



# Truth in Taxation 2026 Budget

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

# Overview of Meeting

- 2026 proposed budget
  - Revenues
  - Expenditures
- 2026 proposed tax levy
- 2026 budget timelines
  - 2027 budget
- 2026 tax levy impact on residential homes
- Provide a forum for public comment

# Truth-In-Taxation Requirement

- The "taxation and notification law" requires local governments to set estimated levies, inform taxpayers about the impacts, and announce which of their regularly scheduled council meetings will include a discussion of the budget and property tax levy.
- This is applicable to cities with a population greater than 500 and are required by state law to hold a public hearing where property owners are provided an opportunity to address the City Council or ask questions regarding the city's tax and spending.

# Mayor and Member of City Council

Position	Member	Term
Mayor	Mr. Dale Stainbrook	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
Council Member Ward 1	Mr. Joseph Shostell	Appointed – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2028
Council Member Ward 2	Mr. Henry Fischer	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
Council Member Ward 3	Mr. Clayton Briggs	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2028
Council Member Ward 4	Mr. Donald Cavalier	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
Council Member Ward 5	Mr. Derek Brekken	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2028
Council Member Ward 6	Mr. Dylane Klatt	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
Council Member At-Large	Ms. Morgan Hibma	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2028
Council Member At-Large	Ms. Wendy Ault	Appointed – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026

# Department Heads

Position	Name
Interim City Administrator	Mr. Darin Selzler
Finance Director	Open
Public Works Director	Mr. Chuck Getsman
Chief of Police	Mr. Darin Selzler
Fire Chief	Mr. Shane Heldstab
Building Official	Mr. Greg Hefta
Park & Recreation Director	Mr. Scott Butt
Information Technology Director	Mr. Joel Pyles
Community Development Director	Ms. Karie Kirschbaum

# Budget/Council Meeting Timeline

May – June  
Prepare 2027  
Budget

Sept 30<sup>th</sup>  
2027 Proposed  
Budget & Levy  
Adopted

December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Truth-In-  
Taxation

