TRUTH IN TAXATION
Notice for Public Hearing

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for the City of Bloomington.

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the City of Bloomington (The City) for the tax year 2025, collectible in 2026, will be held on December 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center Chambers, 4th Floor, Room #400, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

   Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Leslie Yocum, City Clerk at Government Center, Room #103, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois at (309) 434-2240.

II. The City corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2024 was $22,320,384.

   The proposed corporate and special property taxes to be levied by The City for tax year 2025 are $25,320,384. This represents a 13.44% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes for debt services and public building commission leases in tax year 2024 were $1,872,381.

   The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2025 are $1,872,381. This represents a 0% change from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for tax year 2024 were $22,320,384 for The City.

   The estimated total property taxes to be levied for tax year 2025 is $25,320,384. This represents a 13.44% over the previous year.

2025 Tax Levy Estimate

Assessed Value Increase

Assessed Value:
$2,468,852,375

2024

2025 (estimated)

Assessed Value:
$2,663,477,189

How much of the current tax bill is attributed to the City?

11%

How is our Property Tax Utilized?

Levy Type	***2024 Tax Levy***	***2023 Tax Levy***	***2022 Tax Levy***	***2021 Tax Levy***	***2020 Tax Levy***
BONDS & INTEREST	$1,872,381	$1,683,345	$969,879	$1,804,533	$2,153,070
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TOTALS	**$22,320,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$20,920,384**	**$20,645,384**
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Percent Increase/(Decrease)	0.00%	0.00%	6.69%	1.33%	0.65%
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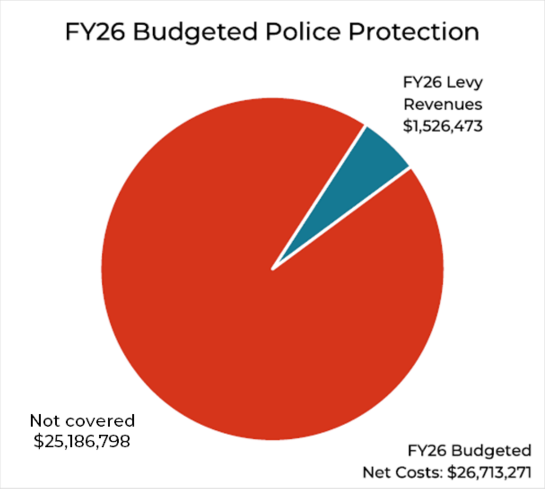
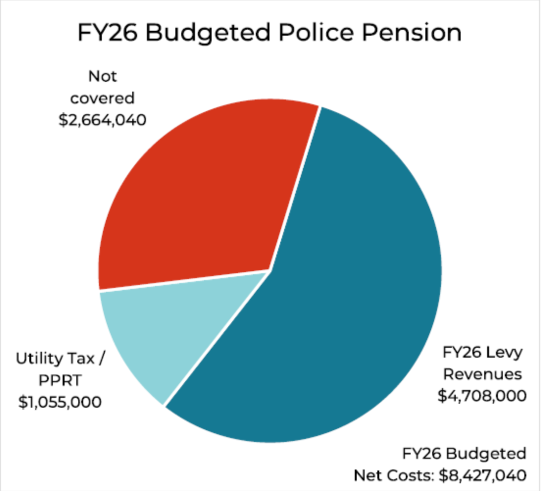
Rate Change	-0.0888%	-0.0965%	0.0035%	-0.0078%	0.0036%

Police Funding

- Police Protection - $26.7M
  - General Fund: $25.2M (94.3%)
  - Levy: $1.5M (5.7%)

- Police Pension - $8.4M
  - General Fund: $2.7M (31.6%)
  - Levy: $4.7M (55.9%)
  - Utility Tax: $1M (12.5%)

