

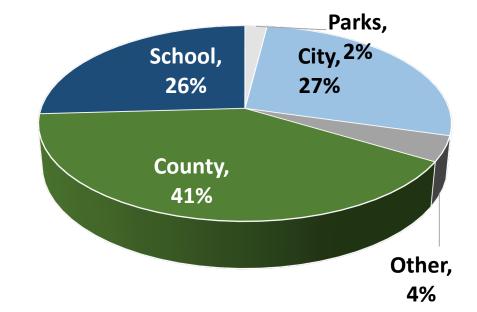


Budget 101

- City Council
 - Budget Timeline
 - Approval Authority
- Role of the City vs County
 - Function
 - Understanding the Levy & Taxation Cycle
- City Budget
 - Explaining City Funds
 - Budget Appropriation
 - Priority Based Budgeting
 - Household Budget Example
 - General Fund Breakdown
- Other Funds
- Capital Update

City Council's Role in the Budget

- Approve Max Levy (by Sept 30)
- Approve HRA Levy Final Action (by Sept 30)
- Approve DTA Levy Resolution by Sept 30
- Approve Parks Levy Resolution by Sept 30
- Approve Final Levy (Dec)
- Approve Appropriations (Dec)
- Approve Final DTA Levy (Dec)
- Approve Final Parks Levy (Dec)



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City Council Levy Authorizations

Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA)

Levy Certified by resolution September 30 – Unlike other City property tax levies which require an ordinance, this resolution completes the process to certify the final 2025 property tax levy for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Duluth Transit Authority (DTA)

Max levy certified by resolution by September 30, and ordinance certified by December 31

Parks Referendum Levy

Voter approved levy, in order to change, has to be voter approved. The voter approved amount needs to be certified by resolution by September 30, and ordinance certified by December 31

Proposed Property Taxes and Meetings by Jurisdiction for Your Property ct Information Meeting Information Actual 2022 Proposed 20

| Contact Information | Meeting Information | Actual 2022 | Proposed 2023 |
|---|---|------------------|---------------|
| State General Tax | No public meeting | .00 | .00 |
| ST LOUIS COUNTY - No Council Acti St. Louis County Admin 100 N 5th Ave W, Room 202 Duluth, MN 55802 218-726-2383 EXT 2 www.stlouiscountymn.gov | on 11/21/2022 7:00 PM City of Virginia Courthouse 11/28/2022 7:00 PM St. Louis County Courthouse - Du | 1,315.31 luth | 1,187.58 |
| CITY OF DULUTH - Requires Council A | Action & Includes Parks Referendum L | evy 924,10 | 866,15 |
| Resolution for Max Levy by September 30 Ordinance by December 31 | | | |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT: 709 - No Coun | cil Action | | |
| Voter Approved Levies - School | | 139.45 | 117.70 |
| Other Levies - School | | 738.63 | 656.33 |
| ISD 709 Business Services 4316 Rice Lake RD STE 108 Duluth, MN 55811 (218)336-8704 www.isd709.org | 12/20/2022 6:00 PM East HS Media Center 301 N 40th Ave E Duluth, MN 55804 | | |
| Special Taxing District(s): | | 115.51 | 150.24 |
| Duluth Transit Authority - Requires Cour Housing and Redevelopment Authority - 1 Arrowhead Regional Development Comm St Louis County & Lake Regional Railro Seaway Port Authority - No Council Action | Requires Council Action, Resolution for I nission - No Council Action ad - No Council Action | | er 31 |
| Tax Increment Tax | | , 00 | .00 |
| Fiscal Disparity Tax | | .00 | .00 |
| - see www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/fi | aldis.pdf for information on fiscal dispar | ty tax | |
| Total excluding any special assessmen | ts | 3,233.00 | 2,978.00 |
| MTTNTLTD | | | |

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Other Items on Duluth property tax statement that do not require Council action.

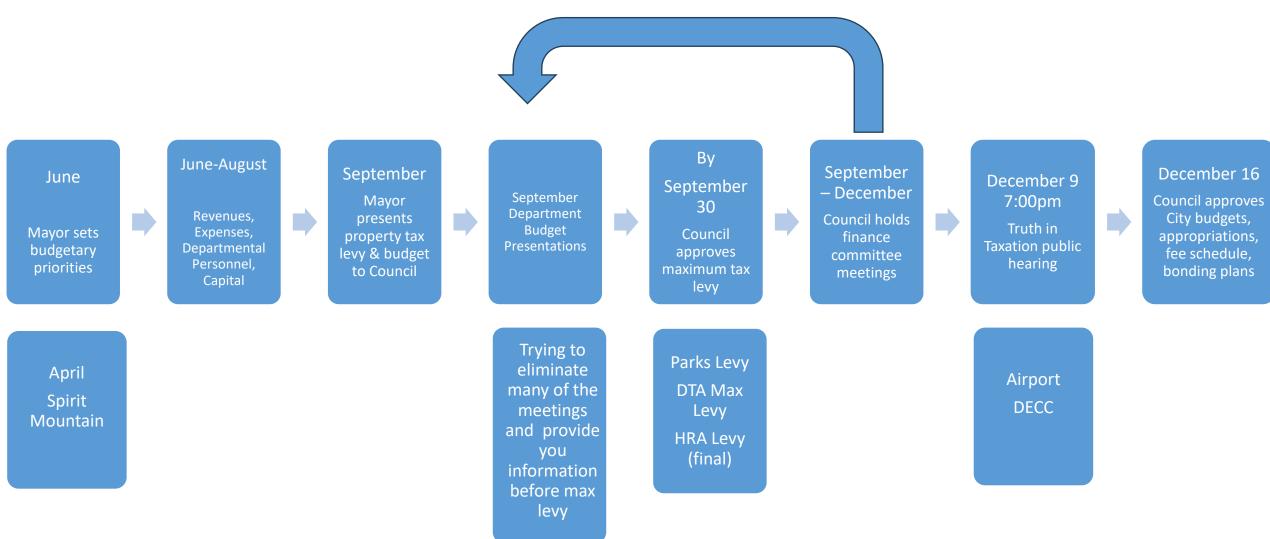
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC)

