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## **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.

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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**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025  
6:30 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](http://www.bettendorf.org/YouTube)

**AGENDA**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. PUBLIC HEARING**

Regarding the proposed FY25/26 Property Tax Levy Rate – No Action

**3. ADJOURN**

## COUNCIL LETTER

**MEETING DATE:** April 1, 2025  
**REQUESTED BY:** Jason Schadt, Finance Director



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### Item Title

Public hearing regarding the proposed FY 25/26 property tax levy.

### Explanation

Iowa law requires a public hearing be held on proposed property tax rates for the FY 25/26 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 15, 2025, a second public hearing is planned regarding the final approval and adoption of the FY 25/26 Budget.

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

### List Attachments

Hearing Notice

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

**Meeting Date:** 4/1/2025 **Meeting Time:** 06:30 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 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 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	2,804,615,140	2,899,288,031	2,899,288,031
Consolidated General Fund	21,447,060	21,447,060	21,951,524
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	339,527	339,527	408,974
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	132,742	132,742	298,743
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	874,703	874,703	904,230
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	0	0	0
Other Employee Benefits	372,088	372,088	384,649
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	2,947,373,656	3,063,429,058	3,063,429,058
Debt Service	14,294,762	14,294,762	14,857,631
<b>CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX</b>	<b>37,460,882</b>	<b>37,460,882</b>	<b>38,805,751</b>
<b>CITY REGULAR TAX RATE</b>	<b>13.11000</b>	<b>12.65654</b>	<b>13.11000</b>
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	5,050,503	5,010,425	5,010,425
Ag Land	15,170	15,170	15,051
<b>CITY AG LAND TAX RATE</b>	<b>3.00375</b>	<b>3.02769</b>	<b>3.00375</b>
<b>Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed</b>			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	<b>Current Year Certified 2024/2025</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Residential	608	684	12.50
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	<b>Current Year Certified 2024/2025</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Commercial	2,681	3,057	14.02

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 through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

**Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:**

Increased tax dollars are required to fund existing operations. The FY26 budget does not include additional staffing. The City is experiencing rising costs in labor, equipment, liability insurance and health insurance similar to private sector.