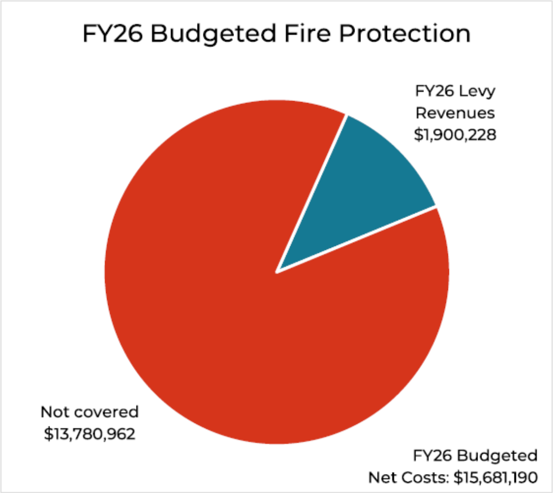


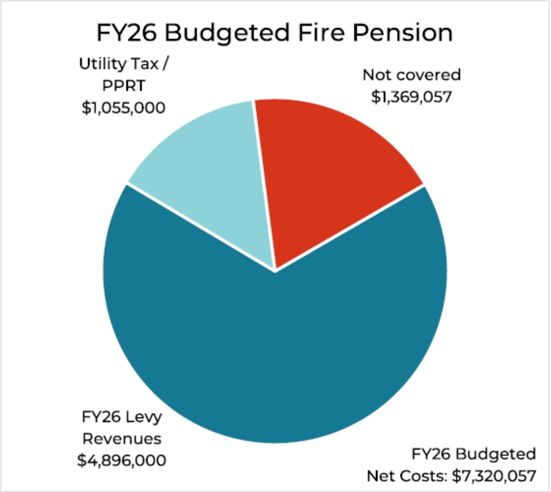


Fire Funding

- Fire Protection - $15.7M
  - General Fund: $13.8M (87.9%)
  - Levy: $1.9M (12.1%)

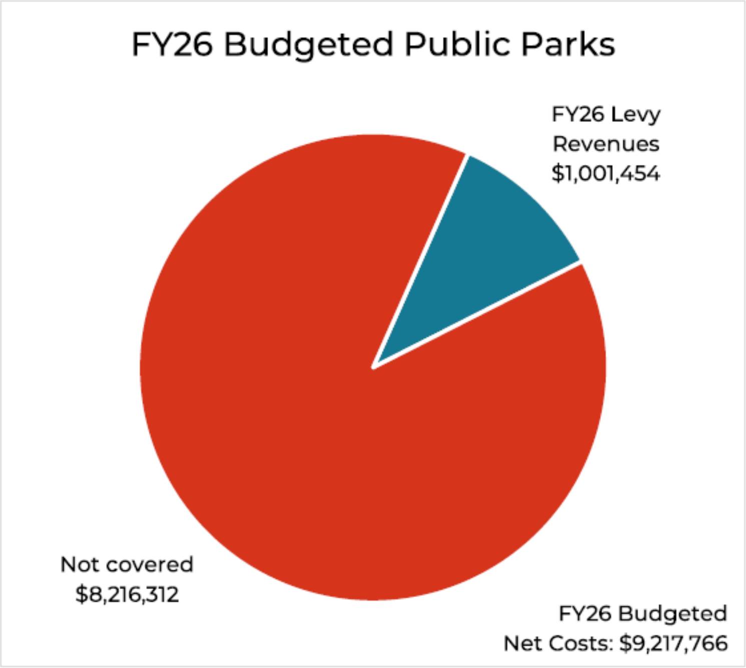
- Fire Pension - $7.3M
  - General Fund: $1.4M (18.7%)
  - Levy: $4.9M (66.9%)
  - Utility Tax: $1M (14.4%)