St. Louis County & Lake Regional Railroad

Seaway Port Authority

- St Louis County
- School District

Operating Budget Timeline



County and City Roles

- Counties are responsible for:
 - Property tax assessment,
 - Health and Human services
 - Tax administration,
 - Elections,
 - Record keeping,
 - Transportation,
 - Planning and zoning,
 - Solid waste management,
 - Environment,
 - Parks and water management,
 - Law enforcement,
 - Courts,
 - Property

- Cities are responsible for:
 - Police and fire protection,
 - Street maintenance,
 - Sewer and water, and
 - Parks and recreation are traditional city services.
- Cities may choose to provide:
 - Utilities,
 - Sell liquor,
 - Operate a hospital,
 - Maintain an airport, and
 - Provide ambulance service, among other options.

https://www.sos.state.mn.us/about-minnesota/minnesota-government/county-local-government/

City of Duluth Levy

St Louis County Levy

2024 Approved Property Tax Levy

| 2025 Pr | oposed Propert | y Tax Levy | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------|
| | 2024 Approved | 2025 Proposed Levy | Change In Levy | | |
| | Levy | | | | General Ope |
| General Operations Levy | | | | | Depot |
| General Operations | \$ 29,305,129 | \$ 25,547,272 | \$ (3,757,857) | | Economic De |
| Provision for Tax Delinquency | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | \$- | | County Exter |
| Total General Operations Levy | \$ 29,455,129 | \$ 25,697,272 | \$ (3,757,857) | | Road and Brid |
| Supplemental Parks Levy | \$ 280,000 | \$ 280,000 | \$ - | | Human Servi |
| Capital Projects Levy | | \$ 4,547,400 | \$ 4,547,400 | | Capital Proje |
| Debt Service | \$ 7,564,200 | \$ 7,564,200 | \$ - | | Capital Proje |
| | | | | | Capital Proje |
| Infrastructure Permanent Improvements | \$ 280,000 | \$ 280,000 | \$- | | Arrowhead R |
| Total Capital Projects Levy | \$ 7,844,200 | \$ 7,844,200 | \$- | | Debt Service |
| Street Light Levy | \$ 2,547,200 | \$ 2,547,200 | \$- | | |
| Street Maintenance Levy | \$ 2,300,000 | \$ 2,300,000 | \$- | | Total Co |
| Duluth Housing Trust Fund Levy | \$ 182,500 | Ś 182,500 | \$- | | |
| Total City Property Tax Levy | \$ 42,609,029 | \$ 43,398,572 | \$ 789,543 | | General |
| | | | | | Depot |
| General Operations Levy Increase | | | \$ (3,757,857) | -8.82% | Econom |
| Capital Projects Levy | | | \$ 4,547.400 | 10.67% | County I |
| 2025 City Tax Levy Increase | | | \$ 789,543 | 1.85% | Road and |

| New Construction Growth | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Net Property Tax Impact After G | rowt |

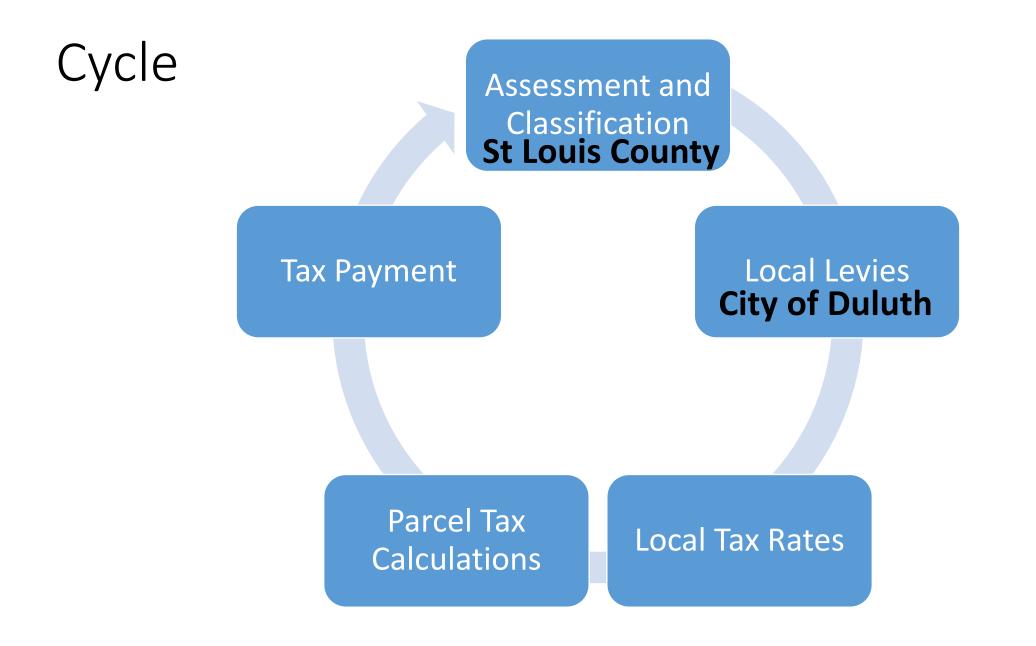
| 1% for the County = \$1,681,537 |
|---------------------------------|
| 1% for the City = \$426,091 |

| | | | • | • | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------|-------------|--|
| | 2023 Approved | | 2024 Approved | | Change In Levy | | |
| | | Levy | | Levy | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| rations | \$ | 71,262,802 | \$ | 69,012,017 | \$ | (2,250,785) | |
| | \$ | 332,729 | \$ | 848,460 | \$ | 515,731 | |
| velopment | \$ | 723,770 | \$ | 2,063,770 | \$ | 1,340,000 | |
| nsion | \$ | 1,279,271 | \$ | 1,371,263 | \$ | 91,992 | |
| dge Fund | \$ | 22,301,074 | \$ | 24,244,341 | \$ | 1,943,267 | |
| ces | \$ | 52,355,952 | \$ | 54,552,877 | \$ | 2,196,925 | |
| cts - County Facilities | \$ | 943,804 | \$ | 1,293,787 | \$ | 349,983 | |
| cts - Road and Bridge | \$ | 563,927 | \$ | 863,927 | \$ | 300,000 | |
| cts - Road and Bridge Ec | 1 | 6226408 | \$ | 6,525,940 | \$ | 299,532 | |
| Regional Library | \$ | 720,489 | \$ | 720,489 | \$ | - | |
| | \$ | 6,656,503 | \$ | 6,656,503 | \$ | - | |
| | | | | | | | |

Total County Property Tax Levy \$

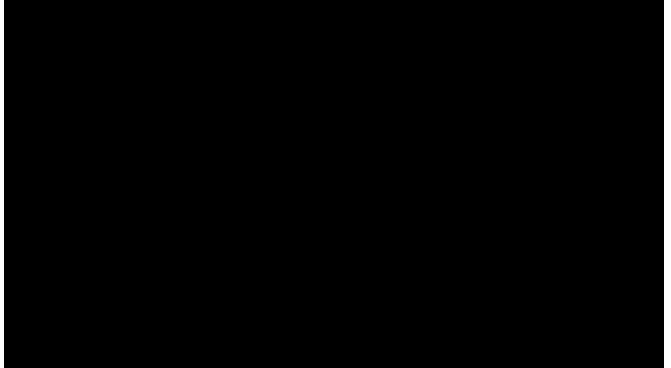
| General Operations |
|----------------------|
| Depot |
| Economic Development |
| County Extension |
| Road and Bridge Fund |

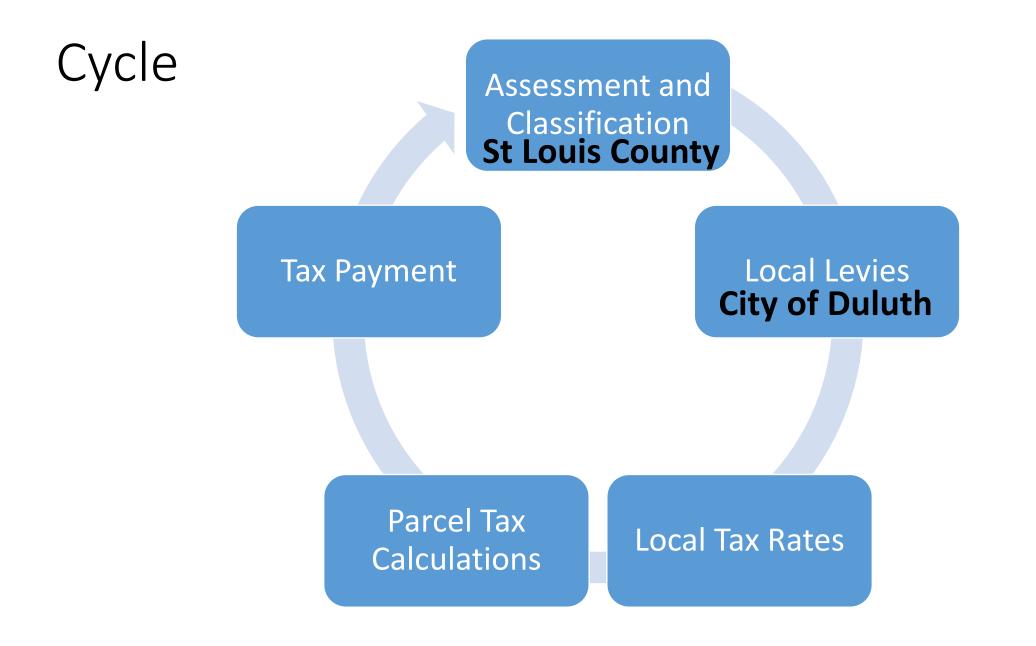
| 163,366,729 \$ | 168,153,374 | \$ 4,786,645 | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|--------|
| | | \$ (2,250,785) | -1.38% |
| | | • • • • | |
| | | \$ 515,731 | 0.32% |
| | | \$ 1,340,000 | 0.82% |
| | | \$ 91,992 | 0.06% |
| | | \$ 1,943,267 | 1.19% |
| | | \$ 2,196,925 | 1.34% |
| · ~ 7 | | \$ 349,983 | 0.21% |
| 537 | | \$ 300,000 | 0.18% |
| | | \$ 299,532 | 0.18% |
| | | \$ - | 0.00% |
| | | \$ | 0.00% |
| • | | \$ 4,786,645 | 2.93% |
| | | | |



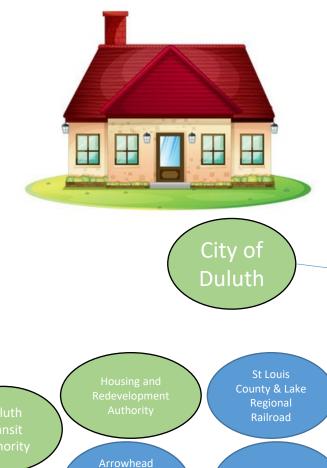
Assessment and Classification

- St Louis County Assessor's Role
- Assessors Fairly determine property values
- Assessment/Class Rate x Value (less exclusions) x Tax Rate = Property Taxes





