



The City's budget intends to be a financial plan that prioritizes the high quality services residents have come to expect in a fiscally responsible manner.

The proposed property tax levy would result in 2017 City property taxes of approximately \$1,024 on a median value home.

Where Do Your Dollars Go?

Monthly costs for Levy-Supported City Services

Based on median valued home and 2017 proposed levy



\$10.25 – City Operations



\$1.00 – Community Development**



\$30.45 – Public Safety



\$7.43 – Public Works



\$11.53 – Parks and Recreation



\$1.79 – Facility Maintenance



\$22.88 – Insurance, Debt, Obligations*

*The City's debt supports assets such as the Aquatic Center, Riverfront Renaissance, Public Works Facility, Annual Street Infrastructure Program, Fire Trucks and other similar items.

**Additional funding for Community Development is provided by the HEDRA levy.



2017 City of Hastings Budget at a Glance

The 2017 proposed property tax levy is
\$12,960,920

The property tax levy is the primary funding source for services such as police protection, fire protection, and parks and recreation.

The City levy is increasing 3.6% for 2017. However, due to growth within the city, the proposed property tax rate is actually decreasing 1.13% from the previous year. For more information on how the property tax rate and levy impact your tax bill, watch the Special Delivery video at www.hastingsmn.gov/budget.

The City maintains two types of operational funds:

Enterprise Funds consist of utility operations – Water, Wastewater, Storm Water and The Hydroelectric Plant. The utility funds are funded almost exclusively by user-fees and are intended to be self-supporting. The revenue coming into the fund is used to pay for current operational costs and to save for future infrastructure repairs and improvements. The Hydroelectric Plant brings in sufficient cash flow to help subsidize the City's general fund operations.

Governmental Funds consist of the City's operational, project and debt service funds. In addition to property taxes, these dollars are funded by sources including investment interest, local government aid (LGA)*, grants, and user fees such as park programming fees, building permits, and licenses.

*Local government aid, or LGA, is a one time funding source awarded to cities by the State of MN each year. The amount varies from year to year and therefore, the City has made it a priority not to spend LGA on ongoing expenses. To find out where our LGA funds are being used in 2017, go to www.hastingsmn.gov/budget.

New in 2017

- Playground equipment at Lions and Wilson parks
- Two new squad cars for the HPD
- Continued funding for community programming at the Rotary Pavilion and elsewhere
- New medical and fire rescue tools
- New equipment to increase capacity and speed of service at aquatic center concession stand
- Continuation of the sanitary sewer lining program to help maintain sewer lines



Did You Know?

The City maintains a five year Capital Improvement Plan to plan for large upcoming purchases such as fire trucks, snowplows, and playground equipment. The 2017 budget sets aside approximately \$206,000 to save for future planned purchases.

The City strives to develop spending priorities in-line with its CORE Values.

We value and promote participation and interactions with citizens and staff. We will seek to assure timely and open communications while providing background and context for the decisions that are made. We will seek to serve the public and other employees in a constructive, creative and practical manner. And we recognize the value of using all City resources in an efficient and effective manner.

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2017 City of Hastings By the Numbers

Budget Process

6 open meetings:

- 4 Finance Committee
- 1 City Council workshop
- 1 City Council hearing

40 weeks allocated to budget process

Public Safety

28 full time police officers

15 full time firefighter/paramedics

39 paid on call firefighter/EMT

5 fire trucks

3 ambulances

12 marked squad cars

22 body worn cameras for HPD

Parks and Recreation

420 acres of parks

30 miles of trails

22 playgrounds

1 dog park

1 Hastings RiverWalk & performance space

2 staff members plan community recreation and sporting opportunities

Public Works

105 miles of streets

1,334 fire hydrants

2,465,000 gallons of water used daily by City residents and business

\$450,000 anticipated surplus cash flow from the Hydro Power Facility in 2017