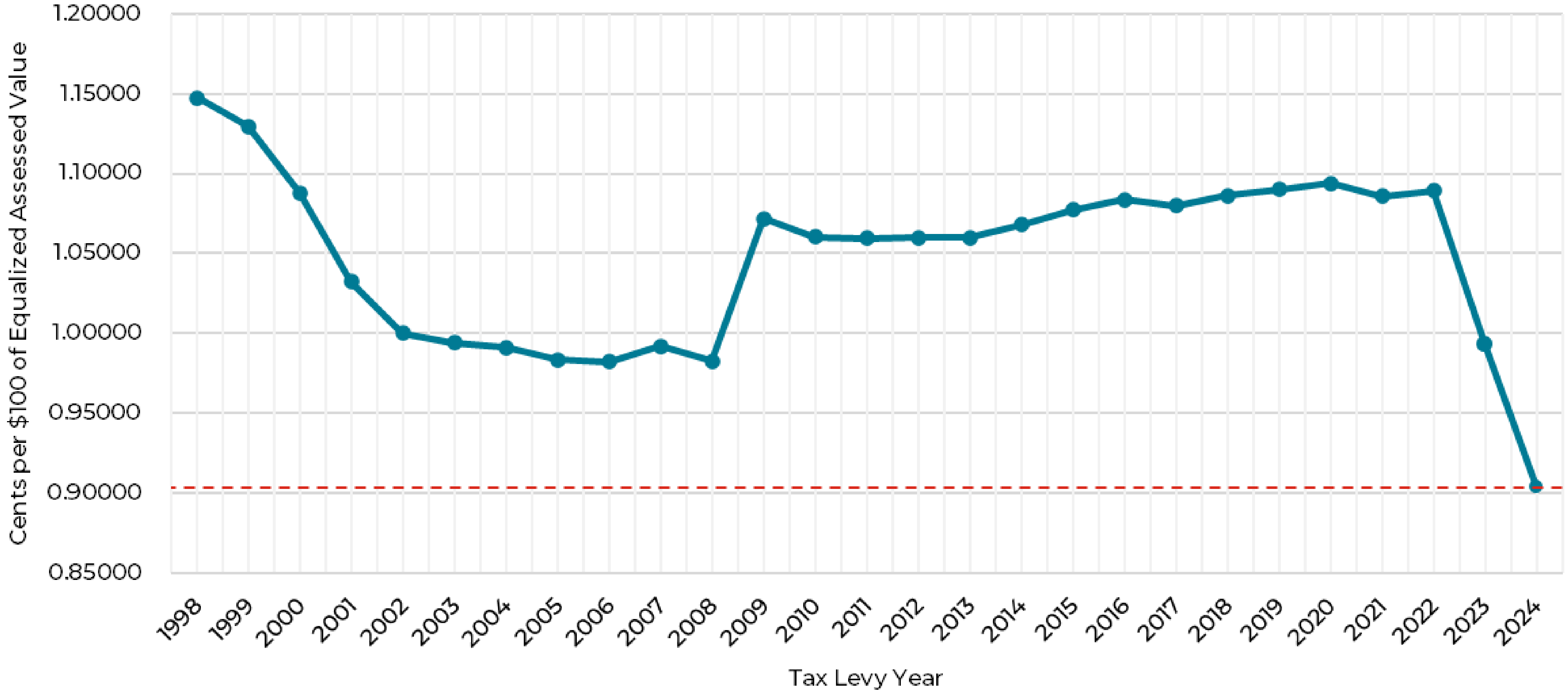


Parks Funding

- Public Parks - $9.2M
  - General Fund: $8.2M (89.1%)
  - Levy: $1M (10.9%)

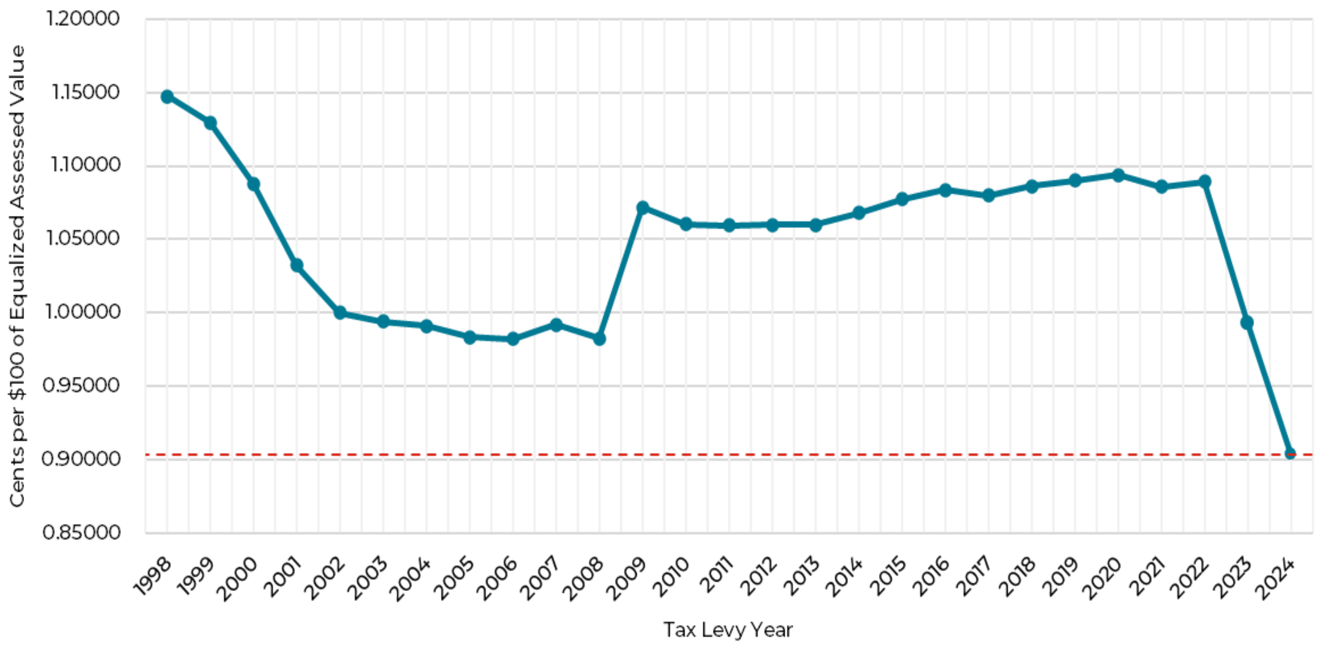


City Tax Rate History



City Tax Rate History

- From 1998 through 2004, the City's property tax rate declined steadily before leveling off between 2004 and 2008
- The rate then increased in 2009 and remained generally stable for more than a decade (2009–2022).
- Beginning in 2023, the rate dropped sharply, reaching its lowest point in 2024.
    - A decline of approximately **21.4%** compared to the 1998 rate.



