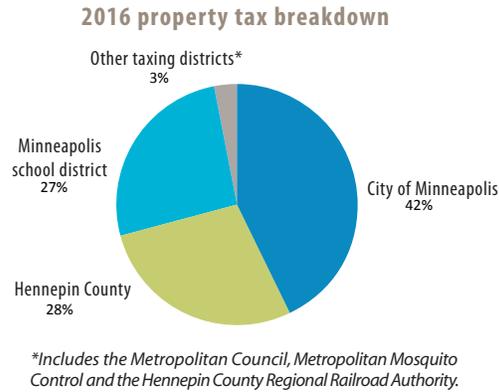


**About the City of Minneapolis portion of your proposed 2016 property tax**

Even though you receive only one property tax “bill,” you pay property taxes to several taxing authorities. Here’s how the average Minneapolis property tax bill breaks down.

In August, Mayor Betsy Hodges proposed that the City of Minneapolis increase its portion of the 2016 property tax levy by 3.4 percent over the 2015 level. Of the total City budget, only about 20 percent is funded through property taxes.



The mayor proposed a Minneapolis operating and capital budget of \$1.22 billion. Your property taxes fund basic City services such as:

 <b>Police and fire</b>	 <b>Emergency response through 911</b>	 <b>Criminal prosecutions</b>	 <b>Traffic control and street lighting</b>	 <b>Snow removal and street maintenance</b>
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**Why is Minneapolis’ portion of my property tax bill changing?**

Even though the City’s overall tax levy – the total dollar amount the City collects in property taxes – is increasing by 3.4 percent, the Minneapolis portion of your property tax bill may go up or down from 2015 to 2016. This is due to a number of factors including a change in your property’s value and changes in the values of other properties in Minneapolis.

Thanks to significant growth in the city’s tax base over the last year, about two-thirds of all residential properties may see a decrease or no increase in the City portion of their property taxes.

**What will my 2016 City property taxes pay for?**

<b>\$224</b> Police
<b>\$181</b> Parks
<b>\$175</b> General government services
<b>\$129</b> Capital and debt service
<b>\$ 99</b> Other long term liabilities
<b>\$ 95</b> Fire
<b>\$ 57</b> Public Works
<b>\$ 31</b> Libraries

The estimated City property tax for a Minneapolis home with an estimated value of \$183,750 that increased in value by 5 percent from 2015 is about \$990. See where the \$990 goes in the table to the left.

**Highlights of the mayor’s proposed 2016 budget:**

- \$13 million in affordable housing initiatives largely spurred by the mayor’s Cradle to K cabinet proposal to focus on housing as a strategy to ensure a healthy start for kids.
- \$10 million for the City’s portion of the 10th Avenue Bridge rehabilitation.
- \$400,000 to accelerate Minneapolis’ conversion of City-owned streetlights to LED technology.
- Raising the sworn complement of police officers to 862 while funding a recruit class and ongoing community service officer classes.
- Funding for 30 TechHire Initiative scholarships that will provide women and people of color with job training to meet employers’ growing demand for a workforce educated in technology skills.

**Opportunities for public comment**

The Minneapolis City Council will vote to adopt the 2016 budget and property tax levy on Dec. 9, 2015. The City will hold two public hearings before that vote to give the public an opportunity to weigh in on the mayor’s budget proposal and the levy.

**Public hearings**

- 6:05 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015
- 6:05 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015  
Room 317, City Hall  
350 S. Fifth St., Minneapolis

