

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

Meeting Date: July 29, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Rick Rudometkin, City Manager

Subject: Proposed Millage Rate for FY 2025/2026

Background:

The City must submit the proposed millage rate for FY 2025/2026 to the Orange County Property Appraiser by noon on August 1, 2025. 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 2025, 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 4.4018 to 5.0000 which is included in the FY 2025/2026 Proposed Budget Draft. This increase is required just to replace and maintain the current level of service due to the significant increase from Orange County for fire service.

Adopting a millage rate of 5.0000 will require unanimous approval by City Council.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve a millage rate increase from 4.4018 to 5.0000

Suggested Motion: (Roll call Vote)

I move to set the proposed millage rate at 5.0000 for FY beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

Fiscal Impact: Cannot be determined until the rate is set.

Attachments: N/A