



# Proposed Budget FY2024 Tax Rate and Related Ordinances

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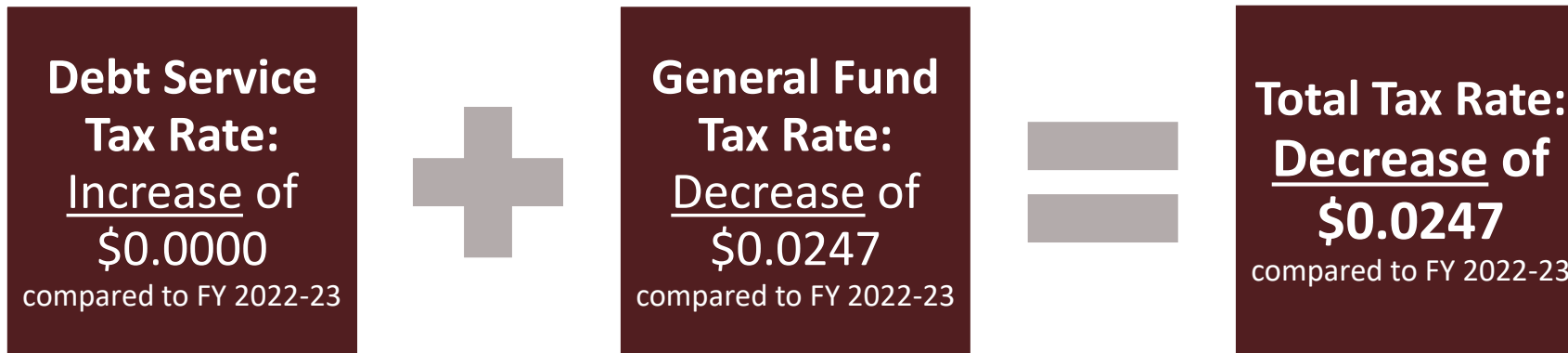
*PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023*

# Assumptions for General Fund

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## Assessed Value Increases

- FY 2025-28: Assumes 3.5% growth of existing properties and 2% new improvements
- FY 2025-26: Assumes an additional 1% homestead exemption each year.



## Sales Tax

FY 2023:  
Assumes 6%



FY 2024 Proposed:  
Assumes 3% increase



FY 2025-2028:  
Assumes 3% increase



# Tax Rate History

Tax Year	GF Rate	Debt Rate	Total Rate	Decrease \$0.0247
Proposed FY2023-24	\$0.4402	\$0.1923	\$0.6325	
FY2022-23	\$0.4649	\$0.1923	\$0.6572	
FY2021-22	\$0.4974	\$0.1885	\$0.6859	
FY2020-21	\$0.5187	\$0.1924	\$0.7111	
FY2019-20	\$0.5106	\$0.2094	\$0.7200	
FY2018-19	\$0.5228	\$0.2122	\$0.7350	
FY2017-18	\$0.5228	\$0.2122	\$0.7350	
FY2016-17	\$0.5228	\$0.2122	\$0.7350	
FY2015-16	\$0.5278	\$0.2122	\$0.7400	
FY2014-15	\$0.5278	\$0.2122	\$0.7400	
FY2013-14	\$0.5278	\$0.1622	\$0.6900	

# Average Home Value

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Fiscal Year	Average Home Value	Tax Rate	Tax Levy	Homestead	Net Tax Bill
FY 2023	\$253,812	\$0.6572	\$1,668.05	(\$33.36)	\$1,634.69
FY 2024	\$282,966	\$0.6325	\$1,789.76	(\$53.69)	\$1,736.08
Net Difference	\$29,154	(\$0.0247)	\$121.71	\$20.33	\$101.39

- Monthly net tax bill increase of \$8.45 per month.

# Summary of Assumptions

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	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
Tax Levy	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
New Construction Growth	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sales Tax Growth	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Compensation	3.5%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Cash Funding – Capital Projects	\$1.4M	\$.64K	\$.88K	\$1.38M	\$0
Future Bond Sales	\$93.7M	\$74.5M	\$40.92M	\$15.93M	\$22.0M

# Water/Wastewater

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Key issues in the development of the budget:

Projects	Capital Improvement Program	Rates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water Line Rehabilitation \$2.0M</li><li>• Hulen Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation \$1.4M</li><li>• Sewer Line Rehabilitation \$3.0M</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$9 million bond issue proposed in FY 2023/24</li><li>• 5 year Capital Improvement Plan 2024-2028:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water - \$48.8 million</li><li>• Sewer - \$33.7 million</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Propose 3 percent for both water and sewer in FY 2024</li></ul>