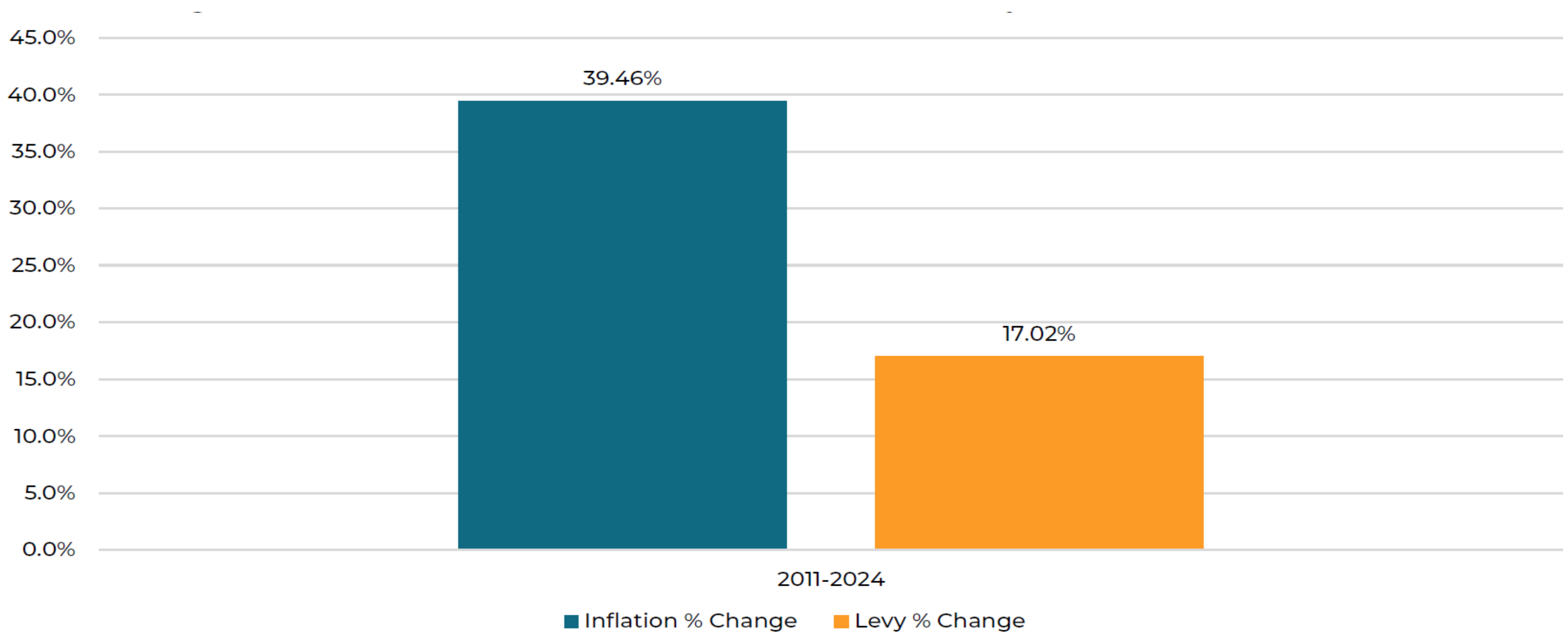
What about other City revenues?

Overall revenues have not kept pace with inflation. Since FY19, tax revenues have grown about 3% per year, while inflation has averaged roughly 4–5% per year during the same period.

Revenue growth is slower than the growth in core service costs. Parks, Public Safety, and IT costs have increased at a combined 5% annualized rate, outpacing the 3% annualized increase in revenues

PPRT is down nearly $4M from its peak, eliminating one of the major temporary boosts from recent years.

