



## FY2020 BUDGET

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?  
AND WHERE DOES IT GO?

City of Cedar Falls  
220 Clay Street  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613





To the Citizens of Cedar Falls:

The Department of Finance & Business Operations hereby submits the Budget Brochure for 2020. This report is intended to provide the public with a brief summary of the City's Budget for the fiscal year from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Since the complete FY20 document may contain data unfamiliar to many readers, we have tried to depict our budget highlights through graphics, charts, and condensed table presentation.

This financial information has been gathered from a much lengthier document. The three-year financial plan includes the FY2020 budget, FY2021 and FY2022 projections, the City Council goals, long-term financial strategies, and the Capital Improvement Program. The financial plan also includes charts illustrating property tax effects, debt service schedules, employee information, and other miscellaneous graphs and statistical information. The complete FY2020-2022 Financial Plan is available on the City's website at [www.cedarfalls.com](http://www.cedarfalls.com) or if a hard copy is desired, it can be purchased by contacting the Department of Finance & Business Operations at (319) 273-8600.

**Cedar Falls FY20 Property Tax  
Where the Property Tax is Spent**

| Department or Fund            | Total Levy Property Tax | Property Tax Per \$1,000 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Finance & Business Operations | 4.65%                   | 0.51                     |
| Admin./Leg./Miscellaneous     | 9.12%                   | 1.00                     |
| Debt Service                  | 4.15%                   | 0.43                     |
| Community Development         | 5.28%                   | 0.58                     |
| Fire                          | 8.77%                   | 0.96                     |
| Municipal Oper. & Prog.       | 14.74%                  | 1.62                     |
| Levy - Cedar Falls Band       | 0.16%                   | 0.02                     |
| Levy - Liability Insurance    | 1.20%                   | 0.13                     |
| Levy - MET Transit            | 1.95%                   | 0.21                     |
| Levy - Library                | 2.46%                   | 0.27                     |
| Levy-EMA                      | 1.86%                   | 0.20                     |
| Library                       | 5.68%                   | 0.62                     |
| Administration                | 2.25%                   | 0.25                     |
| Police                        | 23.28%                  | 2.56                     |
| Trust & Agency                | 14.45%                  | 1.59                     |
| <b>Total Levy</b>             | <b>100.00%</b>          | <b>\$10.95</b>           |

With a wide variety of services and \$73 million in budgeted revenues and expenses, YOUR EARLY INPUT AND PARTICIPATION can have a significant influence on the services, which are provided, and on how resources are allocated to those services. For this process to succeed, citizen participation early in the budget process is vital.

**SO PLEASE GET INVOLVED EARLY!  
WHAT HAPPENS AND WHEN?**

The City Budget process begins nearly twelve months before the actual start of the budget year, which runs from July 1st through June 30th.

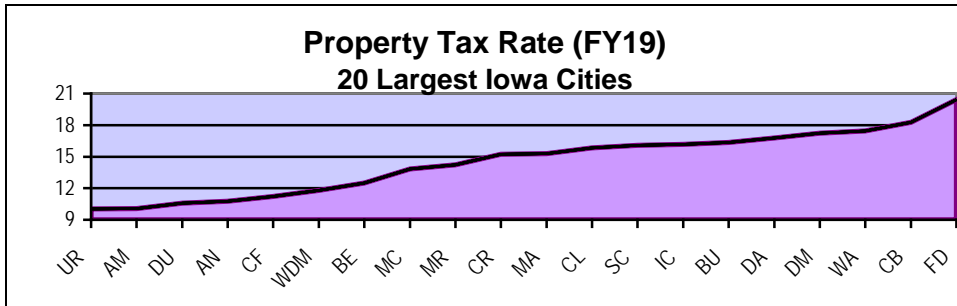
This process provides for:

- A substantial degree of citizen input
- Formal direction from elected officials
- Preparation of the proposed budget by City staff
- Final decision and adoption by the elected City Council

The FY2021 City Budget process includes the following tentatively scheduled meetings at City Hall. Citizens are welcome to attend.

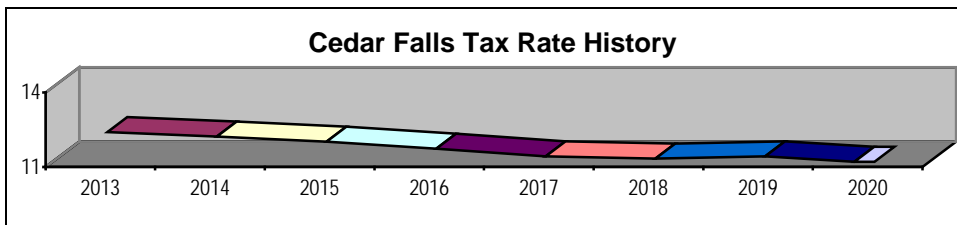
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| Monday, February 3, 2020  | 7:00 p.m. | Maximum Budget Set                           |
| Monday, February 17, 2020 | 7:00 p.m. | Public Hearing &<br>Final Adoption of Budget |