Local Levies



Regional Development

Commission

ST LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER NANCY NILSEN 100 N 5TH AVE W ROOM 214 DULUTH MN 55802 www.stlouiscountymn.gov

Taxpayer # XXXXXX

CURRENT RESIDENT ADDRESS LINE 1 ADDRESS LINE 2 ADDRESS LINE 3

Property Information

Parcel ID / #: XXX-XXXX-XXXXX

Property Description: LEGAL DESCRIPTION 1

Contact Information

ST LOUIS COUNTY

CITY OF DULUTH

(218) 730-5195

Other Levies

Seaway Port

SCHOOL DISTRICT: 709 Voter Approved Levies

Duluth, MN 55811

(218) 336-8704

Tax Increment Tax

Fiscal Disparity Tax

Total excluding any special assessments

www.isd709.org Special Taxing District(s) Total:

Duluth, MN 55802

218-726-2383 EXT 2

State General Tax

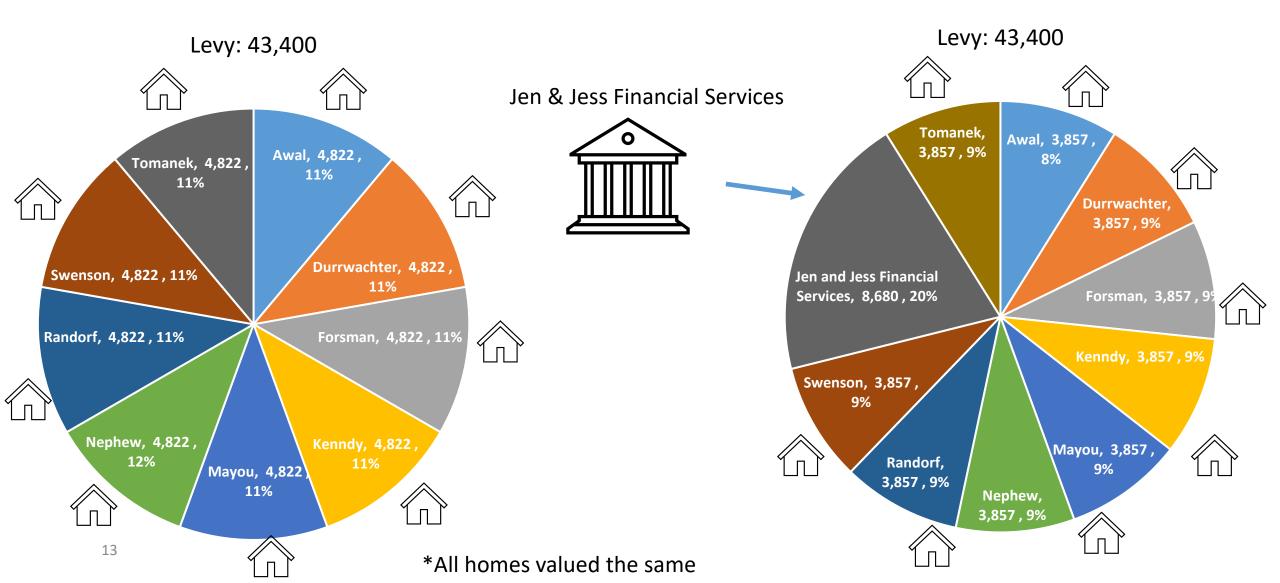
PROPOSED TAXES 2024 THIS IS NOT A BILL. DO NOT PAY. VALUES AND CLASSIFICATION Step 2023 2024 Taxes Payable Year 270,100 Estimated Market Value 270,100 1 Homestead Exclusion 12,931 12,931 Other Exclusions 0 Taxable Market Value 257,169 257,169 Class: RES HMSTD RES HMSTD PROPOSED TAX Step Property Taxes before credits 3,946.00 .00 .00 School building bond credit 2 Agriculture market value credit .00 Other credits Property Taxes after credits 3,946.00 Step PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT 3 Coming in 2024 The time to provide feedback on PROPOSED LEVIES is NOW It is too late to appeal your value without going to Tax Court. Property: XXX ST\DULUTH MN Proposed Property Taxes and Meetings by Jurisdiction for Your Property St Louis Meeting Information Actual 2023 Proposed 2024 No public meeting .00 .00 1,453.58 1,567.83 St. Louis County Admin 100 N 5th Ave W, Room 202 11/20/2023 7:00 PM City of Virginia Courthouse 11/27/2023 7:00 PM St. Louis County Courthouse - Duluth www.stlouiscountymn.gov 1,056.72 1,130.40 Duluth Budget Office 411 W 1st ST RM 120 Duluth, MN 55802 12/11/2023 7:00 PM City Hall 411 W 1st St Duluth, MN 55802 https://duluthmn.gov/live-meeting 149.28 144.07 < 858.71 785.43 District Duluth Public Schools 12/19/2023 6:00 PM 709 Portia Johnson Drive District Service Ctr 709 Portia-Johnson Duluth, MN 55804 154.78 150.20 .00 .00 .00 .00