# Water Rates -3% increase

Section 1		
The base water rates per meter size shall be as follow:		
	Current	Proposed
3/4	\$15.56	\$16.03
1	\$22.41	\$23.08
1.5	\$42.19	\$43.46
2	\$62.18	\$64.05
3	\$149.55	\$154.04
4	\$249.26	\$256.74
6	\$497.41	\$512.33
8	\$745.56	\$767.93
10	\$991.51	\$1,021.26
12	\$1,144.90	\$1,179.25

Section 2		
In addition to the base water rate per meter size, the water rates for all areas of the City are as follows.		
1 gallon to 10,000 gallons Meter Size	Current	Proposed
All	\$4.76/1000 gallons	\$4.90/1000 gallons
10,001-20,000 gallons Meter Size		
All	\$5.75/1000 gallons	\$5.92/1000 gallons
Over 20,000 gallons Meter Size		
All	\$6.57/1000 gallons	\$6.77/1000 gallons
Gas Well Drilling Meter Size		
All	\$13.55	\$13.96

# Wastewater Rates -3% increase

Section 3		
The base wastewater rate shall be as follows:		
	Current	Proposed
	\$19.16	\$19.73
Residential		
Residential wastewater volume will be determined as the average of water consumption billed in the months of January, February, and March up to a maximum of 12,000 gallons. If a customer has not established an average for these three months, wastewater volume will be determined as the citywide residential average for those months.		
The rate applied to this volume will be		
	Current	Proposed
	\$5.32/1,000 gallons	\$5.48/1,000 gallons
Maximum wastewater charge to residential customers using wastewater service only:		
Max	\$83.00	\$85.49
Commercial		
All usage	\$5.32	\$5.48
Abnormal Sewage Surcharge- rated determined by City of Fort Worth		
	Current	Proposed
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	\$0.4407 per pound	\$0.5478 per pound
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$0.2649 per pound	\$0.3175 per pound



# Solid Waste Fund

Revenues	
Projected 20% fee increase for FY 24 – \$3.64 per residential account Projected 10% fee increase for FY 25 Project a 3% fee increase in FY 26-28	
2.50% increase in growth for FY 23-24	
Expenditures	
Collection contract	FY24 projected cost - \$3 million
Recycling program	FY24 projected cost - \$522,000
Current contract expires in FY 2029	

# Solid Waste Rates -20% increase

Residential		
	Current	Proposed
Waste Collection	\$13.50	\$16.20
Recycling	\$2.50	\$3.00
Admin & Overhead	\$1.00	\$1.10
Franchise Fee	\$1.20	\$1.54
	\$18.20	\$21.84
Small Collection Business		
Base Rate	\$16.88	\$23.43
Admin & Overhead	\$3.50	\$1.10
Franchise Fee	\$1.62	\$1.87
	\$22.00	\$26.40
Major Collection		
Base Rate	\$28.42	\$35.38
Admin & Overhead	\$1.91	\$1.10
Franchise Fee	\$2.43	\$2.83
	\$32.76	\$39.31

# Total Expenditure Budget by Fund

(in millions)

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FUND	FY22-23 ESTIMATE	FY23-24 PROPOSED	VARIANCE
GENERAL FUND	\$ 57.7	\$ 60.2	\$ 2.5
DEBT SERVICE	7.7	8.6	0.9
WATER AND WASTEWATER	26.7	28.0	1.3
SOLID WASTE	4.1	4.3	0.2
HIDDEN CREEK GOLF COURSE	3.8	3.4	(0.4)
PARKS PERFORMANCE	5.5	5.7	0.2
4A SALES TAX	3.8	9.1	5.3
4B SALES TAX	9.5	8.1	(1.4)
CAPITAL PROJECTS	68.3	97.4	29.1
OTHER FUNDS	29.2	31.0	1.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 216.3</b>	<b>\$ 255.9</b>	<b>\$ 39.6</b>

# Fee Schedule Ordinance

- Recent fee schedule updates
  - Cemetery Fees – approved by Council on August 15, 2023
  - Development Engineering Review and Inspection Fees (In response to HB3492), approved by Council August 21, 2023
  - Short Term Rental – approved by Council on May 1, 2023
  - EMS Fees / Policy – Established by Council in April and August of 2023.

# Action Requested

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## Approve or Deny the following ordinances:

- FY2023-24 Budget – October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024
- Levying the property tax for tax year 2023 taxable values and adopting the property tax rate of \$0.6325 per \$100 value
- Approving Tax Year 2023 tax roll
- Approving the FY2023-2024 schedule of fees
- Establishing the FY2023-2024 rates for water and wastewater services (3% increase)
- Establishing the FY2023-2024 rates for solid waste services (20%)
- Approving a 3% residential homestead exemption for Tax Year 2024 to be effective October 1, 2024 for FY2024-2025

# QUESTIONS/COMMENTS