

Budget Public Hearing

City of Lake Forest Park

Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director



Public Hearing Overview

- 1. Overview Presentation by Finance Director
- 2. Questions/Comments from City Council
- 3. Open Public Hearing for Citizen Comments
 - Friendly reminder 3 minutes per speaker



2025 Property Tax Levy

- City Adopts Property Tax Annually
 - Even though the budget is adopted on a biennial basis

2024 Regular Property Tax Levy	\$3,473,591
Limit Factor 1%	\$34,736
Subtotal	\$3,508,327
<u>New Construction</u>	<u>\$25,263</u>
<u>Relevy prior year refunds</u>	<u>\$5,861</u>
Subtotal	\$3,508,327
<i>Estimate high due to preliminary numbers</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
Estimated 2025 Property Tax Levy	\$3,739,451



2025 Property Tax

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- Current Levy Rate for 2024
\$0.80429
- *Proposed* Levy Rate for 2025
\$0.71611

Calculation:
(Assessed Value / 1,000) * Levy Rate

Example:

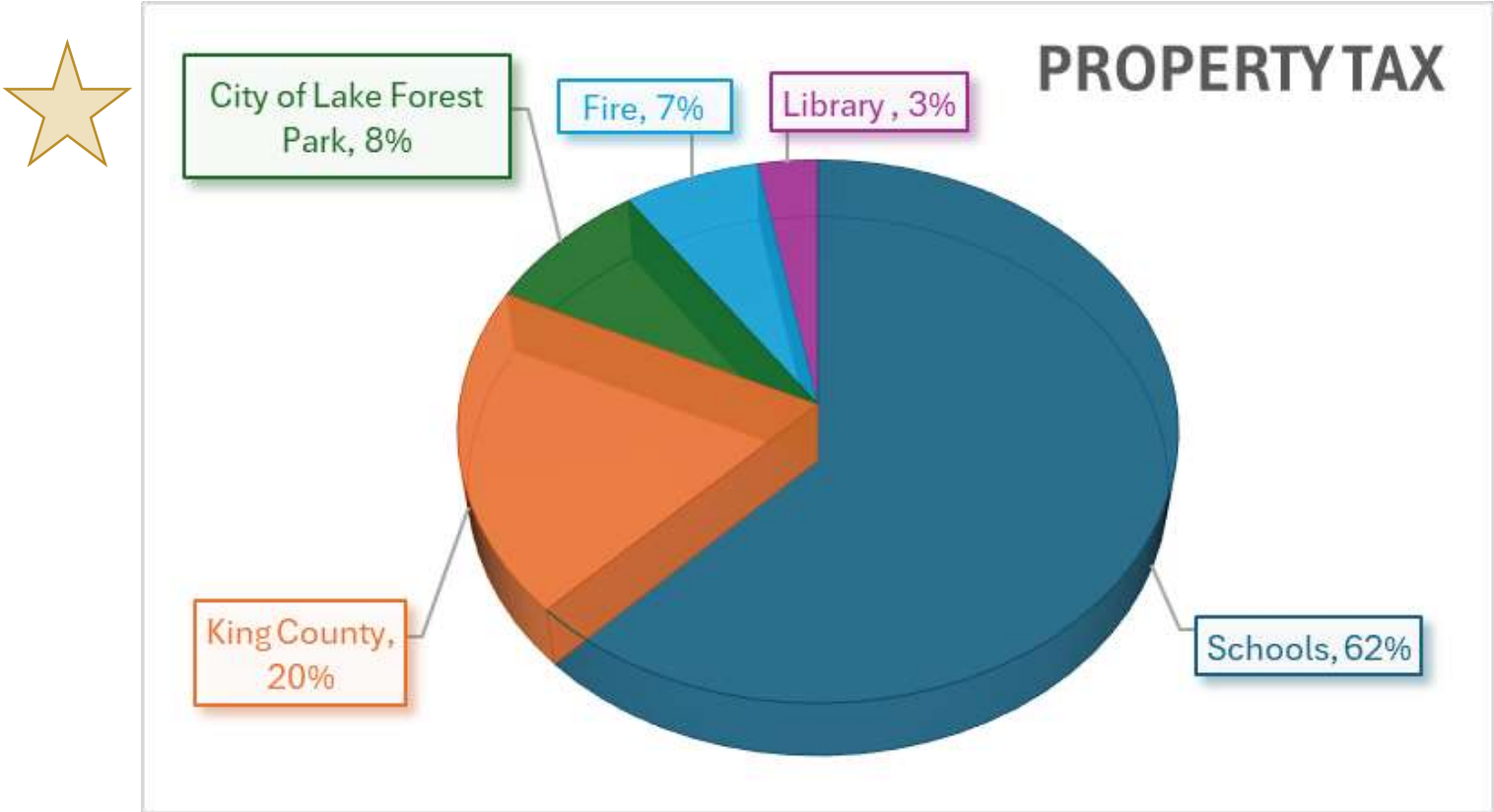
2024 Median Assessed Value \$790,000

$$(\$790,000 / 1,000) * \$0.80429 = \$635.39$$

$$(\$790,000 / 1,000) * \$0.71611 = \$565.73$$



Simplified Property Tax Breakdown



General Fund

Expenditures

- Health Care Benefits increasing over 8%
- Municipal Court: Laserfische (one-time purchase and on-going annual costs)
- Community Partners:
 - Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Senior Center +\$20,000
 - ShoreLake Arts +\$19,000
 - 3rd Place Commons +\$13,000
- New Community Partners
 - Shoreline Historical Society +\$19,200
 - Hopestream +\$20,000
 - Funded through restricted opioid settlement fund
- Inflation costs: Consultants, Supplies & Materials



