



# CITY OF BEACON

## PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION

OCTOBER 10, 2023





# BUDGET TIMELINE

- October 10: Proposed Budget Presentation
- October 16: Non-Department Line Items
- October 23: Set Public Hearing
- November 6: Police, Fire, Recreation
- November 13: Public Hearing
- November 20: Water, Sewer, Highway
- December 4: Proposed Changes and Final Rates
- December 11: Budget Adoption

# PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET OVERVIEW

- The proposed operating budget includes the general fund, water fund, and sewer fund. It does not include capital budget items.
- The proposed spending plan totals \$35.0 Million
  - \$25.4 Million in the General Fund (Increase of 3.3 % from 2023 Adopted Budget)
  - \$5.3 Million in the Sewer Fund (Increase of 2.5 % from 2023 Adopted Budget)
  - \$4.2 Million in the Water Fund (Increase of 5.6 % from 2023 Adopted Budget)
- The budget proposes to decrease property tax rates and modestly increase water and sewer rates (4% for Water; 6% for Sewer).
- Average homes will see an estimated 3.96% tax increase, and commercial properties will see a 14.23% decrease based on Adjusted Rate Proportions. The tax impact has been mitigated by the addition to the tax rolls of approximately \$27 Million in new or improved properties.



# SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

- The budget increases are primarily due to cost-of-living adjustments for employees, sharply increased State pension contribution, and inflation for materials and supplies.
- Only one part-time position for police dispatcher added for 2024. Positions created in 2023 for Deputy Building Inspector and Recreation Assistant carried for 2024.
- Budget includes “*Employee Retention Initiative*” adding \$1,000 to each employee’s compensation in addition to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in the collective bargaining agreements negotiated in 2021 when inflation was low.
- Water rates are proposed to increase 4% and sewer rates increase 6% to help cover the rapidly rising costs for treatment chemicals, fuel, supplies, and repairs.

# PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET SUMMARY

|                           | General Fund        | Water Fund<br>4% Increase | Sewer Fund<br>6% Increase |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Appropriations            | \$25,418,651        | \$4,243,011               | \$5,293,477               |
| Total Revenue             | \$12,411,643        | \$4,146,511               | \$5,293,477               |
| Balance of Appropriations | \$13,007,008        | -                         | -                         |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | \$(250,000)         | \$(96,500)                | -                         |
| Allowable Levy at Tax Cap | <b>\$13,293,433</b> |                           |                           |

For 2024 the Tax Cap is allowed to increase 6.28%. An allowable increase of \$786,036.

The proposed 2024 budget is \$536,425 below the tax cap, increasing the levy only \$249,611 which is a levy increase of 2.00%.

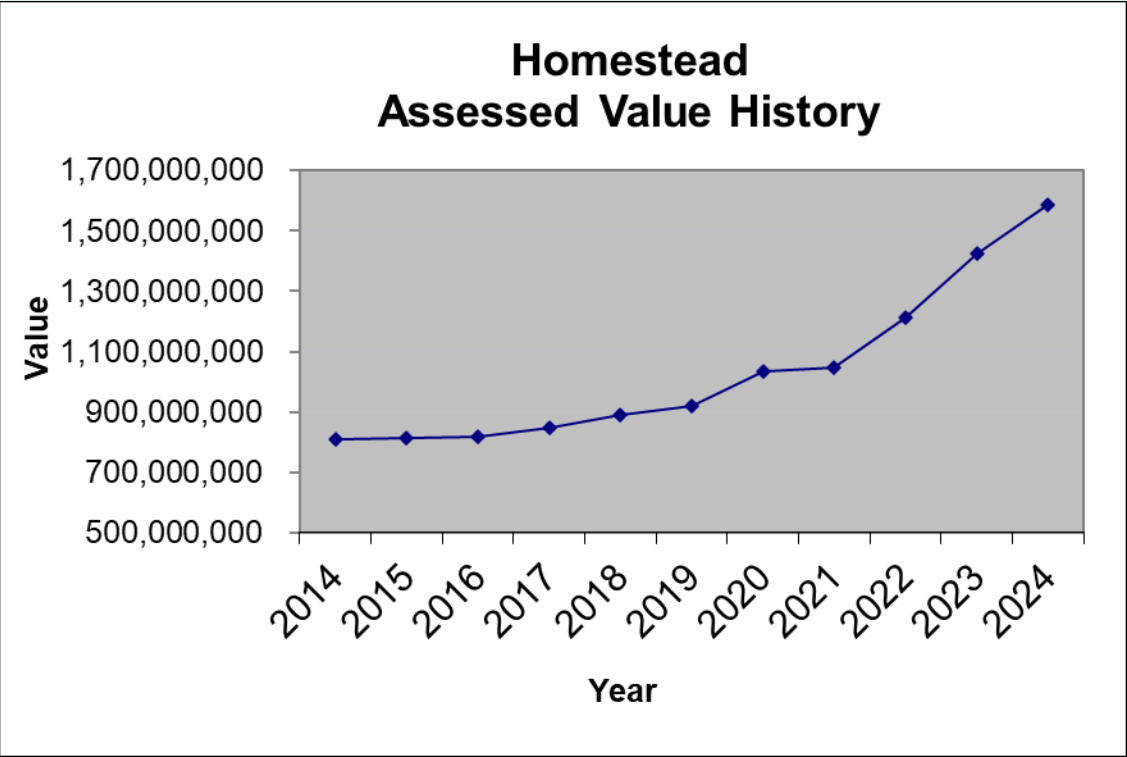
The cap is on the tax levy, not the tax rate.

# PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET SUMMARY

|                          | Homestead       | Non-Homestead | Totals          |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Tax Levy Distribution    | \$9,318,443     | \$3,438,565   | \$12,757,008    |
| Base Proportion          | 73.045680       | 26.954320     | 100.00          |
| 2024 Tax Rate            | 5.873118        | 9.160724      |                 |
| 2023 Tax Rate            | 6.214000        | 10.680877     |                 |
| Percentage Rate Decrease | -5.4857%        | -14.2325%     |                 |
| 10/10/23- Tentative Roll | \$1,586,626,330 | \$375,359,513 | \$1,961,985,843 |
| 11/21/22 – Final Roll    | \$1,426,130,810 | \$341,303,420 | \$1,767,434,230 |
| Percentage Increase      | 11.25%          | 9.98%         | 11.01%          |
| Dollar Change            | \$160,498,520   | \$34,056,093  | \$194,551,613   |

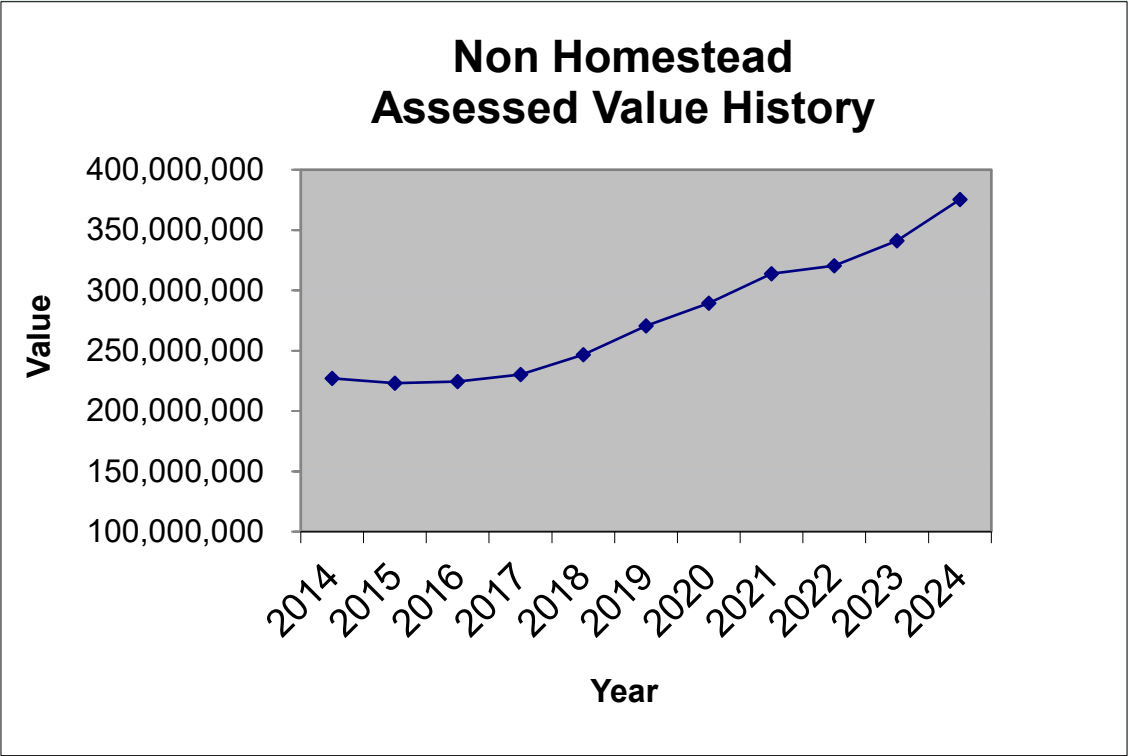
# HOMESTEAD ASSESSMENTS 2014-2024

| Year | Value            |                |
|------|------------------|----------------|
| 2014 | \$808,113,801    |                |
| 2015 | \$813,005,888    |                |
| 2016 | \$817,959,464    |                |
| 2017 | \$846,174,024    |                |
| 2018 | \$890,121,552    |                |
| 2019 | \$921,272,380    |                |
| 2020 | \$1,035,407,247  |                |
| 2021 | \$1,049,204,857, |                |