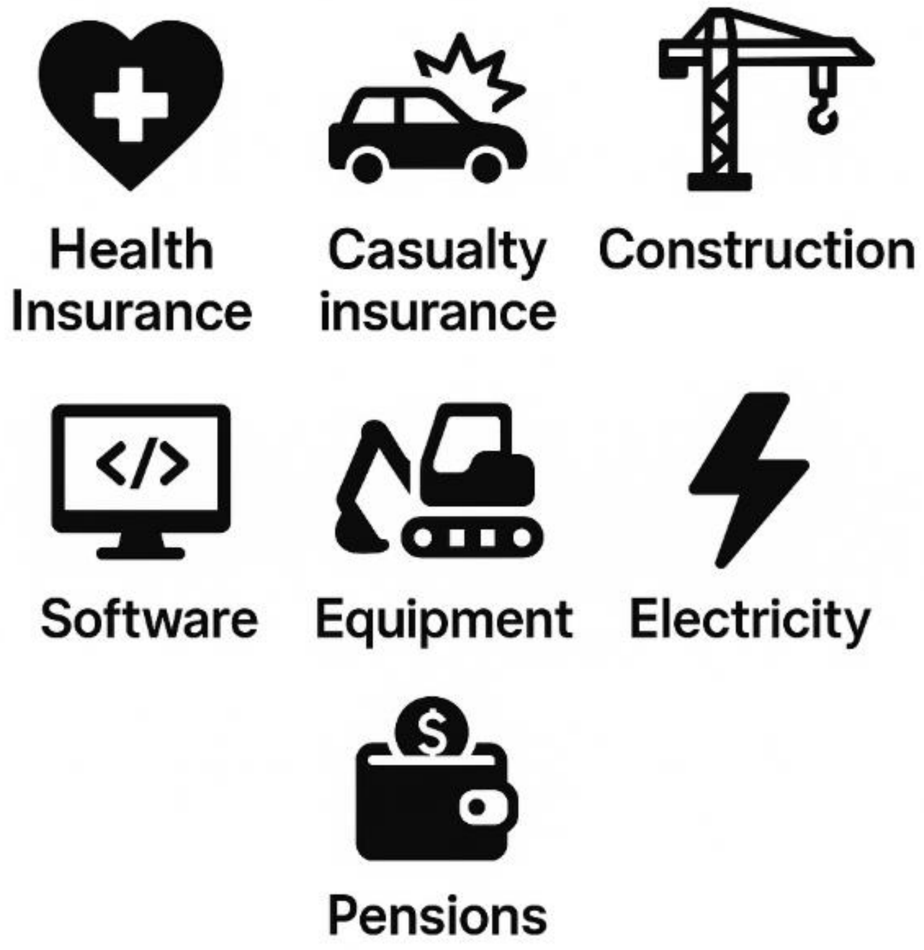
Is the City keeping up with inflation?



- From 2011 to 2024 inflation increased by 39%.
- The City's property tax increased by only 17%

Cost Drivers Impacting the City

- Health Insurance
- Casualty Insurance
- Equipment
- Pensions
- Electricity
- Construction
- Software



A few examples of cost drivers...

Electricity costs have increased 66% ($1.4M) since FY21 (includes library and all funds)

Health insurance costs have grown by over 31% ($4M) since FY21

Pension costs have increased by over 34% ($4.8M) since FY21

IT software costs have increased 103% ($1.3M) since FY21

Casualty insurance costs have increased by 72% ($700K) since FY21

Sidewalk cost per square foot has increased over 41% since FY21 and asphalt up over 17% since FY21.

A few more examples…

Fire Engine

- Increased from $766,000 (2021) to $1.25M (2025): ↑ **63%**

Ambulance

- increased from $326,000 (2022) to $382,000 (2025): ↑ **17%**

F-150 regular cab

- Increased from $30,125 (2020) to $50,309 (2025): ↑ **67%**

F-150 crew cab

- Increased from $31,135 (2018) to $55,357 (2025): ↑ **77%**

Dump truck

- Increased from $223,490 (2024) to $275,413 (2025): ↑ **23%**

Automated garbage truck

- Increased from $340,005 (2020) to $453,722 (2025): ↑ **33%**

Leaf Vac

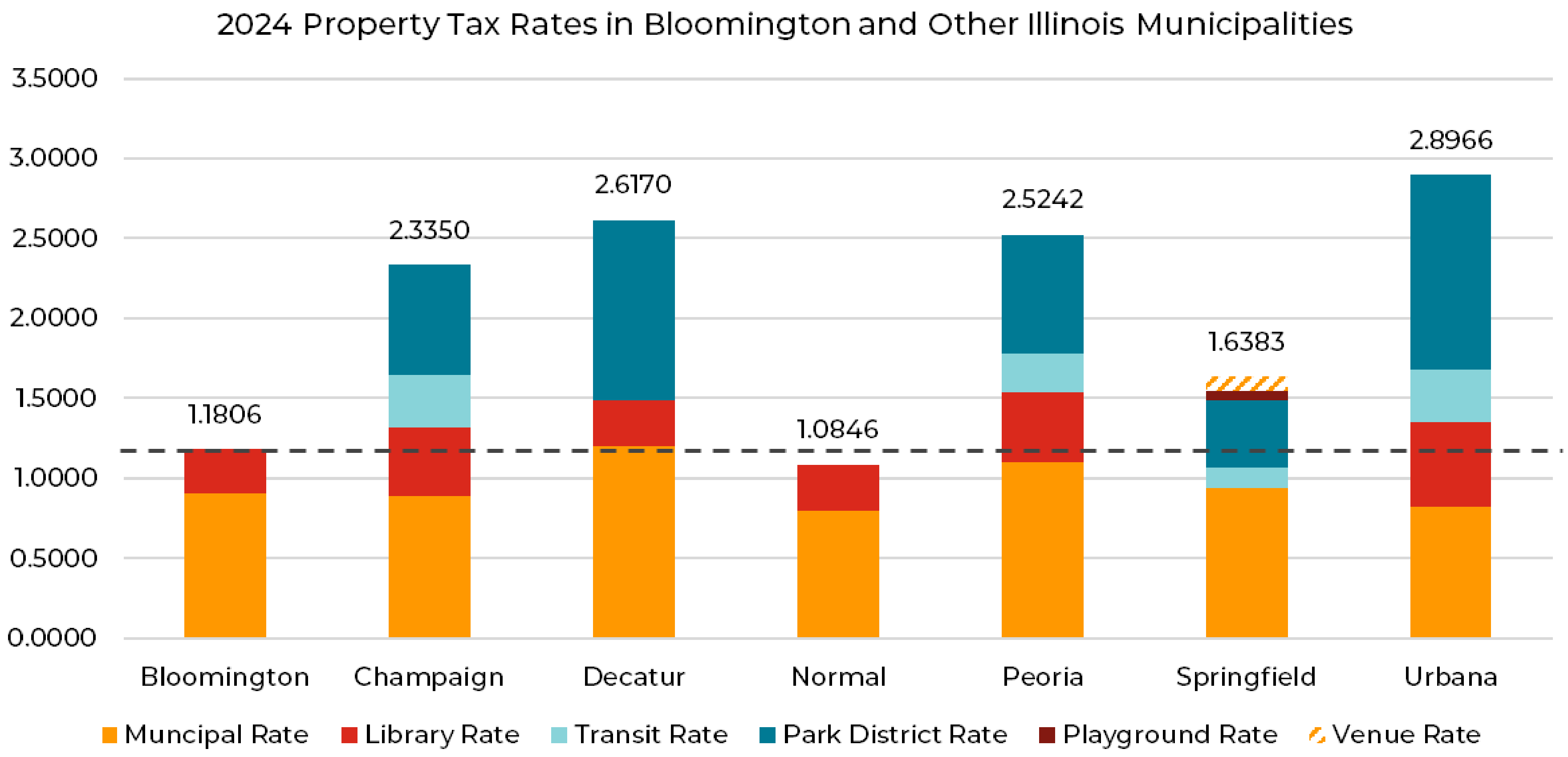
- Increased from $35,774 (2019) to $79,095 (2025): ↑ **121%**