3,590.00

3,861.00

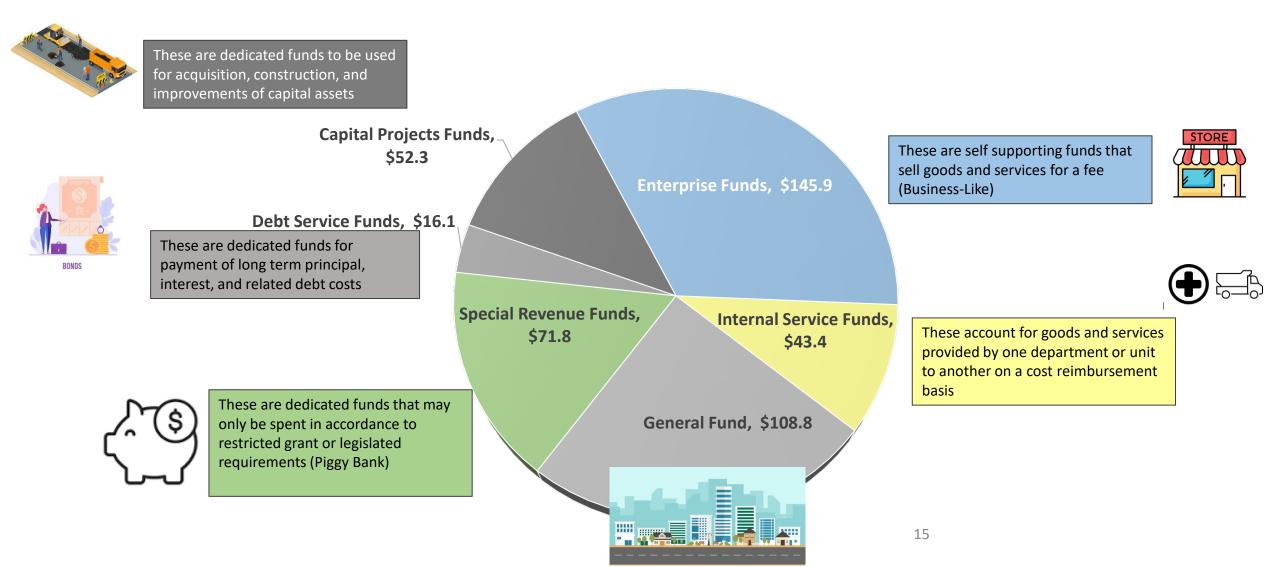
County School

Commercial Tax Base Example



Budget

2025 Total City Budget \$438.26 Million



General Fund

City services not accounted for in other funds



Example of Final Appropriation Ordinance

| General Fun 110 121 122 125 132 150 160 500 700 | d Legislative and Executive Property, Parks, and Libraries Administrative Services Finance Planning and Economic Development Fire Police Public Works <u>Transfers and Other Functions</u> Total General Fund | 4,352,100 15,525,200 6,712,200 3,230,100 4,363,200 22,081,000 27,421,300 11,806,400 <u>24,612,400</u> 120,103,900 |
|--|---|--|
| Special Rev 205 268 & 270 290 550 | Parks Fund | 3,875,900 3,973,319 2,340,100 3,376,900 |
| Public Enter 503 505 506 | prise Golf Fund Parking Fund Priley Drive Parking Facility | 7,826,579 6,464,200 1,486,700 |
| Public Utilitie 510 & 511 520 530 & 532 535 | Water Fund Gas Fund | 34,454,500 53,381,200 24,144,100 8,966,600 |

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540

Steam Fund

General Fund Departments

| Legislative & Executive | Property, Parks, Libraries | Administrative Services | Finance | Planning & Economic Development | Fire | Police | Public Works & Utilities | Transfers & Other Functions |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| City Council Mayor's Office CAO Attorney Human Rights | Park Maint Library Facilities | City Clerk HR IT | Budget Auditor Purchasing | Planning Const. Services & Inspection Business Development | Administration Fire Ops Life Safety | Admini- stration Investig- ation Patrol | PW&U Director's Office Engineering & Bridges Street Maint | Citywide Expenses Civic Affairs Retiree Insurance Self Insurance |

2024 vs 2025 By Department

| Department Description | 2024 Adopted | 2025 Proposed | Difference |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Administrative Services | 6,712,200 | 7,265,400 | 553,200 |
| Finance | 3,230,100 | 3,154,800 | (75,300) |
| Fire | 22,081,000 | 23,242,100 | 1,161,100 |
| Legislative and Executive | 4,352,100 | 4,688,000 | 335,900 |
| Planning & Construction Services | 4,363,200 | 4,124,800 | (238,400) |
| Police | 27,421,300 | 29,258,000 | 1,836,700 |
| Property, Parks & Libraries | 15,525,200 | 16,100,100 | 574,900 |
| Public Works and Utilities | 11,806,400 | 11,729,400 | (77,000) |
| Transfers and Other Functions | 24,612,400 | 9,248,800 | (15,363,600) |
| Grand Total | 120,103,900 | 108,811,400 | (11,292,500) |

How do we explain Priority Based Budgeting?



2025 Approved Budget Requests

| Programs | Description | | Amount |
|---|--|----------|-------------------|
| Criminal Prosecution | Prosecutor | \$ | 137,000 |
| Real Estate Transactional Programs | Civil Attorney | \$ | 168,000 |
| Real Estate Transactional Programs | Convert Part-Time position | \$ | (34,500) |
| City Council Operations | Legislative Software Increase - Granicus | \$ | 12,000 |
| Facilities Maintenance Inflationary increases | Several years of no growth in supplies | | |
| | & professional services | \$ | 103,600 |
| Parks Maintenance Inflationary Increases | Several years of no growth in supplies, | | |
| Taks Wantenance Innationaly increases | tree care & professional services | \$ | 208,800 |
| Utilities & Energy Program | MN Power + Energy Savings Transfer | \$ | 38,000 |
| Library Safety & Security | 2nd Library Safety Specialist | \$ | 72,600 |
| Reduction to Circulation Services | Repurpose .5 FTE to Senior Library Safety | | (42,300) |
| Citywide Software Licensing Maintenance | | ć | |
| Employee Recruiting/Hiring | Increases to current liceneses/contracts NEOGOV/Background Checks | \$ \$ | 226,000 17,500 |
| Election Costs | Every other year cost | ې \$ | 30.000 |
| Fire Code Enforcement & Rental License Program | Fire Inspector | \$ | 150,300 |
| Facility Operations inflationary costs | Janitorial Supplies | \$ | 5,000 |
| Patrol response and Operations | Uniforms | \$ | 37,900 |
| | MNDoT Training on State Aid projects, | | , |
| Efficiencies in project planning & management, snow and ice control | inflationary increases for software and | | |
| and pothole patching | supplies, drone training and software | | |
| | for bridge inspections | \$ | 32,100 |
| | | | |
| Total | | \$ | 1,162,000 |

