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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 7, 2026
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

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding the proposed FY26/27 Property Tax Levy Rate – No Action

3. ADJOURN

COUNCIL LETTER

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026
REQUESTED BY: Jason Schadt, Finance Director



Item Title

Public hearing regarding the proposed FY 26/27 property tax levy.

Explanation

Iowa law requires a public hearing be held on proposed property tax rates for the FY 26/27 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 21, 2026, a second public hearing is planned regarding the final approval and adoption of the FY 26/27 Budget.

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

List Attachments

Hearing Notice
Affidavit of Publication
Budget Summary Presentation

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| Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit | 408,974 | 408,974 | 500,646 |
| Aviation Authority | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Liability, Property & Self Insurance | 298,743 | 298,743 | 625,807 |
| Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unified Law Enforcement | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Police & Fire Retirement | 904,230 | 904,230 | 938,711 |
| FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Employee Benefits | 384,649 | 384,649 | 918,873 |
| Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taxable Value for Debt Service | 3,063,429,058 | 3,314,284,220 | 3,314,284,220 |
| Debt Service | 14,857,631 | 14,857,631 | 16,658,984 |
| CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX | 38,805,751 | 38,805,751 | 42,644,039 |
| CITY REGULAR TAX RATE | 13.11000 | 12.13642 | 13.33091 |
| Taxable Value for City Ag Land | 5,010,425 | 4,890,499 | 4,890,499 |
| Ag Land | 15,051 | 15,051 | 14,690 |
| CITY AG LAND TAX RATE | 3.00375 | 3.07760 | 3.00375 |
| Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed | | | |
| Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000 | Current Year Certified 2025/2026 | Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027 | Percent Change |
| City Regular Residential | 622 | 653 | 4.98 |
| Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000 | Current Year Certified 2025/2026 | Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027 | Percent Change |
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***** Proof of Publication *****

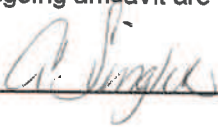
STATE OF INDIANA
LAKE COUNTY } ss.

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 215141

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



Section: Notices & Legals

Category: 2627 Miscellaneous Notices

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Subscribed and sworn to before me by said affiant this 23 day of March 2026



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CITY NAME: BETTENDORF **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF BETTENDORF - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY** **FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027** **CITY #: 82-770**

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FY 26/27 Budget



FY 26/27 Budget Highlights

- \$134 million net of internal funds and transfers
- Continues to demonstrate the City's financial strength & flexibility in the face of future revenue uncertainty
- Utilizes significant valuation growth to fund current service levels, one-time requests and a reduction of debt service levy for existing general debt
- Upholds the City's commitment to fully funding six firefighters currently paid for by the SAFER grant ending in March, 2027
- Begins construction of a new, voter approved police station
- Takes advantage of grant funding to purchase new lifesaving equipment and complete important infrastructure improvements