Strong Stewardship: Low Rate, Solid Results

Municipality	2024 Municipal Rate	2024 Library Rate	2024 Transit Rate	2024 Park District Rate	2024 Venue Rate	2024 Total Rate
Bloomington	0.9041	0.2765	N/A	N/A	N/A	**1.1806**
Champaign[1,2]	0.8930	0.4222	0.3335	0.6863	N/A	**2.3350**
Decatur[1]	1.2033	0.2871	N/A	1.1266	N/A	**2.6170**
Normal	0.7952	0.2894	N/A	0.0000	N/A	**1.0846**
Peoria[1,3]	1.0981	0.4401	0.2449	0.7412	N/A	**2.5242**
Springfield[1,3,4]	0.9385	0.0000	0.1245	0.4791	0.0962	**1.6383**
Urbana[1]	0.8237	0.5262	0.3335	1.2132	N/A	**2.8966**

1: Champaign, Decatur, Peoria, Springfield, and Urbana have a separate park district that has their own property tax levy.
2: Champaign has two separate rates for their library.
3: Peoria and Springfield have a business district with an additional 1 percent sales tax rate.
4: Springfield has two separate rates for their park district.

Benchmarking: Where Bloomington Stands



Benchmarking: Park / Transit / Civic Districts

2024 Park District Levy Extensions

- Decatur: **$12.3M**
- Springfield: **$16M+**
- Peoria: **$18.5M**
- Champaign: **$17.6M**
- Urbana: **$10.1M**

2024 Transit District Levy Extensions

- Springfield: **$3.2M**
- Peoria: **$6.2M**
- Champaign-Urbana: **$12.4M**

2024 Expo Authority Levy Extensions

- Springfield: **$3.2M**

Option 1:
Fire/PD/Parks Option - $3M Increase

Levy Type	***2025 Proposed Tax Levy***	***2024 Tax Levy***	***2023 Tax Levy***	***2022 Tax Levy***	***2021 Tax Levy***	***2020 Tax Levy***
BONDS & INTEREST	$1,872,381	$1,872,381	$1,683,345	$969,879	$1,804,533	$2,153,070
FIRE PENSION	$4,896,000	$4,896,000	$4,896,000	$4,896,000	$4,196,000	$4,196,000
FIRE PROTECTION	$2,900,228	$1,900,228	$1,900,228	$1,900,228	$1,900,228	$1,900,228
GENERAL CORPORATE	$3,279,212	$3,279,212	$3,468,248	$4,181,714	$3,347,060	$2,723,523
IMRF	$1,555,626	$1,555,626	$1,855,626	$1,855,626	$1,855,626	$1,855,626
POLICE PENSION	$4,708,000	$4,708,000	$4,708,000	$4,708,000	$4,008,000	$4,008,000
POLICE PROTECTION	$2,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473
PUBLIC PARKS	$2,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454
SOCIAL SECURITY	$1,581,010	$1,581,010	$1,281,010	$1,281,010	$1,281,010	$1,281,010
TOTALS	**$25,320,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$20,920,384**	**$20,645,384**
Dollar Increase/(Decrease)	$3,000,000	$0	$0	$1,400,000	$275,000	$134,000
Percent Increase/(Decrease)	13.44%	0.00%	0.00%	6.69%	1.33%	0.65%
EAV	2,663,477,189	2,468,852,375	2,248,095,820	2,048,944,043	1,926,553,423	1,887,703,781
Estimated Tax Rate	**0.95065%**	**0.90408%**	**0.9929%**	**1.0894%**	**1.0859%**	**1.0937%**
Rate Change	0.0466%	-0.0888%	-0.0965%	0.0035%	-0.0078%	0.0036%

