

Memorandum

TO: City Council Workshop
FROM: Kevin Knopik , Finance Director
DATE: August 18, 2025
SUBJECT: Review of the draft preliminary tax levy
ITEM NUMBER: 1.a
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

The City meets every year in August to review the preliminary tax levy for the following year. In order to meet statutory requirements for the preparation of preliminary tax statements, the city and EDA must adopt and certify a preliminary tax levy by September 30. The levy approved in September is then used by the county to prepare the preliminary tax notices that are sent out in late November.

DISCUSSION

Below is a overview of the draft 2026 preliminary tax levy for consideration;

- The 2026 preliminary levy is a 9.10% increase from 2025.
- Increases in police and fire costs account for 48% (\$861,522) of the total general fund expenditure increase.
- The median home value in Shoreview increased from \$421,800 to \$438,950.
- The city's preliminary tax rate is 33.688, which is an increase from 32.378 in 2025.
- The city's preliminary tax amount of \$1,454.98 on the median home value is an increase of \$117.16 from 2025.

The attached memo reviews in greater detail the proposed property tax levy, residential property values, and general fund operating budget. The second attachment provides an overview of the increased costs for the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is seeking council direction on the proposed preliminary tax levy prior to adoption at a council meeting in September.

ATTACHMENTS

[2026 Preliminary Tax Levy Memo.pdf](#)
[07-21-2025 CC 2026 Budget Est. - Updated Wages.pdf](#)