DFD Overtime (\$1M+ five-years rolling avg)

- 1yr pilot program
- Hire substitute Firefighters to reduce overtime costs and staff burnout
- Transition to new staffing model
- If successful, additional Fire FTEs in the levy or through staff realignment

Budget Example

Household Compared to City

Household Example

| Monthly Income | 5,295 |
|----------------|-------|
| | |
| Rent | 1,300 |
| Car Payment | 300 |
| Insurance | 75 |
| Groceries | 500 |
| Childcare | 1,800 |
| All Other | 1,320 |
| | |
| Balance | 0 |

City Example

| Revenues (LGA, Property Tax, Sales Tax etc) | 120,103,900 |
|---|-------------|
| | |
| Legislative and Executive | 4,352,100 |
| PPL | 15,525,200 |
| Admin | 6,712,200 |
| Finance | 3,230,100 |
| Planning | 4,363,200 |
| Fire | 22,081,000 |
| Police | 27,421,300 |
| Public Works | 11,806,400 |
| Transfers | 24,612,400 |

Household Compared to City

Household Example

| Monthly Income | 5,295 | | 5,295 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | | |
| Rent | 1,300 | | 1,300 |
| Car Payment | 300 | | 300 |
| Insurance | 75 | | 75 |
| Groceries | 500 | (230) | 270 |
| Childcare | 1,800 | | 1,800 |
| All Other | 1,320 | (1,320) | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Broken Arm | 500 | | 500 |
| Hockey Fees | 350 | | 350 |
| Gas Prices increase | 50 | | 50 |
| Furnace Breaks down | 650 | | 650 |
| Balance | (1,550) | | 0 |

City Example

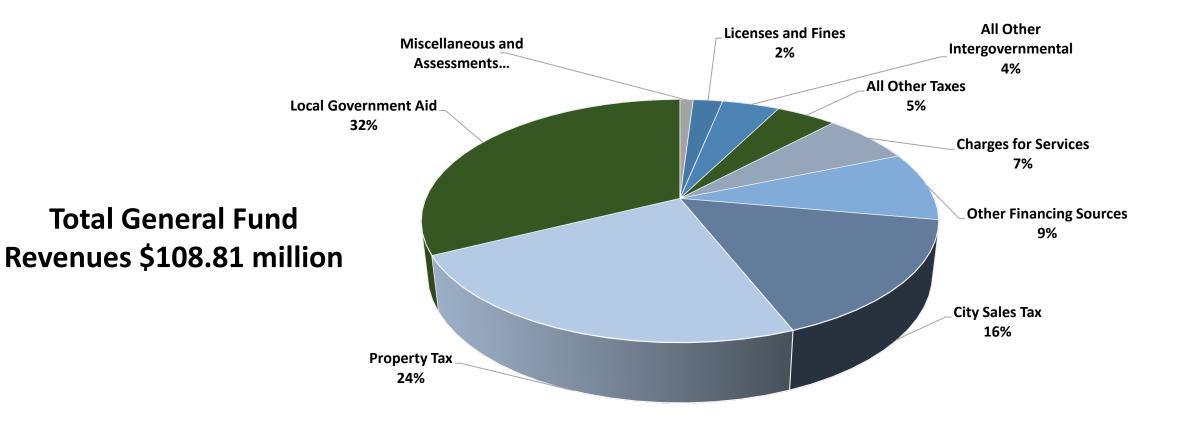
| Revenues (LGA, Property Tax, Sales Tax etc) | 120,103,900 | | 120,103,900 |
|---|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Legislative and Executive | 4,352,100 | (20,000) | 4,332,100 |
| PPL | 15,525,200 | (195,000) | 15,330,200 |
| Admin | 6,712,200 | (| 6,712,200 |
| Finance | 3,230,100 | | 3,230,100 |
| Planning | 4,363,200 | | 4,363,200 |
| Fire | 22,081,000 | | 22,081,000 |
| Police | 27,421,300 | (800,000) | 26,621,300 |
| Public Works | 11,806,400 | | 11,806,400 |
| Transfers | 24,612,400 | | 24,612,400 |
| | | | |
| Engine Down | 800,000 | | 800,000 |
| New Program/Initiative | 75,000 | | 75,000 |
| Gas Prices Increase | 120,000 | | 120,000 |
| Large Fire - Requires OT | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| Balance | (1,015,000) | | - |

