



FY2027 Revenue
Neural Rate Hearing &
Resolution to Exceed

Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR)

What is the Revenue Neutral Rate?

- The RNR is the tax rate (in mills) needed to generate the same property tax revenue in dollars as levied the previous tax year using the current tax year's total assessed valuation.

How is the RNR calculated?

$$\frac{\text{Last year's total property tax dollars levied}}{\text{This year's estimated total assessed valuation}}$$

RNR - Frequently Asked Questions

I received an RNR notice in the mail. What is this?

- The notice received in the mail shows all the taxing jurisdictions your property is located within. Next to each jurisdiction, shows the amount of property taxes you paid to each jurisdiction in the current year compared to the proposed taxes for the following year.
- In Bel Aire you pay property taxes to the following jurisdictions
 - State of Kansas (1.5 mills removed for 2026 Tax Year / 2027 Budget Year)
 - Sedgwick County
 - Fire District 1
 - City of Bel Aire
 - South Central Kansas Library System
 - USD259 or USD375 (location dependent)
 - Whitewater River Watershed (location dependent)
- The City of Bel Aire only controls its portion of your property tax bill (About 27%)



RNR – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the process to exceed the RNR?

- Notify the County Clerk of the City's intent to exceed the RNR by July 20th. (July 15th)
- Publish the RNR hearing notice on the City website and in a newspaper of general circulation within the county at least 10 days prior to the hearing. (Aug 20th)
- The RNR hearing must be scheduled between Aug 20th and Sep 20th. (Sep 1st)
- Hold the RNR public hearing and allow all interested taxpayers an opportunity to provide comment. (Sep 1st)
- Adopt a resolution to exceed the RNR with a roll call vote after all interested taxpayers have been heard, but before the hearing is closed. (Sep 1st)

RNR – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the RNR for Bel Aire and will Bel Aire exceed the RNR for the 2027 budget?

- The RNR for Bel Aire is 37.390 mills for the 2027 budget year.
- Yes, Bel Aire is a growing community, and growth requires increases in personnel, infrastructure, services, and maintenance costs. The cost for these items increase every year.

Will I pay more in property taxes if Bel Aire exceeds the RNR?

- Maybe. Your property taxes are determined by the value of your property and the amount of tax dollars levied by each taxing jurisdiction.
- The proposed tax dollars levied for the city portion of your property taxes in 2027 is proposed to remain flat at 41.003 mills. An IRB recently exercised its option to purchase. This could potentially decrease the final mill levy by an estimated .200 to .250 mills.

Next Steps

- Open the RNR public hearing.
- Allow all interested taxpayers the opportunity to provide comment.
- Consider a resolution to exceed the RNR for the 2027 budget year.
- Roll call vote to approve the resolution.
- Close the RNR Public Hearing.