| 2022 | \$1,212,207,405  |                |
| 2023 | \$1,426,130,810  |                |
| 2024 | \$1,586,626,330  | As of 10/10/23 |



# NON-HOMESTEAD ASSESSMENTS 2014-2024

| Year | Value         |                |
|------|---------------|----------------|
| 2014 | \$227,215,482 |                |
| 2015 | \$223,226,443 |                |
| 2016 | \$224,589,575 |                |
| 2017 | \$230,385,626 |                |
| 2018 | \$246,894,305 |                |
| 2019 | \$270,710,226 |                |
| 2020 | \$289,494,865 |                |
| 2021 | \$313,815,987 |                |
| 2022 | \$320,365,120 |                |
| 2023 | \$341,303,420 |                |
| 2024 | \$375,359,513 | As of 10/10/23 |



# TAX RATE HISTORY 2014-2024

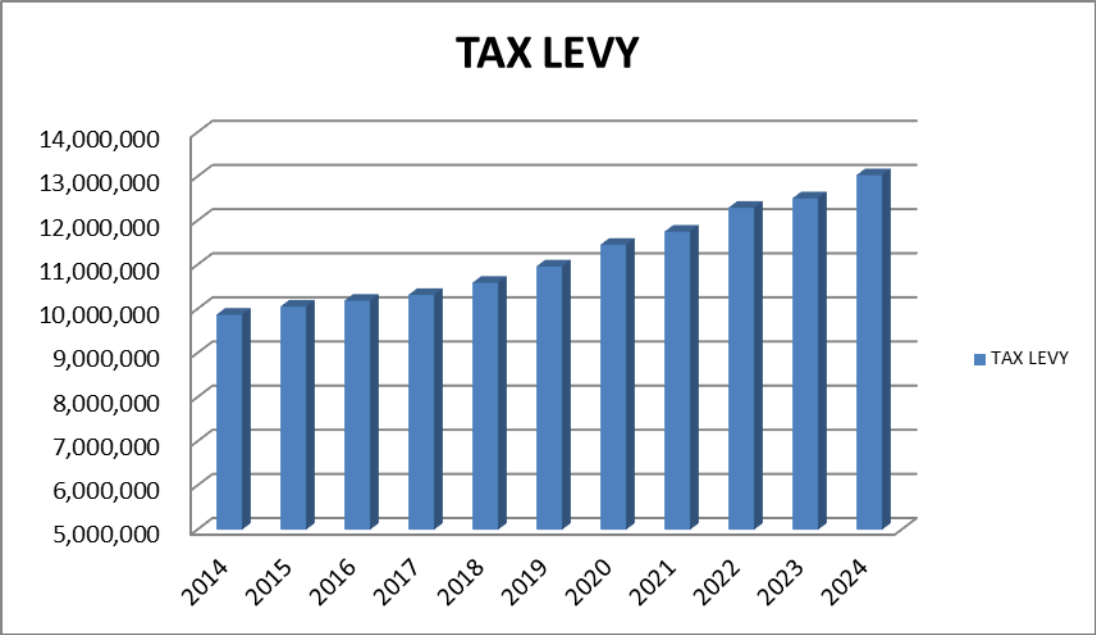
| Homestead |      | Non-Homestead |       |
|-----------|------|---------------|-------|
| YEAR      | RATE | YEAR          | RATE  |
| 2014      | 8.63 | 2014          | 12.73 |
| 2015      | 8.70 | 2015          | 13.35 |
| 2016      | 8.82 | 2016          | 13.23 |
| 2017      | 8.61 | 2017          | 13.17 |
| 2018      | 8.39 | 2018          | 12.67 |
| 2019      | 8.25 | 2019          | 12.41 |
| 2020      | 7.64 | 2020          | 12.26 |
| 2021      | 7.76 | 2021          | 11.49 |
| 2022      | 7.01 | 2022          | 11.54 |
| 2023      | 6.21 | 2023          | 10.68 |
| *2024     | 5.87 | *2024         | 9.16  |