**Prepared by the Department of Finance & Business Operations**

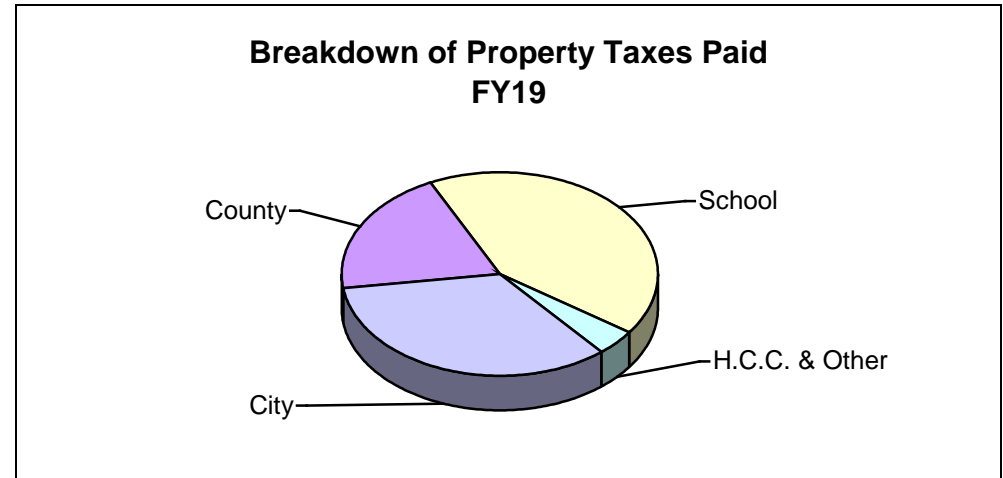


Cedar Falls local government continued to operate at one of the lowest property tax rates among the 20 largest cities in Iowa in FY19.

| City               | FY19 Tax Rate | 2010 Population | Abbreviation |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Urbandale          | 10.02         | 39,463          | UR           |
| Ames               | 10.07         | 58,965          | AM           |
| Dubuque            | 10.59         | 57,637          | DU           |
| Ankeny             | 10.75         | 45,582          | AN           |
| <b>Cedar Falls</b> | <b>11.22</b>  | <b>39,260</b>   | <b>CF</b>    |
| West Des Moines    | 11.79         | 56,609          | WDM          |
| Bettendorf         | 12.50         | 33,217          | BE           |
| Mason City         | 13.83         | 28,079          | MC           |
| Marion             | 14.22         | 34,768          | MR           |
| Cedar Rapids       | 15.22         | 126,326         | CR           |
| Marshalltown       | 15.28         | 27,552          | MA           |
| Clinton            | 15.85         | 26,885          | CL           |
| Sioux City         | 16.07         | 82,684          | SC           |
| Iowa City          | 16.18         | 67,862          | IC           |
| Burlington         | 16.34         | 25,663          | BU           |
| Davenport          | 16.78         | 99,685          | DA           |
| Des Moines         | 17.24         | 203,433         | DM           |
| Waterloo           | 17.46         | 68,406          | WA           |
| Council Bluffs     | 18.26         | 62,230          | CB           |
| Ford Dodge         | 20.42         | 25,206          | FD           |
| <b>Average</b>     | <b>14.50</b>  |                 |              |



Between FY13 and FY20, the tax rate decreased \$1.25. In FY20, the tax rate will decrease from \$11.22 to \$10.95. In FY20, the rollback factor that determines residential taxable values increased from 55.62% to 56.92%. This combined with the decrease in tax rate will show a net effect of 0.13% decrease for the average home owner.



#### Taxes paid per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuation (FY19)

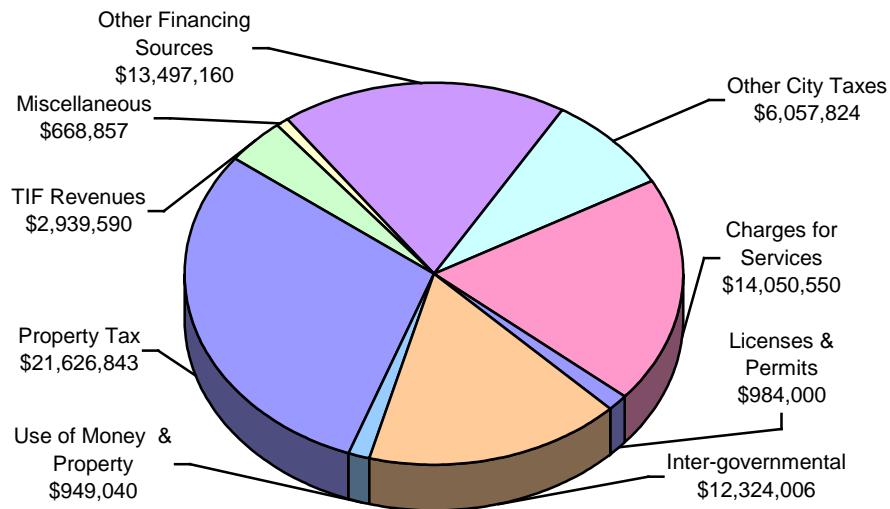
|                  | (A)            | (B) | (C) |
|------------------|----------------|-----|-----|
| City             | \$11.22        | X   | =   |
| School District  | \$13.95        | X   | =   |
| County           | \$6.69         | X   | =   |
| H.C.C. & Other   | \$1.36         | X   | =   |
| Less:            |                |     |     |
| Homestead Credit |                |     | ( ) |
| Military Credit  |                |     | ( ) |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$33.22</b> |     |     |

