

**CITY OF BELLE SLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: July 21, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Rick Rudometkin, City Manager

Subject: Proposed Maximum Millage Rate for FY 26/27

Background:

The City must submit the proposed maximum millage rate for FY 26/27 to the Orange County Property Appraiser before noon on August 4, 2026. The proposed rate will be included in the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes sent to each taxpayer in August.

At the first budget hearing in September of 2026, the city will adopt the tentative millage rate. The City can adopt a rate lower than the proposed rate; however, if the tentative millage rate is *higher* than the proposed rate, the property appraiser must mail a revised Notice of Proposed Property Taxes to each taxpayer at the City's expense.

The Budget Committee voted and approved a millage rate increase from 4.7845 to 5.0000 which is included in the FY 26/27 Proposed Draft Budget. This increase of .2155 is needed to help cover the ever-increasing fire protection services cost provided by Orange County. This will help offset the significant increase.

Staff Recommendation:

Set the maximum millage rate of 5.0000 by adding .2155

Suggested Motion: (Roll call Vote)

I move to set the proposed maximum millage rate at 5.0000 for FY beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2026.

Fiscal Impact: An increase of revenue. Approximately \$248,000.00

Attachments: N/A