

**CITY NAME: CITY OF INDEPENDENCE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY** **CITY #: 10-076**  
**INDEPENDENCE** **Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027**

**The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:**

**Meeting Date: 3/23/2026 Meeting Time: 04:45 PM Meeting Location: City Hall, 331 1st Street East, Independence, IA 50644**

**At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.**

City Website (if available)  
www.independenceia.gov

City Telephone Number  
(319) 334-2780

<b>Iowa Department of Management</b>	<b>Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026</b>	<b>Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027</b>
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	243,685,080	263,809,570	263,809,570
Consolidated General Fund	1,992,062	1,992,062	2,093,762
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	367,767	367,767	458,232
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	470,658	470,658	517,608
Other Employee Benefits	762,559	762,559	966,754
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	274,823,292	297,442,506	297,442,506
Debt Service	1,343,548	1,343,548	1,348,426
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	4,936,594	4,936,594	5,384,782
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	19.63340	18.13685	19.83366
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	1,851,369	1,767,056	1,767,056
Ag Land	5,562	5,562	5,308
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	3.14761	3.00375
<b>Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed</b>			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	<b>Current Year Certified 2025/2026</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Residential	931	972	4.40
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	<b>Current Year Certified 2025/2026</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
City Regular Commercial	4,047	4,538	12.13

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

**Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:**

Anticipated 5% increase for liability, property, and self insurance levy. FICA/IPERS and Other Employee Benefits increase due to salary increases and rising benefit costs. Debt Service increased due to other funding source being reduced.