To calculate the tax breakdown for your own home, divide your property's TAXABLE VALUE by 1,000; enter the result into column (B) and multiply by the figures in column (A).

❖ To calculate the Homestead Credit, divide \$4,850 by 1,000 and multiply by the total tax rate in Column (A). To calculate the Military credit, divide \$1,852 by 1,000 and multiply the total tax rate in column (A). Homestead and Military credits are deducted from the total tax due.

The following is an example for a home with a GROSS ASSESSED VALUE of \$100,000: \$100,000 x 55.6209% (State Rollback) = \$55,621 (Taxable Value)/1,000 = 55.62 x \$11.22 = \$624.06 paid in City taxes; \$775.90 paid in School taxes; \$372.10 paid in County taxes; \$75.64 paid in H.C.C. & Other taxes; and \$1,847.70 paid in total. If applicable, Military and Homestead credits would reduce the total tax due by \$222.64.

## Where The Money Comes From FY20



### REVENUE TERMS

**Property Taxes:** Funds received from taxes levied against private property.

**TIF Revenues:** Funds provided by incremental increases in tax revenues derived from increased taxable valuations in TIF districts.

**Other City Taxes:** Funds received from local option sales tax and hotel/motel taxes.

**Licenses and Permits:** Fees paid by persons for various items such as building permits, burial permits, and business licenses.

**Use of Money & Property:** Income received on investments and lease income.

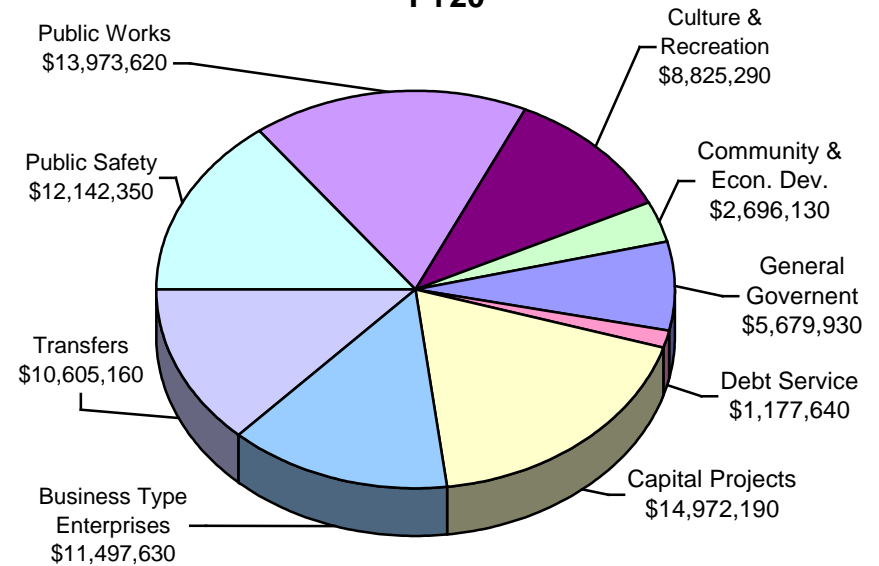
**Intergovernmental:** Funds received from the Federal or State Government such as Block Grants, Rent Assistance, Road Use Tax, Liquor Profits, Backfill and funds received from the Cedar Falls Utilities.

**Charges for Services:** Fees paid by persons for services they use such as garbage collection, sewer rental and other services.

**Miscellaneous:** All other sources of revenue received, including refunds and donations.

**Other Financing Sources:** Monies transferred between various funds of the City and bond proceeds.

## Where The Money Is Spent FY20



### EXPENDITURE TERMS

**Public Safety:** Expenditures for police, fire, civil defense, inspections, and animal control.

**Public Works:** Expenditures for street repair, street construction, parking, street lighting, and engineering.

**Culture & Recreation:** Expenditures for library, parks, recreation, cemetery, community center, and visitors and tourism.

**Community & Economic Development:** Expenditures for economic development, federal housing programs, and planning and zoning.

**General Government:** Expenditures for financial services, public records, legal, and cable television. Health & Soc. Services included.

**Debt Service:** Expenditures for the retirement of principal and interest on bonds that are due during the budget year.

**Capital Projects:** Expenditures for major capital projects.

**Business Type Enterprises:** Expenditures for Refuse, Sewer operations and Stormwater.

**Transfers:** Expenditures transferred between various funds of the City.