



# 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustment

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CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK  
NOVEMBER 9, 2023

# 2024 Property Tax Levy

City Adopts Annually

<b>Proposed 2024 Property Tax Levy</b>	
2023 Highest Lawful Levy	3,434,579
Limit Factor Increase 1%	34,346
Subtotal of Levy Amount	3,468,925
New Construction Value	4,666
Prior Year Refunds	9,473
<b>Subtotal for Current Allowable Levy</b>	<b>3,483,064</b>
<i>Estimate High for Additional Changes</i>	<i>200,000</i>
<b>2024 Property Tax Levy</b>	<b>3,683,064</b>

# Property Tax

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Current Levy Rate for 2023  
**\$0.70382**

Proposed Levy Rate for 2024 (Preliminary 10/5/23)  
**\$0.80282**

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

## Example:

2023 Median Residence Value \$ 903,000

$(\$903,000/1,000) * \$0.70382 = \$635.55$

$(\$903,000/1,000) * \$0.80282 = \$724.95$

## Assessed Value and Taxes by City

Typical Residence in 2022 and 2023

City	2022 Median Residence Value	2022 Typical Levy Rate (1)	2022 Tax	2023 Median Residence Value	2023 Typical Levy Rate (1)	2023 Tax
Lake Forest Pk	736,000	10.18	7,490.63	903,000	8.60	7,769.53

# Market & Cost of Living Adjustments

- Police Guild
  - 2023 3% COLA, re-opened for an additional 5% - no adjustment
  - 3 Limited Term Employees
    - General Fund
- Teamsters Union
  - 2022 3% retro pay \$15,000
  - 2023 4% market adjustment only
  - 2024 3% market adjustment only
    - General, Street, Sewer Utility, Surface Water Utility
- Management Professional Employees (MPE's)
  - 2024 market adjustments
    - General, Street, Transportation Capital, Sewer Utility, Surface Water Utility

# General Fund Expenses

- Dispatch – from Bothell to NORCOM
  - 2023: Increase \$41,772
  - 2024: Increase \$283,560
- Police Rifles
  - House Bill 1240 resulted in Police Officers not being able to use personal rifles during operations
- Health & Wellness Grant
  - Police Dept gym equipment purchases
- Jail Services: Police and Court Department
  - Significant increase in costs with loss of Yakima County jail housing contract
  - Recently Council approved a new Interlocal Agreement with Sunnyside for long-term defendant stays
- Blake Reimbursement
  - Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) reimbursed - *State vs. Blake* fines

# Additional Adjustments

- Washington Opioid Settlement Revenue
  - Settlement due to multiple states, counties, cities uniting against various entities within the pharmaceutical supply chain who manufacture, distribute, and dispense prescriptions opioids
  - Funds use to combat opioid pandemic
- Sewer & Surface Water Utilities
  - Revenue collected by rate payers
  - Expenditures to Sewer and Surface Water Utility Funds
  - Revenue to General Fund
- Investment Diversification Interest
  - Strategy Approved by Budget & Finance Committee – Spring 2023
  - Revenue increase for all funds
- Community Partner – Shorelake Arts:
  - Additional \$5,000 in 2024

# Sewer Rate Increases

**\$3.62 monthly increase 2024**

## Monthly Residential Rates

	2022	2023	2024
County	49.27	52.11	55.11
City	20.16	20.77	21.39
	<b>\$ 69.43</b>	<b>\$ 72.88</b>	<b>\$ 76.50</b>
Monthly Increase:	\$ 3.04	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.62
Total Increase	4.6%	5.0%	5.0%
County Portion	4.0%	5.75%	5.75%
City Portion	6%	3.0%	3.0%

## Commercial & Multi-Family (consumption based)

	2022	2023	2024
County	6.22	6.57	6.95
City	4.08	4.20	4.33
	10.30	10.78	11.28
Monthly Increase:	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.50
% Increase:	4.8%	5%	5%

Residents are billed **bimonthly \$153.00**

# Proposed Surface Water Rates Increase

- Annual increase **\$24.62** - Single family residential
- Supports Operating & Capital Surface Water Funds
  - 10% rate increase
- Adopt annually, like property tax

Surface Water				
Class	Class Description	2023 Rate	10%	2024 Rate
1	single family residential	\$ 246.24	\$ 24.62	\$ 270.86
2	very light (0-10 IA)	\$ 246.24	\$ 24.62	\$ 270.86
3	light (10-20% IA)	\$ 591.86	\$ 59.19	\$ 651.04
4	moderate (20-45% IA)	\$ 1,190.32	\$ 119.03	\$ 1,309.35
5	moderately heavy (45-65% IA)	\$ 2,298.52	\$ 229.85	\$ 2,528.37
6	heavy (65-85% IA)	\$ 2,914.15	\$ 291.42	\$ 3,205.57
7	very heavy (85-100% IA)	\$ 3,817.17	\$ 381.72	\$ 4,198.88



# User Fee Rate Increases

- 1) Building Fees: increase by 9.8% following International Code Council's August 2023 update
- 2) Sewer Water Rate increase \$3.62/month  
Residential from \$72.88 to \$76.50  
Bimonthly invoice \$153.00
- 3) Surface Water Rate increase \$24.62 annually  
Single Family Residential from \$246.24 to \$270.86

# City Council Questions/Comments

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❖ Any Questions?