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Waukeee City Council Approves FY 2025 Budget

Waukeee to reduce the City's property tax levy

Waukeee, Iowa— On April 15, 2024, the Waukeee City Council approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget as well as the five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Reducing the tax levy

The City will lower its property tax rate from \$13.05 to \$12.95 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. The City's portion accounts for approximately 37 percent of Waukeee property owners' consolidated levy rate. The remaining 63 percent goes to the Waukeee Community School District, Dallas County and other agencies.

"We are pleased to reduce the tax rate for the fifth time in six years," said Waukeee Mayor Courtney Clarke. "With people continuing to move to Waukeee and invest in business here, we are able to decrease the tax rate without cutting high-quality services and amenities our residents want."

Budget breakout & capital projects

The \$148.1 million budget includes basic operating expenditures of \$23.9 million, business/proprietary expenses of \$34.7 million, debt service expenditures of \$13.6 million and capital improvement expenditures of \$69.7 million.

Highlights of the CIP include new neighborhood parks in Spring Crest and Painted Woods, updates to the Centennial Park playground, phase 1 of the extension project for University Avenue, construction of the new West Area Trunk sewer, a new Public Safety facility, improvements to T Ave, the Prairie Rose Greenway Trail, new water tower, Central Iowa Water Works (CIWW) capacity expansion at Saylorville, purchase of a new fire engine and an asphalt overlay on the Sugar Creek Municipal Golf Course parking lot.

The City of Waukeee currently has about 160 full-time staff positions. The FY 2025 staffing plan includes the addition of new full-time positions: two police sergeants, three fire lieutenants and five firefighters, traffic signal technician, traffic engineer and IT technician.

The City Council also approved utility rate adjustments for stormwater and solid waste. The changes will net a 2.1 percent monthly billing increase for the average Waukee household. This minimal increase will help keep up with increased operation and system costs.

Additional resources and references:

- [Waukee.org/Tax](https://www.waukee.org/Tax) outlines how the City spends its portion of property tax revenues on the services we all depend on. Learn how different factors impact the amount of property tax you pay in the recorded Property Tax 101 session.
- In her annual State of the City address on February 29, Mayor Clarke covered highlights of 2023 and projects in progress for 2024. Watch the video at [Waukee.org/StateoftheCity](https://www.waukee.org/StateoftheCity).

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The City of Waukee is recognized as the fastest growing (large) city in Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S. Waukee is home to 29,167 residents and offers a welcoming atmosphere, high quality schools, excellent municipal services and robust public amenities. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of the mixed-use development, [Kettlestone](https://www.waukee.org/Kettlestone). For more information, visit [Waukee.org](https://www.waukee.org).