



The City's budget intends to be a financial plan that prioritizes high quality services in a fiscally responsible manner. The process to develop the budget is a collaborative effort of the city budget team, the finance committee of the council, and the management team. Careful planning and preparation ensure our CORE Values guide the way.

## Where Do Your Dollars Go?

The proposed 2021 property tax levy would result in 2021 City property taxes of approximately \$1,307 on a median value home.

### Monthly costs for Levy-Supported City Services



**\$13.70** – City Operations



**\$1.26** – Community Development\*\*



**\$39.50** – Public Safety



**\$11.71** – Public Works



**\$11.77** – Parks and Recreation



**\$4.24** – Facility Maintenance



**\$26.73** – Insurance, Debt, Obligations\*

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

\*\*Additional funding for Community Development is provided by the HEDRA levy, which is \$391,974 of the total levy amount.



# City of Hastings 2021 Budget at a Glance

The 2021 proposed property tax levy is  
**\$15,312,300**

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

Due to growth within the City, the amount of the levy will increase by 3.54% in 2021, while the property tax rate will remain the same as in 2020.

### 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 (LGA), is general purpose state aid that the City uses to fund necessary capital and initiative expenses. Due to financial uncertainty within the state of Minnesota, caused in large part by the pandemic, the City will review and undertake priority CIP/CEP projects as revenues such as LGA become available.

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## What's New in 2021?

- Phase 1 of Upgrading Police and Fire Emergency Response Radios
- New Fire Truck
- Two New Squad Cars for the Police Department
- Neighborhood Improvement Project – 15th Street
- Trunk Highway 316 access and capacity improvements\*
- City Hall Dome repair and restoration\*

\* to be partially funded from State bonds.

## 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.

## Priorities Support CORE Values

The City strives to develop a budget that is in line with our CORE Values of clear communication, optimal service to the public, respecting the value of city resources, and enthusiastic commitment to supporting our citizens and businesses.

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Visit [www.hastingsmn.gov/budget](http://www.hastingsmn.gov/budget) to review the full presentation from the Truth in Taxation hearing, learn about how we use LGA funds awarded by the state, and watch a short video that explains how the property tax rate and levy impact your tax bill.

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# 2021 City of Hastings By the Numbers

## Budget Process

- 5 Open Meetings
- 1 Finance Committee Meeting
- 3 City Council Workshops
- 1 City Council Hearing
- 40 Weeks allocated to budget process

## Public Safety

- 30 Full-time Police Officers
- 15 Full-time Firefighter/Paramedics
- 28 Paid-on-call Firefighter/Paramedics
- 8 Fire Trucks
- 3 Ambulances
- 13 Marked Squad Cars
- 22 Body Worn Cameras for Hastings Police

## Parks and Recreation

- 420 Acres of Parks
- 30 Miles of Trails
- 22 Playgrounds
- 1 Dog Park
- 1 Rotary Pavilion and Performance Space
- 2 Staff Members Plan Recreation Opportunities

## Public Works

- 105 Miles of Streets Maintained
- 1,334 Fire Hydrants Maintained
- 2,416,000 Gallons of Water Used Daily Within Hastings
- 87 Miles of Water Mains Maintained
- 80 Miles of Sanitary Sewer Maintained