maintaining one mile of our local roads can cost about \$6,250.²
- Emergency Response:** New fire trucks can cost anywhere from \$500,000 to \$1.2 million, which in some communities would be most of the property tax revenue collected by the city. Alternatively, the cost of a new police car could range anywhere, on average, from \$30,000 to \$50,000 depending on the emergency response and communication technology that is incorporated within the vehicle.

Source:

¹ Kansas Department of Revenue (2017). *Property Taxes & Proportions*.

² www.ksdot.org/Assets/wwwksdotorg/pdf/QuickFacts.pdf