Household Compared to City

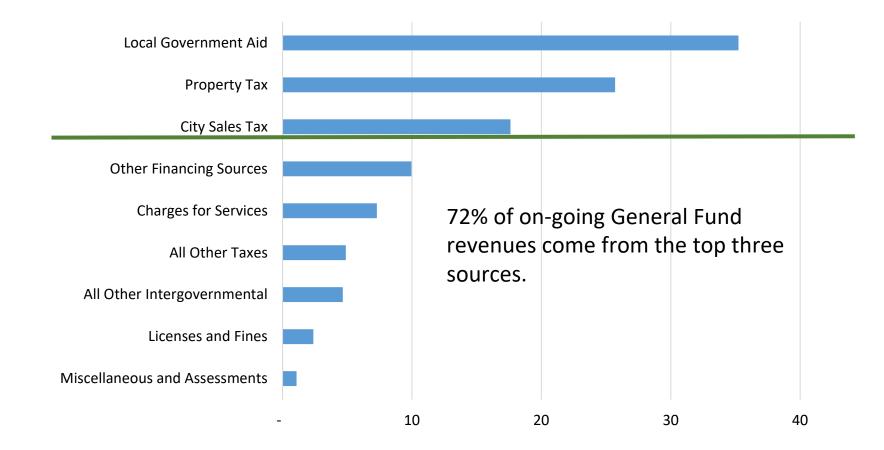
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| PPL | 15,525,200 | (195,000) | 15,330,200 |
| Admin | 6,712,200 | | 6,712,200 |
| Finance | 3,230,100 | (20,000) | 3,210,100 |
| Planning | 4,363,200 | | 4,363,200 |
| Fire | 22,081,000 | | 22,081,000 |
| Police | 27,421,300 | (800,000) | 26,621,300 |
| Public Works | 11,806,400 | | 11,806,400 |
| Transfers | 24,612,400 | | 24,612,400 |
| | | | |
| Engine Down | 800,000 | | 800,000 |
| New Program/Initiative | 75,000 | | 75,000 |
| Gas Prices Increase | 120,000 | | 120,000 |
| Large Fire - Requires OT | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| Balance | (1,015,000) | | - |

- \$195,000
 - Reduce Library Materials
- \$20,000
 - Reduce training for Attorneys and training for Council
- \$800,000
 - Reduce FTEs/OverTime

