



**MEETING DATE: March 1, 2022**  
**REQUESTED BY: Schadt**

## **COUNCIL LETTER**

**VISION:**

**THE CITY OF BETTENDORF IS A PREMIER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE. THE CITY OF BETTENDORF IS THE MOST LIVABLE COMMUNITY FOR FAMILIES WITH RICH EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHERE WE ENJOY A VIBRANT RIVERFRONT AND A GROWING COMPETITIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT. WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR GREAT COMMUNITY.**

**ITEM TITLE: (Please use same title as it will appear on your resolution.)**

**Public hearing and resolution to approve the FY 2022/23 proposed maximum property tax levy.**

**Explanation (Background & How it Responds to Vision, Mission or Goals)**

Pursuant to changes in Iowa law, a public hearing will be held to set the FY 22/23 maximum property tax levy. Because property taxes levied in FY 22/23 will increase by more than 2% over the current year, a resolution approving the tax levy must be passed by 2/3 of the full council. Tax dollars in FY 22/23 will increase 5.07%.

After this public hearing and adoption of the maximum property tax levy resolution, a second public hearing will be held regarding the final approval and adoption of the FY 2022/23 Budget. Consistent with most years, more than half of the increase in tax dollars in FY 22/23 will be generated by new construction and development throughout the City. The remaining increase is attributable to the increase value of existing properties. The City's levy rate will be reduced by \$0.15 to \$12.65/1000 of taxable value. As a result of continued growth, increased tax revenue will fund the hiring of three new police officers, three new firefighters, and new positions in Parks, GIS, IT and Community Development.

**List Attachments:**

- Resolution
- Public Hearing Notice

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 22**

**Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Levy for  
Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bettendorf have considered the proposed FY 2022/23 city maximum property tax dollars for the affected levy total, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed city maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on city web site and/or social media accounts if applicable,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed city maximum property tax dollars was held on March 1, 2022,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bettendorf that the maximum property tax dollars for the affected tax levies for FY 2022/23 shall not exceed \$20,803,644.

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in the total maximum levy for affected property tax levies for FY 2022/23 represents an increase of greater than 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY 2021/22.

Roll Call Vote:      Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

                                 Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Robert S. Gallagher

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Decker P. Ploehn

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF BETTENDORF - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

**Meeting Date:** 3/1/2022 **Meeting Time:** 07:00 PM **Meeting Location:** 1609 State St. Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)  
www.bettendorf.org

City Telephone Number  
(563) 344-4116

	<b>Current Year Certified Property Tax 2021 - 2022</b>	<b>Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2022 - 2023</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2022 - 2023</b>	<b>Annual % CHG</b>
Regular Taxable Valuation	2,538,387,552	2,667,136,438	2,667,136,438	
Tax Levies:				
Regular General	14,397,277	14,397,277	15,265,569	
Contract for Use of Bridge			0	
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit	415,388	415,388	429,000	
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.			0	
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center			0	
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project			0	
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	642,841	642,841	702,378	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission			0	
Emergency			0	
Police & Fire Retirement	1,663,197	1,663,197	1,634,494	
FICA & IPERS			0	
Other Employee Benefits	2,680,707	2,680,707	2,772,203	
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>19,799,410</b>	<b>19,799,410</b>	<b>20,803,644</b>	<b>5.07</b>
<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>7.79999</b>	<b>7.42347</b>	<b>7.80000</b>	

**Explanation of significant increases in the budget:**

Consistent with most years, 61% of the increase in tax dollars in FY 22/23 will be generated by new construction and development throughout the City. The City's operating levy rate remains unchanged for FY 22/23, but will be reduced by \$0.15 in total. As a result of continued growth, increased tax revenue will fund the hiring of three new police officers, three new firefighters, parks maintenance staff, inspections staff, IT staff among others. Other significant increases include, employee health insurance costs +3%, liability and casualty insurance costs +7%.

**If applicable, the above notice also available online at:**

www.bettendorf.org

\*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy.

\*\*Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year