July – Sept  
Present 2027  
Budget to  
Council

November  
Review/Finalize  
2027 Budget

December 29<sup>th</sup>  
Adopt 2027  
Budget and  
Levy



24/7 Police and Fire protection



Snow Removal on streets, alleys, and public sidewalks



Street improvements, cleaning, and maintenance, water and wastewater services



Building Official and Zoning Administration



Parks & Recreation opportunities for all ages, swimming pool, sports center



Public Library access



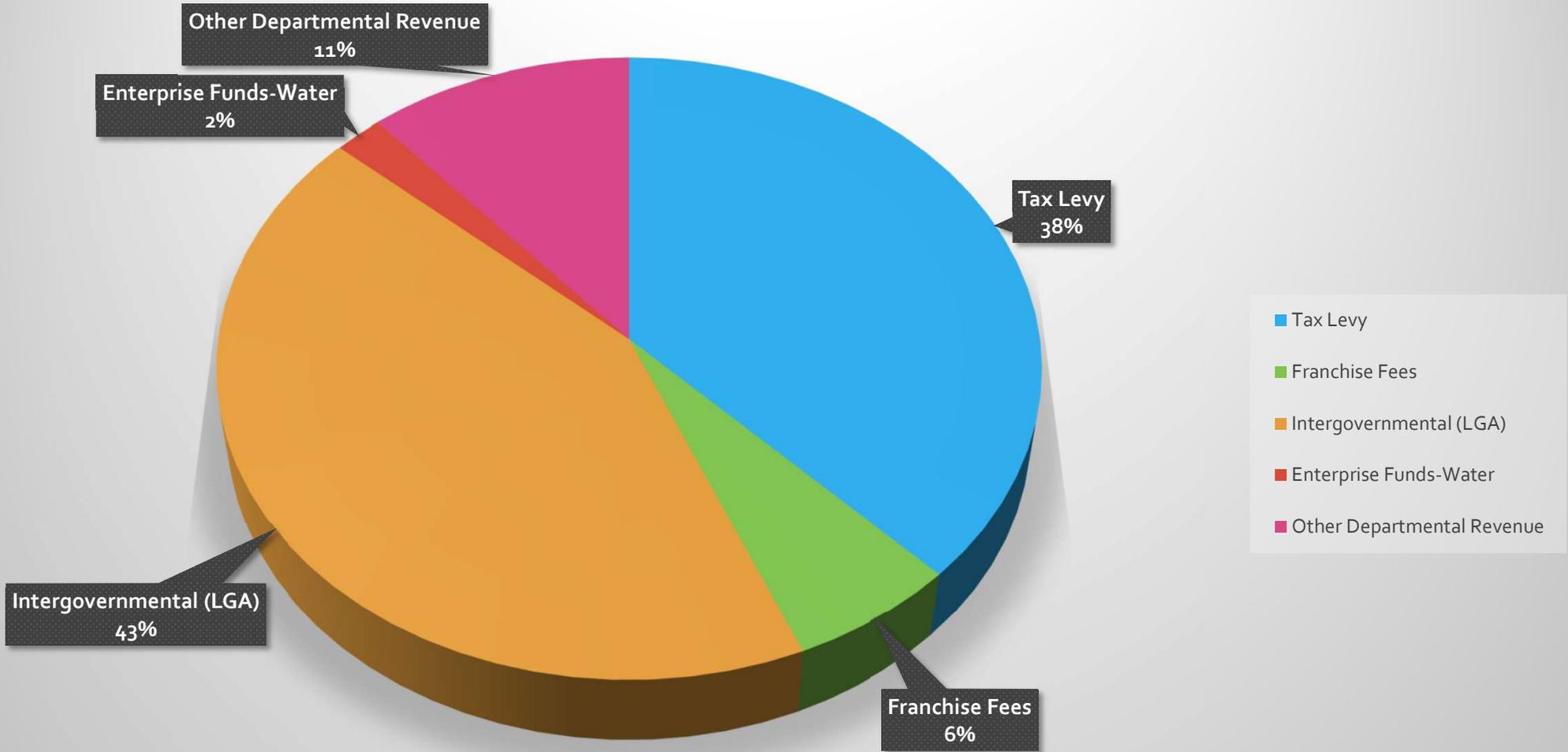
Municipal Airport access

# What Your City Tax Levy Provides

## 2026 Revenue Summary (Balanced)

Revenue Acct	General	Finance	Elections	Building	Police	Fire	PW-Street	Library	P&R	Airport	Total
Tax Levy	\$2,329,080							\$306,449	\$1,969,195		<b>\$4,604,724</b>
Franchise Taxes	\$715,000				\$1,350		\$300		\$13,000		<b>\$729,650</b>
License & Permits		\$21,200		\$55,750		\$50,000					<b>\$126,950</b>
Intergovernmental	\$4,571,314			\$14,400	\$310,336	\$45,000	\$150,000			\$165,000	<b>\$5,256,050</b>
Charges for Service	\$7,200	\$350	\$12	\$3,000	\$7,100	\$12,000	\$374,000		\$187,500	\$1,500	<b>\$592,512</b>
Fines & Forfeits					\$40,000						<b>\$40,000</b>
Misc Revenues	\$60,250				\$300				\$266,650	\$114,000	<b>\$441,200</b>
Enterprise Fund – Water	\$250,000										<b>\$250,000</b>
Interdepartmental Revenue									\$13,200		<b>\$13,200</b>
Central Garage – Eqt. Rental	\$237,200										<b>\$237,200</b>
Valley Tech. Park	\$90,000										<b>\$90,000</b>
Wastewater	\$896,500										<b>\$896,500</b>
Water Revenue	\$1,596,000										<b>\$1,596,000</b>
Special Service Dist.- Flood Control	\$21,500										<b>\$21,500</b>
Sidewalk Revenue	\$220,000										<b>\$220,000</b>
<b>Totals =</b>	<b>\$10,974,044</b>	<b>\$21,550</b>	<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$73,500</b>	<b>\$359,086</b>	<b>\$107,000</b>	<b>\$524,300</b>	<b>\$306,449</b>	<b>\$2,449,395</b>	<b>\$280,500</b>	<b><u>\$15,095,486</u></b>