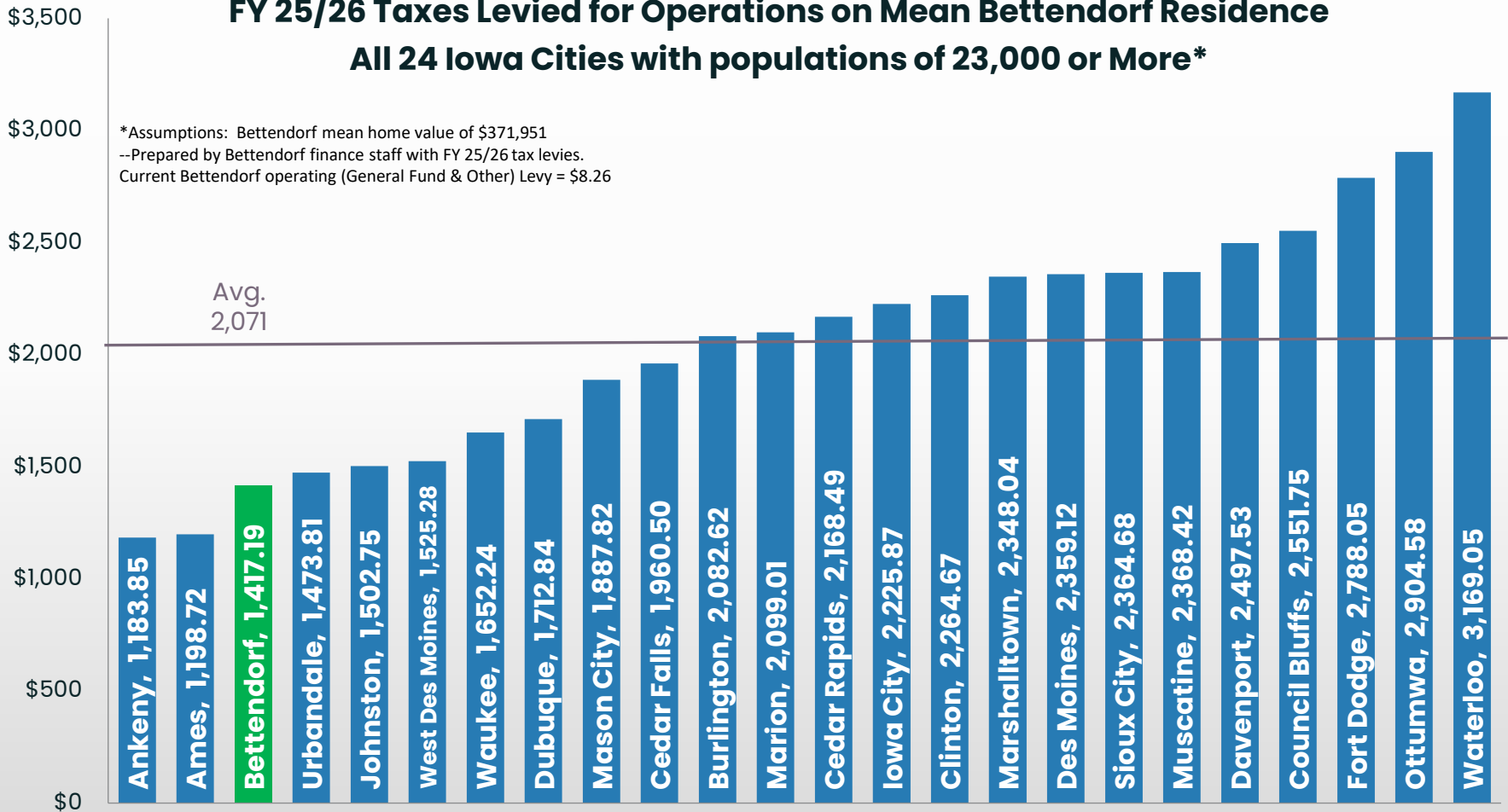
Total Levy Rate: 13.33

- 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 7.57 to 7.35 for FY 26/27
 - Equal to about \$688,000 in property tax revenue
- As the limitation factor reduces the General Fund levy rate, the City can utilize other available levy rates to fill the gap
- In FY27 there is capacity for about \$2.10/1,000. Equivalent to \$6.6 million in unlevied property taxes.
- Voter approved debt for the police station adds \$0.22 to the debt service levy in FY27.

| | FY 25/26 | FY 26/27 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| General Fund* | \$7.57 | \$7.35 |
| Health Insurance | 0.13 | 0.29 |
| Liability Insurance | 0.10 | 0.20 |
| Police & Fire Pension | 0.32 | 0.30 |
| Transit | 0.14 | 0.16 |
| Debt Service | \$4.85 | \$5.03 |
| Total | \$13.11 | \$13.33 |

Lean Operating Budget

FY 25/26 Taxes Levied for Operations on Mean Bettendorf Residence All 24 Iowa Cities with populations of 23,000 or More*