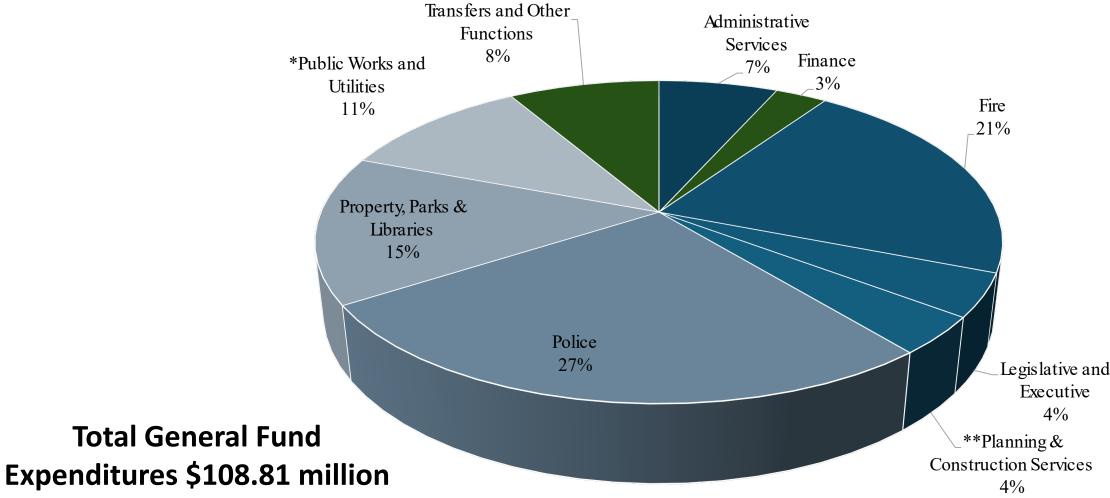
2024 Proposed General Fund Revenues



2025 General Fund Revenues by Source

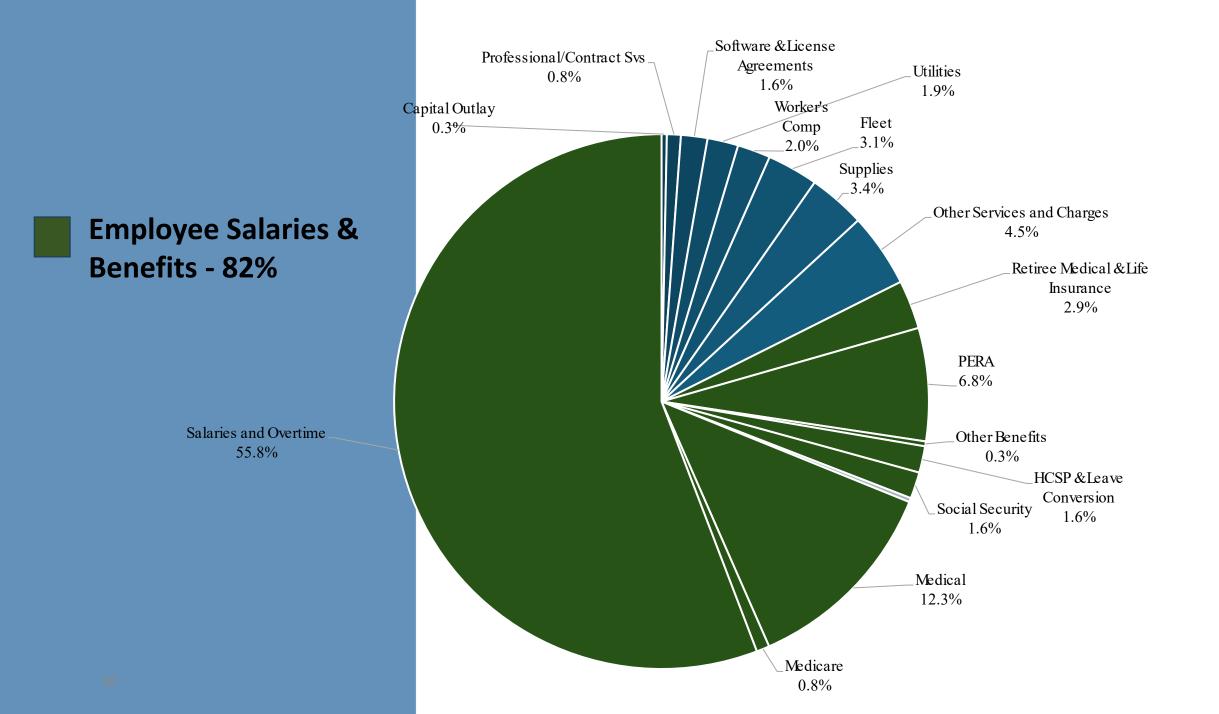


2025 Proposed General Fund Expenditures

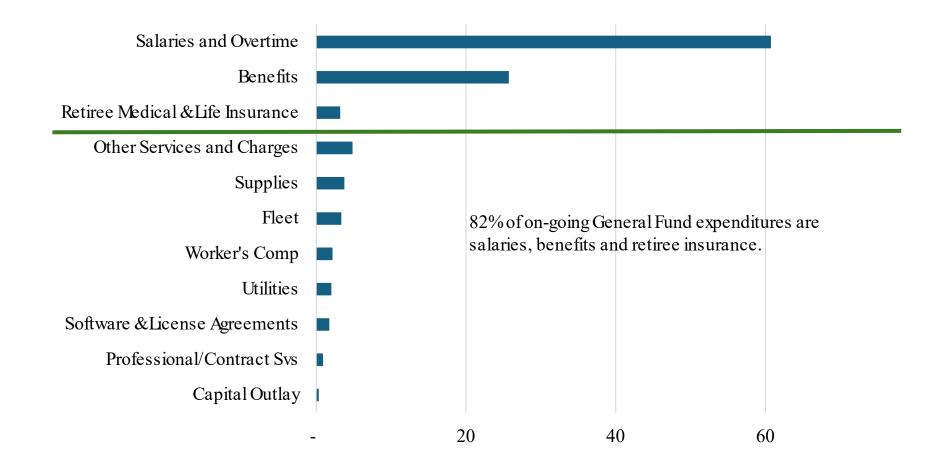


** Includes Director's Office, Street Maintenance and Engineering (Enterprise Fund: Water, Gas, Sewer, Stormwater, Clean Water Surcharge)

** Planning & Economic Development does not include Community Development Block Grant funds



2025 General Fund Budgeted Expenditures by Type



Other Funds

Special Revenue Funds

Appropriations

- Parks Fund
- Workforce Development Fund
- Street Maintenance Fund
- Street Lighting Fund

| ۲ ۲ | \$ | |
|-----------------------|----|--|
| Special Revenue Funds | | |

Example of Final Appropriation Ordinance

| General Fun 110 121 122 125 132 150 160 500 700 | d Legislative and Executive Property, Parks, and Libraries Administrative Services Finance Planning and Economic Development Fire Police Public Works <u>Transfers and Other Functions</u> Total General Fund | 4,352,100 15,525,200 6,712,200 3,230,100 4,363,200 22,081,000 27,421,300 11,806,400 <u>24,612,400</u> 120,103,900 |
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Enterprise Funds

Appropriations

- Water
- Gas
- Sewer
- Stormwater
- Parking
- Golf (Nov 25)
- Duluth Energy Systems (Sep 6)

| Enterprise Funds | | | |
|------------------|--|--|--|

Example of Final Appropriation Ordinance

| General Fund | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 110 | Legislative and Executive | 4,352,100 | | |
| 121 | Property, Parks, and Libraries | 15,525,200 | | |
| 122 | Administrative Services | 6,712,200 | | |
| 125 | Finance | 3,230,100 | | |
| 132 | Planning and Economic Development | 4,363,200 | | |
| 150 | Fire | 22,081,000 | | |
| 160 | Police | 27,421,300 | | |
| 500 | Public Works | 11,806,400 | | |
| 700 | Transfers and Other Functions | 24,612,400 | | |
| | Total General Fund | 120,103,900 | | |
| | | | | |
| Special Reve | | | | |
| 205 | Parks Fund | 3,875,900 | | |
| 268 & 270 | Workforce Development Fund | 3,973,319 | | |
| 290 | Street Maintenance Fund | 2,340,100 | | |
| 550 | Street Lighting Fund | 3,376,900 | | |
| Dublic Enter | nrie e | | | |
| Public Enter 503 | Golf Fund | 7 826 570 | | |
| | | 7,826,579 | | |
| 505 | Parking Fund | 6,464,200 | | |
| 506 | Priley Drive Parking Facility | 1,486,700 | | |
| Public Utilitie | es | | | |
| 510 & 511 | Water Fund | 34,454,500 | | |
| 520 | Gas Fund | 53,381,200 | | |
| 530 & 532 | Sewer and Clean Water Fund | 24,144,100 | | |
| 535 | Stormwater Fund | 8,966,600 | | |
| 540 | Steam Fund | 14,918,621 | | |

Capital

Capital Planning and Bonding Process

| Develop Capital Plan June to November 2024 | Part of internal budget process Identifies projects, equipment and technology priorities Alignment with Priority Based Budgeting |
|--|--|
| City Council Review November 25, 2024 | Capital Plan is presented to Council during a Finance Committee meeting in the fall |
| Council Action December 9, 2024 | Public hearings are held Resolution establishing bonding plan for coming year Resolution to approve list of 2025 capital equipment and intent to issue bonds to fund the capital equipment Resolution to approve 2025 capital improvement plan and intent to issue bonds to fund the capital improvement plan |
| Equipment Purchased Improvements Completed throughout 2025 | Council approves purchases for large equipment and improvements in accordance with the purchasing code |
| Bonds are Sold October/November 2025 | Resolutions provide for the issuance, sale and delivery of bonds, and award the sale |



Questions