Budgeted Positions

- Guild Union: Police (General Fund)
 - Currently in Negotiations for 2025 & 2026
- Teamsters Union (General, Street, Transportation Capital, Sewer and Surface Water)
 - Currently in Negotiations for 2025 & 2026
- Non-Represented Employees
 - Market Adjustments: Evaluated by Position/Title
 - Cost of Living Adjustment 3%
 - Mayor's Preliminary +0.8 Human Resources Specialist
- Updated Titles:
 - Records Management & Office Support > Public Records Specialist
 - Receptionist/ Office Clerk > Administrative Specialist
 - Passport Clerk > Passport Acceptance Agent
 - Environmental & Sustainability Specialist > Community Programs Planner
 - *Adding: Associate Planner* without an FTE increase
 - Lieutenant > Division Commander



Proposed Sewer Rates

Sewer Monthly Service

Monthly Residential Rates	2023	2024	2025	2026
King County	52.11	55.11	58.28	62.36
City	20.77	21.39	22.46	23.58
	\$ 72.88	\$ 76.50	\$ 80.74	\$ 85.94
Monthly Increase:	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.62	\$ 4.24	\$ 5.20
Total Increase	5.0%	5.0%	5.5%	6.4%
County Portion	5.75%	5.75%	5.75%	7.00%
City Portion	3.0%	3.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Utility Tax 6%	\$ 77.25	\$ 81.09	\$ 85.58	\$ 91.10

Sewer Monthly Service

Commercial & Multi-Family	2023	2024	2025	2026
King County	\$ 6.57	\$ 6.95	\$ 7.35	\$ 7.87
City	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.33	\$ 4.55	\$ 4.77
	10.78	11.28	11.90	12.64
Monthly Increase:	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.74
% Increase:	4.7%	4.7%	5.5%	6.2%
Utility Tax 6%	\$ 11.42	\$ 11.96	\$ 12.61	\$ 13.40

Proposed:

\$4.24 monthly increase in 2025
 \$5.20 monthly increase in 2026

Residents are billed **bimonthly \$161.48**
 with utility tax \$171.16

2026: bimonthly \$171.88
 with utility tax \$182.20



Proposed Surface Water Rates

- Annual increase \$40.63 for single family residential
- Proposed 15% increase to support increasing operational costs 10% & additional employee position 5%
- Adopt annually

Surface Water								
Rate increase calculator								
class	class description	type	# of accounts	2024 rate	15%	proposed rate increase '25	15%	proposed rate increase '26
1	single family residential	house	4620	\$ 270.86	\$ 40.63	\$ 311.49	\$ 46.72	\$ 358.21
		mobile home	13	\$ 270.86	\$ 40.63	\$ 311.49	\$ 46.72	\$ 358.21
2	very light (0-10 IA)	commercial unit	3	\$ 270.86	\$ 40.63	\$ 311.49	\$ 46.72	\$ 358.21
3	light (10-20% IA)	commercial unit	4	\$ 651.04	\$ 97.66	\$ 748.70	\$ 112.30	\$ 861.00
4	moderate (20-45% IA)	commercial unit	10	\$ 1,309.35	\$ 196.40	\$ 1,505.76	\$ 225.86	\$ 1,731.62
		condo unit	20	\$ 1,309.35	\$ 196.40	\$ 1,505.76	\$ 225.86	\$ 1,731.62
5	moderately heavy (45-65% IA)	commercial unit	9	\$ 2,528.37	\$ 379.26	\$ 2,907.62	\$ 436.14	\$ 3,343.77
		condo unit	142	\$ 2,528.37	\$ 379.26	\$ 2,907.62	\$ 436.14	\$ 3,343.77
6	heavy (65-85% IA)	commercial unit	16	\$ 3,205.57	\$ 480.84	\$ 3,686.40	\$ 552.96	\$ 4,239.36
		condo unit	104	\$ 3,205.57	\$ 480.84	\$ 3,686.40	\$ 552.96	\$ 4,239.36
7	very heavy (85-100% IA)	commercial unit	26	\$ 4,198.88	\$ 629.83	\$ 4,828.71	\$ 724.31	\$ 5,553.02
		condo unit	40	\$ 4,198.88	\$ 629.83	\$ 4,828.71	\$ 724.31	\$ 5,553.02



Proposed 2025 User Fee

- Sewer Rates 5.5%
 - King County & City of Lake Forest Park
- Surface Water Rate 15%
- Building Fees:
 - Increase 1.8% following the International Code Council's update
- Notary Services
 - \$10.00 to \$15.00





Council Questions/Comments

Open Public Hearing:

2025-2026 Preliminary Biennial Budget