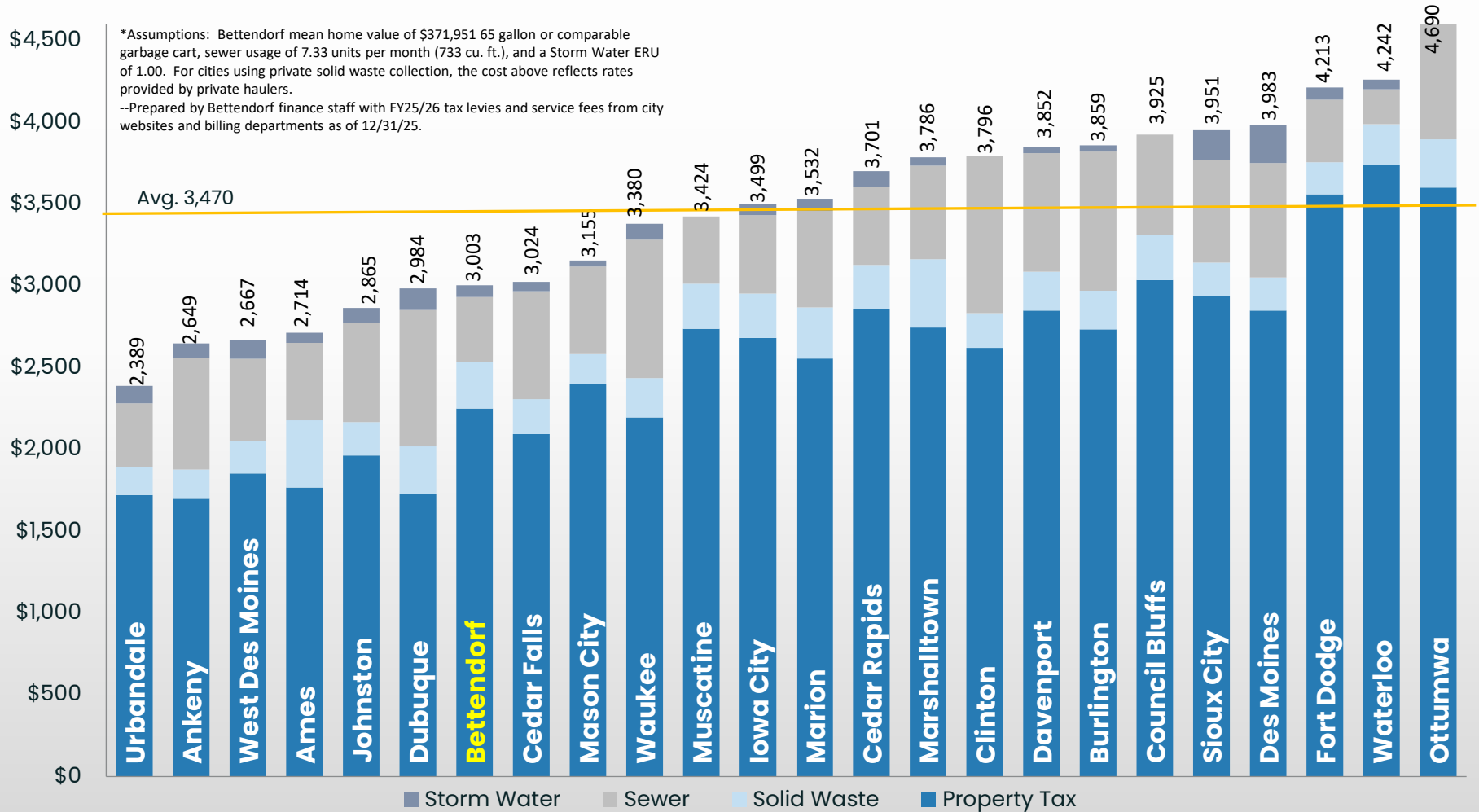


Impact of Taxes & Fees

| | Residential @ <u>13.33</u> Mean Value: \$371,951 (Rollback increased to 44.5345%) | Small Business @ <u>13.33</u> Mean Value: \$1,393,278 (Rollback remains at 90%, 1st 150,000 @ 44.5345%) |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| City's Portion of Property Tax | \$176.51 | \$635.75 |
| Sewer Fees | \$26.40 | \$68.40 |
| \$4.57 per unit (7% increase) | (22 units/quarter) | (57 units/quarter) |
| Storm Water Fees | \$1.20 | \$14.82 |
| \$6.00 per ERU (1.7% increase) | (1.00 ERU/month) | (12.35 ERU/month) |
| Solid Waste Fees | | |
| \$19.26 per mo. (2% increase) | \$4.56 | NA |
| (Based on 65 gal. Cart) | | |
| Total Increase | \$208.67 | \$718.97 |
| | (+\$17.39 per Month) | (+\$59.91 per month) |
| Total Annual Cost of Services | \$2,904 | \$19,573 |

FY 25/26 Comparison of Property Taxes & User Fees for Average Residential Property

Includes 24 Iowa cities with populations of 23,000 or more



Remaining Budget Calendar

| | |
|----------------|--|
| 3/23/26 | Budget Work Session – Special COW |
| 4/7/26 | 1 st Public Hearing – Special Meeting Prior to Council Set the Date for 2 nd Public Hearing |
| 4/21/26 | 2 nd Public Hearing and Adoption of the Budget |