Levy Amount: $25.3M
Rate: .95%
Total Increase: 13.4%

Option 2:
Fire/PD/Parks/Pensions Option - $4M Increase

Levy Type	***2025 Proposed Tax Levy***	***2024 Tax Levy***	***2023 Tax Levy***	***2022 Tax Levy***	***2021 Tax Levy***	***2020 Tax Levy***
BONDS & INTEREST	$1,872,381	$1,872,381	$1,683,345	$969,879	$1,804,533	$2,153,070
FIRE PENSION	$5,396,000	$4,896,000	$4,896,000	$4,896,000	$4,196,000	$4,196,000
FIRE PROTECTION	$2,900,228	$1,900,228	$1,900,228	$1,900,228	$1,900,228	$1,900,228
GENERAL CORPORATE	$3,279,212	$3,279,212	$3,468,248	$4,181,714	$3,347,060	$2,723,523
IMRF	$1,555,626	$1,555,626	$1,855,626	$1,855,626	$1,855,626	$1,855,626
POLICE PENSION	$5,208,000	$4,708,000	$4,708,000	$4,708,000	$4,008,000	$4,008,000
POLICE PROTECTION	$2,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473
PUBLIC PARKS	$2,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454
SOCIAL SECURITY	$1,581,010	$1,581,010	$1,281,010	$1,281,010	$1,281,010	$1,281,010
TOTALS	**$26,320,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$20,920,384**	**$20,645,384**
Dollar Increase/(Decrease)	$4,000,000	$0	$0	$1,400,000	$275,000	$134,000
Percent Increase/(Decrease)	17.92%	0.00%	0.00%	6.69%	1.33%	0.65%
EAV	2,663,477,189	2,468,852,375	2,248,095,820	2,048,944,043	1,926,553,423	1,887,703,781
Estimated Tax Rate	**0.98820%**	**0.90408%**	**0.9929%**	**1.0894%**	**1.0859%**	**1.0937%**
Rate Change	0.0841%	-0.0888%	-0.0965%	0.0035%	-0.0078%	0.0036%

Levy Amount: $26.3M
Rate: .988%
Total Increase: 17.9%

Option 3:
Same Rate - $1.7M Increase

Levy Type	*2025 Proposed Tax Levy*	*2024 Tax Levy*	*2023 Tax Levy*	*2022 Tax Levy*	*2021 Tax Levy*	*2020 Tax Levy*
BONDS & INTEREST	$1,872,381	$1,872,381	$1,683,345	$969,879	$1,804,533	$2,153,070
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IMRF	$1,555,626	$1,555,626	$1,855,626	$1,855,626	$1,855,626	$1,855,626
POLICE PENSION	$6,470,000	$4,708,000	$4,708,000	$4,708,000	$4,008,000	$4,008,000
POLICE PROTECTION	$1,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473	$1,526,473
PUBLIC PARKS	$1,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454	$1,001,454
SOCIAL SECURITY	$1,581,010	$1,581,010	$1,281,010	$1,281,010	$1,281,010	$1,281,010
TOTALS	**$24,082,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$22,320,384**	**$20,920,384**	**$20,645,384**
Dollar Increase/(Decrease)	$1,762,000	$0	$0	$1,400,000	$275,000	$134,000
Percent Increase/(Decrease)	7.89%	0.00%	0.00%	6.69%	1.33%	0.65%
EAV	2,663,477,189	2,468,852,375	2,248,095,820	2,048,944,043	1,926,553,423	1,887,703,781
Estimated Tax Rate	**0.90417%**	**0.90408%**	**0.9929%**	**1.0894%**	**1.0859%**	**1.0937%**
Rate Change	0.0001%	-0.0888%	-0.0965%	0.0035%	-0.0078%	0.0036%

Levy Amount: $24.1M
Rate: .90%
Total Increase: 7.8%

Example of City's tax rate on a sample residence with a 7.8% fair market value increase.