## 2026 Revenue Breakdown



## 2026 Levy & Non-Levy Expenditure Summary

Department	Levy Amount
Administration	\$746,215
Airport	\$390,835
Building Inspections	\$140,830
Community Development	\$413,684
Elected Officials	\$303,608
Emergency Management	\$12,775
Finance & Accounting	\$438,567
Fire Department	\$1,109,721
Information Technology	\$740,635
Library	\$306,449
Park & Recreation	\$2,449,395
Police Department	\$3,188,132
Public Works	\$1,655,824
Street Improvements	\$60,400
Sidewalk Expenditure	\$50,000
Misc – See Chart to Right	\$319,009
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$12,365,736</b>

Misc. Department	Levy Amount
City Hall Expense	\$53,709
Legal Expense	\$160,000
Ordinance & Proceedings	\$15,300
Professional Fees	\$36,000
Auditing	\$54,000
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$319,009</b>

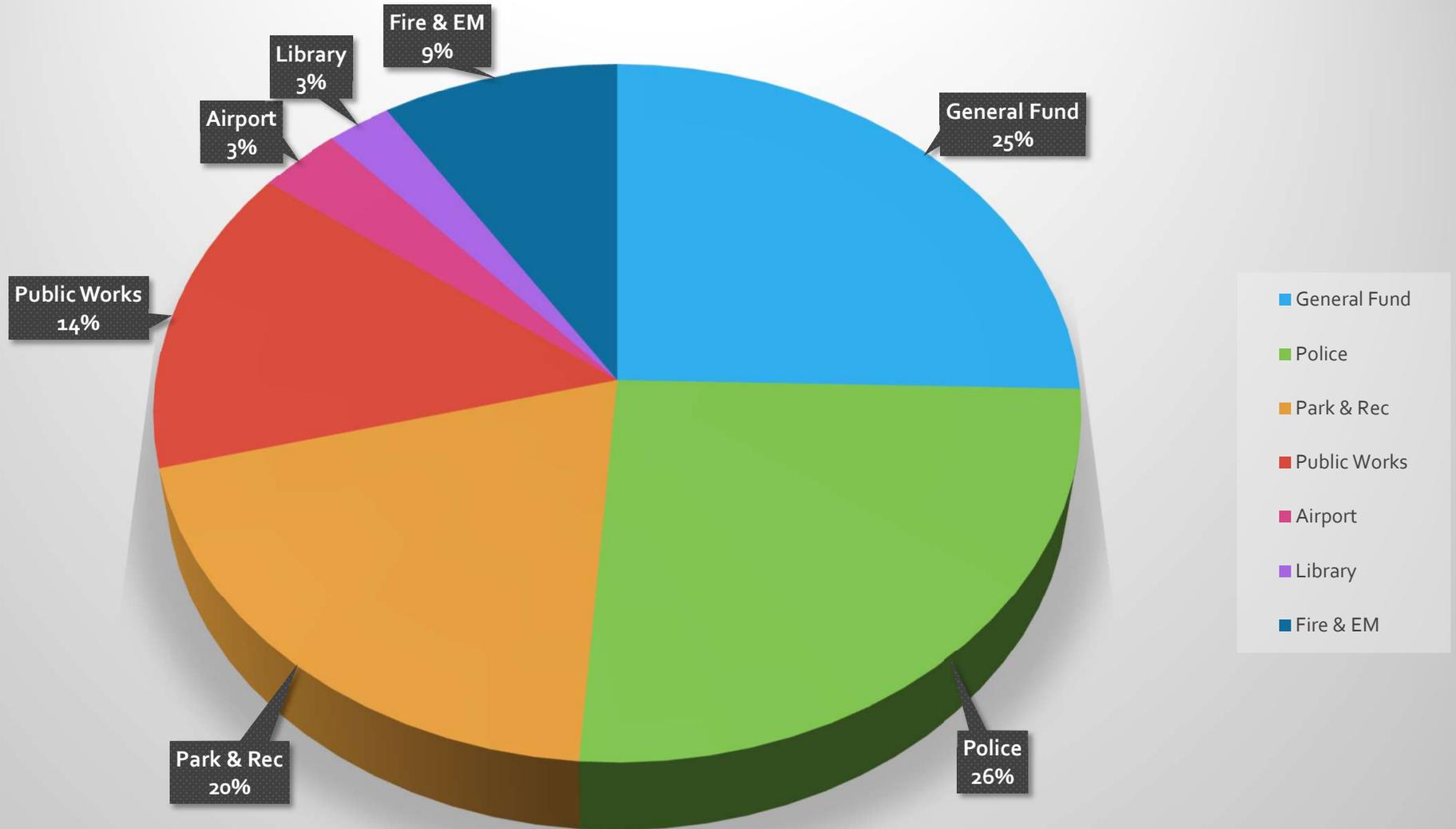
Department	Non-Levy Amount
Central Garage	\$273,493
Special Service District – Flood Control Project	\$40,536
Valley Technology Park	\$95,470
Wastewater	\$1,100,394
Water	\$1,219,857
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$2,729,750</b>

