



Vision

THE CITY OF BETTENDORF IS THE MOST LIVABLE COMMUNITY 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.

The Vision Statement for the City of Bettendorf outlines what Bettendorf wants in the future. Our preferred future is defined in value-based principles that can guide policies, decisions, and operations. The City of Bettendorf is a Premier City in which to live.

**CITY OF BETTENDORF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

**MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024
5:00 P.M.**

The Bettendorf City Council meeting will be open to the public. Additionally, the City of Bettendorf will broadcast this public meeting online at www.bettendorf.org/YouTube

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding the proposed FY 24/25 property tax levy

3. ADJOURN

COUNCIL LETTER

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2024
REQUESTED BY: Jason Schadt, Finance Director



Item Title

Public hearing regarding the proposed FY 24/25 property tax levy.

Explanation

Iowa law requires a public hearing be held on proposed property tax rates for the FY 24/25 budget. The public hearing must be held in a stand-alone meeting. No other City business can be discussed at this meeting and no Council action will be taken.

On April 16, 2024, a second public hearing is planned regarding the final approval and adoption of the FY 24/25 Budget.

If the matter is not budgeted in the current year, explain why funding is requested and the anticipated source:

List Attachments

- Public Hearing Notice
- Affidavit of Publication
- Budget Information

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF BETTENDORF - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY **CITY #:** 82-770
BETTENDORF Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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

Meeting Date: 3/25/2024 Meeting Time: 05:00 PM Meeting Location: Bettendorf City Hall 1609 State St.

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing 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

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2024 - 2025
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	2,692,185,782	2,804,615,140	2,804,615,140
Consolidated General Fund	20,999,049	20,999,049	21,447,060
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	339,527
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	0	0	132,742
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	874,703
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	0	0	0
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	372,088
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	2,829,567,856	2,947,373,656	2,947,373,656
Debt Service	13,723,404	13,723,404	14,294,762
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	34,722,453	34,722,453	37,460,882
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	12.65000	12.14347	13.11000
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	4,941,162	5,050,503	5,050,503
Ag Land	14,842	14,842	15,170
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.93872	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year Certified 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025	Percent Change
City Regular Resident	691	608	-12.01
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year Certified 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	691	608	-12.01

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

The increased levy rate is directly attributable to the full funding of six firefighters brought on with the assistance of a federal SAFER grant, the addition of a Fire Marshal, and additional staff in Parks & Recreation and the Library. However, many properties will pay less City tax in FY 24/25.

***** Proof of Publication *****

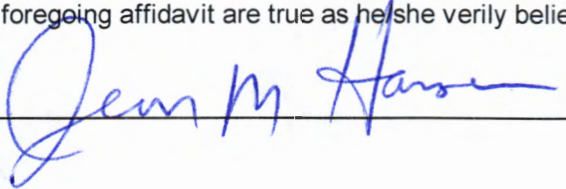
STATE OF IOWA
SCOTT COUNTY, } ss.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, on oath does say that he/she is an authorized employee of THE QUAD-CITY TIMES, morning edition, a daily newspaper printed and published by Lee Enterprises, Incorporated, in the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, and that a notice, a printed copy of which is made a part of this affidavit, was published in said THE QUAD-CITY TIMES, on the dates listed below.

CITY OF BETTENDORF
MICHELLE SPENCER
1609 STATE ST
BETTENDORF, IA 52722

ORDER NUMBER 178237

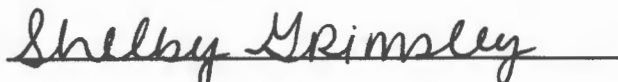
The affiant further deposes and says that all of the facts set forth in the foregoing affidavit are true as he/she verily believes.



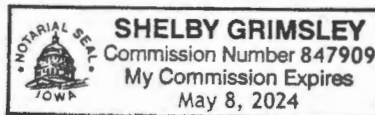
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by said affiant this 8 day of
March 2024



Notary Public in and for Scott County, Iowa



**CITY NAME: BETTENDORF CITY #82-770
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – CITY OF BETTENDORF – PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
 FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025**

**THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR
 CITY PROPERTY TAX LEVY AS FOLLOWS:**

MEETING DATE: 3/25/2024 MEETING TIME: 05:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION: BETTENDORF CITY HALL, 1609 STATE STREET, BETTENDORF, IOWA 52722

**AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ANY RESIDENT OR TAXPAYER MAY PRESENT OBJECTIONS TO, OR
 ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED LEVY. AFTER THE HEARING OF THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY,
 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL PUBLISH NOTICE AND HOLD A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY BUDGET.**

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NOTE: ACTUAL/ASSESSED VALUATION IS MULTIPLIED BY A ROLLBACK PERCENTAGE TO GET THE TAXABLE VALUATION TO CALCULATE PROPERTY TAXES. RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES HAVE THE SAME ROLLBACK PERCENTAGE AT \$100,000 ACTUAL/ASSESSED VALUATION.

REASONS FOR TAX INCREASE IF PROPOSED EXCEEDS THE CURRENT:

THE INCREASED LEVY RATE IS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FULL FUNDING OF SIX FIREFIGHTERS BROUGHT ON WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A FEDERAL SAFER GRANT, THE ADDITION OF A FIRE MARSHALL, AND ADDITIONAL STAFF IN PARKS & RECREATION AND THE LIBRARY. HOWEVER, MANY PROPERTIES WILL PAY LESS CITY TAX IN FY 24/25.

