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NEW HAVEN, Conn. -- The Fourth of July fireworks and the Christmas tree on the Green are two of the things that will be cut from New Haven's city budget.

The New Haven Board of Alderman passed a budget late Thursday night that makes sweeping cuts in the city.

New Haven Mayor Jon DeStefano Jr. said in a tough economy, the city did the best it could.

The \$472 million budget includes a 4 percent tax increase, about an extra \$18 per month per resident, according to the city.

DeStefano said after a year of no tax increases, the hike is a modest increase that was necessary to preserve services.

The budget also calls for a reduction in the number of police officers through a two-year hiring freeze and a cut in police overtime.

Athletic, talented and gifted and summer programs are also being cut from schools.

The Fourth of July fireworks and Christmas tree on the Green are also cut from the budget.

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