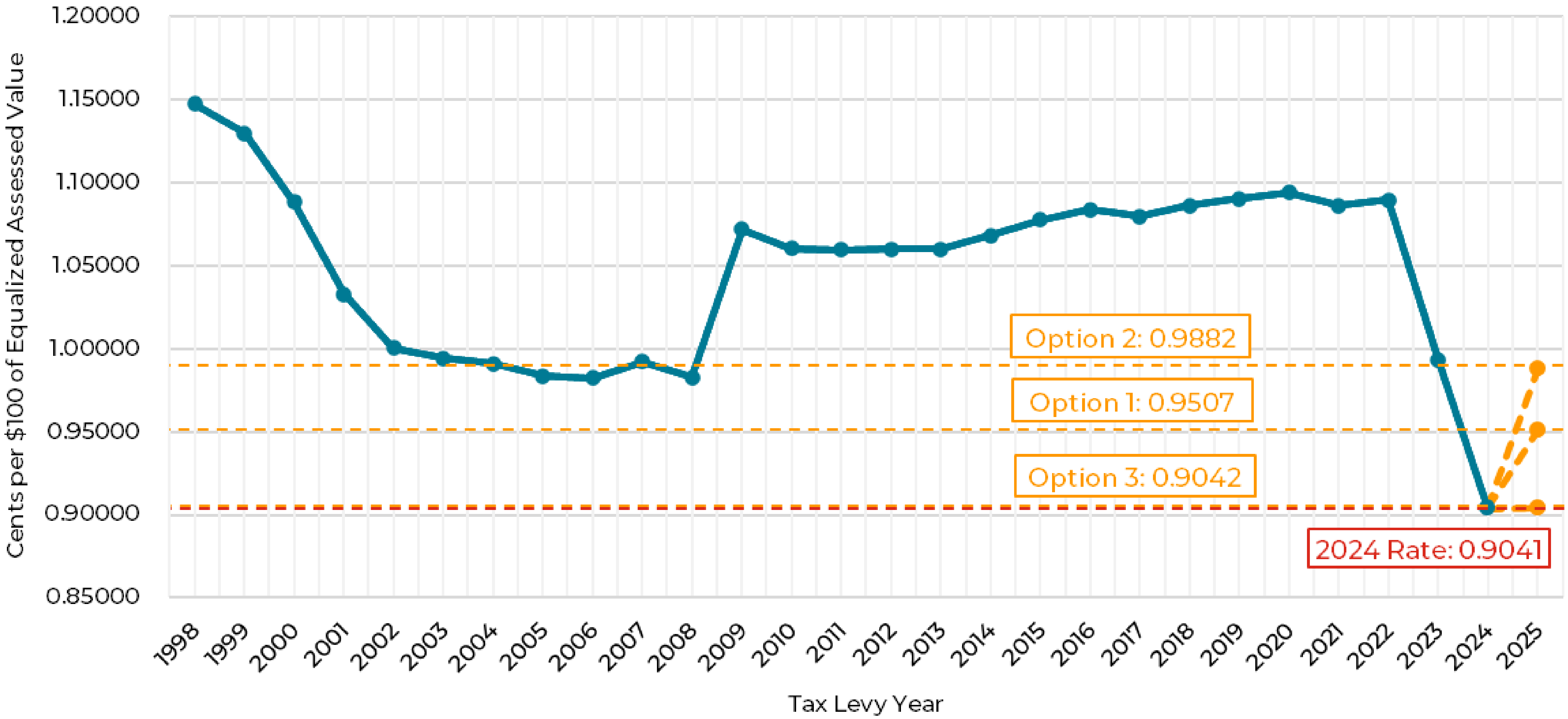
	City's Rate	Total Annual Cost	Monthly Cost	Monthly Increase
Option 1 ($3M)	0.95%	$682.73	$56.89	**+$6.66**
Option 2 ($4M)	0.98%	$704.29	$58.69	**+$8.46**
Option 3 ($1.7M)	0.90%	$646.80	$53.90	**+$3.67**

Continuous Improvement

Helping tax dollars go further through more efficient work.

- **Lean staffing through attrition** – since 2024, the General Fund has 12 fewer positions achieved through attrition. Department Heads are reviewing current staffing, to ensure we're right-sized and efficient.
    - Development Services cut over 5%
    - Engineering cut over 5%
    - Finance cut over 12%
    - HR cut nearly 7%
    - IT cut nearly 5%
    - Parks cut nearly 2%
- **Streamlining everyday processes** – departments have simplified key workflows such as plan review, FOIA and vendor payments to reduce delays and make services faster for residents and businesses. Efforts continue to educate employees on Continuous Improvement fundamentals and apply learnings to their daily work.
- **Boosting Arena performance** – operational improvements helped increase year-over-year concession revenue by 25% last month, reducing the subsidy required from the City.
- **Empowering Public Works** – we're finalizing a program that will allow staff to handle small-scale street paving and sidewalk repairs in-house, saving outsourced labor costs and improving turnaround time.

City Tax Rate History with Options



QUESTIONS & COMMENTS