Total Revenue Expenditure	Amount
Total Levy Expenditures	\$12,365,736
Total Non-Levy Expenditures	\$2,729,750
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$15,095,486</b>

# 2026 Capitol Improvement Projects

Department	Project	Amount
Airport	Crack Sealing, Lawn Mower, Grant Administrative Fee(s)	\$173,500
Fire Department	Turnout Gear, Fire Apparatus Fund	\$107,000
Finance Department	Replace/Update Office Furniture	\$1,500
Information Technology	Verge.io Hardware, Licensing, Installation, Training and Three (3) year Workstation Replacement	\$147,500
Police Department	Squad Car & Vehicle Emergency Equipment	\$75,000
Park & Recreation – Vehicles/Equipment	John Deere Mower Lease (Annual Payment)	\$57,500
Park & Recreation – Crookston Sports Center	Zamboni Battery Replacement Fund	\$5,000
Public Works – Street	Payloader Lease Payment, Street Light Reserve Fund	\$59,000
Public Works – Water	Watermain Replacements, Internet and Control Upgrade	\$325,000
Public Works – Wastewater	Sewer Line Replacement, Sewer Main & Manhole Rehab, Rip Rap For Lagoons, Sludge & H25 Reduction Program	\$535,000
	<b>2026 CIP Totals =</b>	<b>\$1,486,000</b>

## 2026 Budget Breakdown By Department



# City of Crookston Historical Levy Data

Year	Proposed Levy	Certified Levy	Increase From Prior Year
2026	\$4,604,724	To be Determined	8.0%
2025	\$4,486,171	\$4,486,171	27.5%
2024	\$4,985,204	\$3,519,898	18.06%
2023	\$2,981,378	\$2,982,378	18.15%
2022	\$2,523,384	\$2,523,384	8.67%
2021	\$2,366,654	\$2,322,000	4.0%
2020	\$2,232,692	\$2,322,692	3.0%
2019	Unable to Confirm	\$2,167,622	5.0%
2018	\$2,123,424	\$2,064,440	5.0%
2017	\$2,032,301	\$1,966,133	4.0%

## 2026 Budget Comparison

2025 Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	\$ Change from 2025	% Change from 2025
\$12,077,732	\$12,365,736	\$288,004	2.38%