FY 24/25 Proposed Property Tax Public Hearing



FY 24/25 Budget Highlights

- Proposed levy rate of \$13.11/1000, +\$0.46 over FY24
- \$118 million across all funds
- Demonstrates the City's financial strength & flexibility
- Responds to an extraordinary decrease in the rollback, legislative property tax reductions, and the challenges of soaring costs
- Strengthens the City's commitment to Public Safety by securing funding of six SAFER grant firefighters
- Adds key staff in Fire, Parks, Library & Community Engagement

Expenditures impacting the property tax levy rate: Personnel Requests

Summary	FY 24/25 Requests	FY 24/25 @ +0.22	FY 24/25 @ +0.46
Firefighters (Fully fund 6 SAFER Grant Firefighters)	\$855,851	(1/3)	✓
Police Sergeant (upgrade from 3 Officers, net of savings)	\$31,122	✓	✓
Records Specialist (113 Civilian)	\$88,823		
Fire Marshal	\$176,556	✓	✓
Building Maint. Tech. Assistant (fill funded vacancy)	\$73,716	✓	✓
Library Programming Outreach Assistant (114)	\$88,845	✓	✓
Parks & Recreation Director	\$168,747	✓	✓
Exhibit Tech (112), Reclass PT to FT	\$6,767	✓	✓
Public Relations Assistant (fill funded vacancy)	\$88,496	✓	✓
Assistant City Planner (113)	\$88,496		
Total	\$1,667,419	\$634,249	\$1,490,100

***A minimum levy increase of \$0.36 over the next 3 years (\$0.12/year) is necessary to cover the cost of 6 SAFER Grant Firefighters and the Fire Marshal.**

Total Levy Rate

- HF718 limits growth in property tax revenue by automatically reducing the General Fund levy rate by a tiered growth limitation factor
 - General Fund levy rate reduced from 7.80 to 7.65 for FY 24/25
 - Equal to about \$430,000 in property tax revenue
- In FY 23/24 the City combined all operating levies into the General Fund to achieve the best possible allowable growth for FY 24/25
- As the limitation factor reduces the General Fund levy rate, the City can utilize other available levy rates to fill the gap

	FY 23/24	FY 24/25 +\$0.22	FY 24/25 +\$0.46
General Fund*	\$7.80	\$7.65	\$7.65
Health Insurance	0.00	0.12	0.13
Liability Insurance	0.00	0.04	0.05
Police & Fire Pension	0.00	0.09	0.31
Transit	0.00	0.12	0.12
Debt Service	\$4.85	\$4.85	\$4.85
Total	\$12.65	\$12.87	\$13.11

Property Tax Impact: Residential

+0.22 vs. +0.46

Residential: Average existing value increased 17%, Rollback reduced to 46.34% of assessed value from 54.65%, City Levy increased to \$12.87 (+0.22)

2023 Mean Assessed Value	Impact of change in assessed value	Impact of change in rollback	Impact of change in levy rate	Total impact on FY 24/25 property taxes
\$318,616	+\$317	-\$335	+\$32	+\$14 (<1%)

Residential: Average existing value increased 17%, Rollback reduced to 46.34% of assessed value from 54.65%, City Levy increased to \$13.11 (+0.46)

2023 Mean Assessed Value	Impact of change in assessed value	Impact of change in rollback	Impact of change in levy rate	Total impact on FY 24/25 property taxes
\$318,616	+\$317	-\$335	+\$66	+\$48 (2.6%)

Property Tax Estimate

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Alderman, Ward & Address Information

Enter your address to find your information for your property address. Search results will show Voting Information, School Zone Information, and Ward Information.

Search by address. Do not enter the street suffix (ave, st, etc...)

For Garbage and Recycling pickup information, please click on the button below.



Property Tax Estimate

Property Tax Estimation (City Taxes Only)

The tax calculations below are estimations of City of Bettendorf taxes for your address. The calculations do not include estimates for other taxing entities such as the county or school districts. The estimations also do not account for any credits which may or may not be applicable to your parcel. This is an estimation only. Your actual property tax bill may differ. Additionally, note that the information for Budget Year FY 2024/25 is intended solely for the purposes of illustrating the potential impact of a city levy rate change to future tax bills. Public hearings on the FY 2024/25 budget are scheduled for 3/25/24 and 4/16/24.

Current Year FY 2023/24 with \$12.65 Levy Rate: \$1577.25
Budget Year FY 2024/25 with \$12.65 Levy Rate: \$1538.29
Budget Year FY 2024/25 with \$12.87 Levy Rate: \$1565.04
Budget Year FY 2024/25 with \$13.11 Levy Rate: \$1594.23

For property details and tax valuations, please visit the [Scott County parcel search website](#). The City of Bettendorf assumes no liability for the data generated by this estimator and assumes no liability for any user's usage of or reliance on it. Use of this estimator and the data generated constitutes acceptance of this disclaimer. The data generated by this estimator may not be applicable or accurate with regard to your individual circumstances and cannot be relied upon to avoid penalties on taxes owed.

Budget Calendar

2/8-2/9/24	Informational Meetings – Budget Highlights
2/10/24	Saturday Budget Workshop
2/26/24	Special Council Meeting – Budget Presentation
3/5/24	Set the date for 1 st Public Hearing
3/25/24	Special Council Meeting – 1 st Public Hearing (No Action)
4/2/24	Set the date for 2 nd Public Hearing
4/16/24	2 nd Public Hearing and Adoption of the Budget