



Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

Community Building

December 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Amanda Knoll, City Manager

The purpose of Truth in Taxation is to discuss the proposed property tax levy for the taxes payable year the proposed budget for the year 2026. This public hearing is held to discuss and seek public comments on the city's proposed 2026 general fund budget and the 2026 property tax levy. The City must certify its final payable 2026 property tax levy to the county auditor no later than December 29, 2026. (MN Statute 275.065).

The following documentation outlines the following:

1. City of St. James 2026 Levy
2. LGA payment from the State of Minnesota
3. 2026 General Fund expenditures and revenue sources

The 2026 general fund budget does balance and the **proposed** 2026 tax levy of \$1,633,753.00 will decreased to **\$1,606,603.00**, which is a 6.05% increase from the 2025 levy amount.

PROPERTY TAXES

	History of Tax Levy	Increase by %
2022	\$1,326,045.87	2.61%
2023	\$1,390,251.74	4.84%
2024	\$1,443,099.00	3.80%
2025	\$1,514,894.00	4.98%
2026	\$1,606,603.00	6.05%

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID

The following chart includes the history of LGA received by the City of St. James. St. James receives LGA in two equals payments in July and December of each year. The City of St. James is anticipating receiving \$2,268,004.00 for the budget year 2026.

	History of LGA	Increase by %
2022	\$1,956,125.00	1.94%
2023	\$2,043,769.00	4.48%
2024	\$2,260,513.00	10.61%
2025	\$2,263,011.00	.11%
2026	\$2,268,004.00	.22%

2026 GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Revenue Sources:	Preliminary 2026	Final 2026
Taxes	\$1,510,608.00	\$1,488,458.00
Licenses & Permits	\$54,700.00	\$54,700.00
Federal & State Aide	\$2,414,304.00	\$2,414,304.00
Public Charges	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	\$38,050.00	\$38,050.00
Interest, Rent, & Donations	\$138,600.00	\$138,600.00
Sales	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Transfers	\$1,047,800.00	\$1,057,800.00
Total:	\$5,270,562.00	\$5,258,412.00

2026 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Department:	Preliminary 2026	Final 2026
City Council	\$47,845.00	\$47,845.00
General Government & Buildings	\$881,185.00	\$883,500.00
Public Safety	\$1,995,150.00	\$1,999,565.00
Hwy, Street & Roadways/Public Works	\$1,633,202.00	\$1,617,487.00
Parks	\$429,540.00	\$430,075.00
Library	\$43,100.00	\$43,100.00
Transfers	\$240,540.00	\$236,840.00
Total:	\$5,270,562.00	\$5,258,412.00