## 2026 Levy Comparison

2025 Levy Amount	2026 Proposed Levy	\$ Change from 2025	% Change from 2025
\$4,486,171	\$4,845,065	\$358,894	8.0%

## 2026 Levy Actual

2025 Levy Amount	2026 Proposed Levy	\$ Change from 2025	% Change from 2025
\$4,486,171	\$4,604,724	\$118,553	2.65%

# 2026 Levy Breakdown

<b>% Percent</b>	<b>\$ Amount (Estimated)</b>	<b>- /+ Crookston Levy (\$118,553 or 2.65%)</b>
1% Levy Increase	\$44,861	(- \$73,692)
2% Levy Increase	\$89,722	(-\$28,831)
3% Levy Increase	\$134,583	\$16,030
4% Levy Increase	\$179,444	\$60,891
5% Levy Increase	\$224,305	\$105,553
8% Levy Increase	\$358,888	\$240,335
10% Levy Increase	\$448,610	\$330,057

# 2026 State/Area Proposed Levy Increases

City	2026 Proposed Levy Increase
Minnesota Cities Statewide Average	8.7%
Minnesota Counties Statewide Average	8.1%
Thief River Falls	21.8%
East Grand Forks	12.0%
Fosston	8.0%
Detroit Lakes	6.5%
Virginia	22.8%
Dilworth	9.7%
Fergus Falls	8.5%
Bemidji	6.0%

## 2026 Estimated Levy Increase Impact on \$150,000 Residential Homestead

\$150,000 Homestead	2025 Tax Levy/Rates	2026 Estimate @ 4% Increase	2026 Estimate @ 5% Increase	2026 Estimate @ 8% Increase	2026 Estimate @ 10% Increase
Estimated market Value	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Local Tax Rate	96.0269%	96.0386%	96.9261%	99.7324%	101.5793%
RMV Rate	0.2043%	0.1985%	0.1985%	0.1985%	0.1985%
City of Crookston Tax Estimate	\$1,430	\$1,421	\$1,432	\$1,465	\$1,486
Annual Difference =		(-\$9.00)	\$2.00	\$35.00	\$56.00
Monthly Difference =		(-\$0.75)	\$0.16	\$2.92	\$4.67

\*\* Estimates are based on Resident Homestead Classification Rate\*\*

\*\* Crookston ONLY tax levy without special assessments\*\*

## 2026 Estimated Levy Increase Impact on \$250,000 Residential Homestead

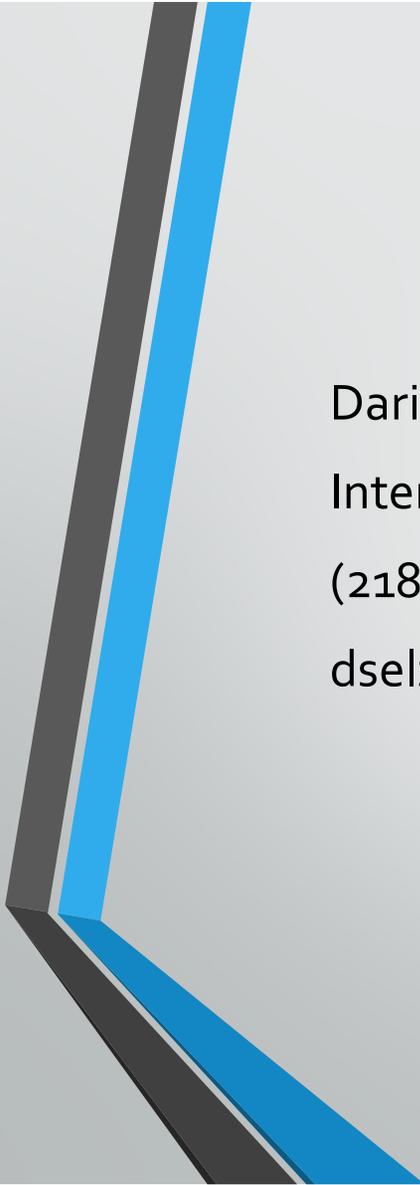
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City of Crookston Tax Estimate	\$2,681	\$2,667	\$2,688	\$2,750	\$2,792
Annual Difference =		(-\$14.00)	\$7.00	\$69.00	\$111.00
Monthly Difference =		(-\$1.17)	\$0.58	\$5.75	\$9.25

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## Next Steps

- December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - Special Council Meeting
    - Council Adopts 2026 Budget and Tax Levy
  - Certification to Polk County



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