



Truth in Taxation Hearing

**Discussing Saint Paul's 2024 Proposed Budget
December 5, 2023**



Mayor's Proposal Overview

- 2024 total proposed budget: \$820.5 million.
- The 2024 proposal includes a City General Fund budget of approximately \$369.3 million, amounting to a \$16 million increase from 2023.
- The 2024 includes additional \$8.8 million in local government aid funding and \$6.1 million in public safety aid funding, and \$860,000 in opioid settlement funds.
- The 2024 proposal includes a \$208.5 million property tax levy, an increase of \$7.4 million (3.7 percent).



2024 Proposed Budget Summary: Property Tax Levy

	2023 Adopted	2024 Proposed	Change from 2023	% Change from 2023
City of Saint Paul				
General Fund	155,780,139	160,243,894	4,463,755	2.9%
Debt Service	21,648,845	23,179,457	1,530,612	7.1%
Public Library Agency	21,017,604	22,462,394	1,444,790	6.9%
Total (City and Library)	198,446,588	205,885,745	7,439,157	3.7%
Port Authority	2,611,700	2,611,700	-	0.0%
	201,058,288	208,497,445	7,439,157	3.7%



Mayor's Proposal Highlights

- The 2024 proposal invests \$3.4 million to increase mill and overlay, and skim paving, and adds 5.5 FTEs for snow plowing and summer street maintenance.
- Expands the Basic Life Support (BLS) Division with the addition of 4 new positions, funds a new staffing pilot in the Fire Department, and supports EMS education for paramedics and EMTs.
- Allocates \$1.77 million for strategic investments in Human Resources, Finance, and Technology.
- Provides additional public safety investments, including a comprehensive gun violence initiative, parks and library safety investments, a police academy, and additional EMS supervisor positions.



Highlighted Council Modifications

- \$520,000 in additional Fire Department emergency response personnel
- \$500,000 in additional funding for street lighting and wire theft
- \$500,000 in additional investment in library capital projects and \$150,000 in additional collections investment
- Pilot Programs: Parks Safety Stewards & Free Recreational Swimming
- Funding for labor market analysis to support hiring & retention efforts



Taxes and Fees on a Typical Home

Typical home valued at \$266,300 in 2023 and an estimated \$267,400 in 2024

	2023	Estimated 2024	Change
City Share of Property Tax	\$1,280	\$1,254	-\$26
Sanitary Sewer Charges (3.5% volume fee increase)	\$314	\$324	\$10
Storm Sewer Charges (6.5% increase)	\$113	\$120	\$7
Recycling Fee	\$129	\$135	\$6
Residential Waste Collection	\$33	\$33	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Billing for City services	\$1,869	\$1,866	-\$3
Water Charges (SPRWS)	\$381	\$416	\$35
Grand Total: All City Services	\$2,250	\$2,282	\$31



Property Tax Assistance Programs

- Homestead Credit Refund Program
- Renters Property Tax Refund Program
- Special Property Tax Refund Program
- Senior Citizen Property Tax Deferral Program

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