\*Proposed

# TAX LEVY/ FUND BALANCE USE 2014-2024

| Year  | Levy Amount  | Fund Balance to Offset Levy |
|-------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 2014  | \$9,871,042  | \$500,000                   |
| 2015  | \$10,054,918 | \$500,000                   |
| 2016  | \$10,188,230 | \$400,000                   |
| 2017  | \$10,319,219 | \$247,500                   |
| 2018  | \$10,593,191 | \$162,980                   |
| 2019  | \$10,964,181 | \$148,317                   |
| 2020  | \$11,455,743 | \$379,842                   |
| 2021  | \$11,751,122 | \$2,273,843                 |
| 2022  | \$12,293,218 | \$585,000                   |
| 2023  | \$12,507,397 | \$200,000                   |
| *2024 | \$12,757,008 | \$250,000                   |
|       |              |                             |



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# CALCULATION OF TAX RATES

|                                                                               | Homestead     | Non-Homestead | Totals        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Amount to be raised by Taxes<br>“LEVY”                                        | 12,757,008    | 12,757,008    |               |
| Base Proportion Percentage*                                                   | 0.7304568     | 0.2695432     | 1.000000      |
| Tax Levy Proportioned<br>(Levy x Base proportion)                             | 9,318,443     | 3,438,565     | 12,757,008    |
| Assessed Values*                                                              | 1,586,626,330 | 375,359,513   | 1,961,985,843 |
| <b>2024 Proposed Rate (Per \$1,000)</b>                                       | 5.873118      | 9.160724      |               |
| 2023 Rate (per \$1,000)                                                       | 6.213763      | 10.680877     |               |
| <b>2024 Percentage Decrease/Increase</b><br>(2024 Rate – 2023 Rate/2023 Rate) | -5.4857%      | -14.2325%     |               |
| <b>Tax Bill Example:</b>                                                      |               |               |               |
| Assessed Value of property example                                            | 400,000       | 400,000       |               |
| 2024 City Tax Bill (Assessed<br>Value/1,000 x Tax Rate)                       | 2,349.25      | 3,664.29      |               |

\*Amounts determined by the New York State Office of Real Property Taxes. Currently, in draft form.

# SAMPLE HOMESTEAD TAX BILL

| TAX YEAR                 | ASSESSED VALUE | RATE     | TAX AMOUNT |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------|------------|
| 2023                     | \$400,000      | 6.214000 | \$2,485.60 |
| 2024                     | \$440,000*     | 5.873118 | \$2,584.17 |
|                          |                |          |            |
| NET \$ INCREASE          |                |          | \$98.57    |
| NET % INCREASE           |                |          | 3.96%      |
| *10% Assessment increase |                |          |            |

# SAMPLE NONHOMESTEAD TAX BILL

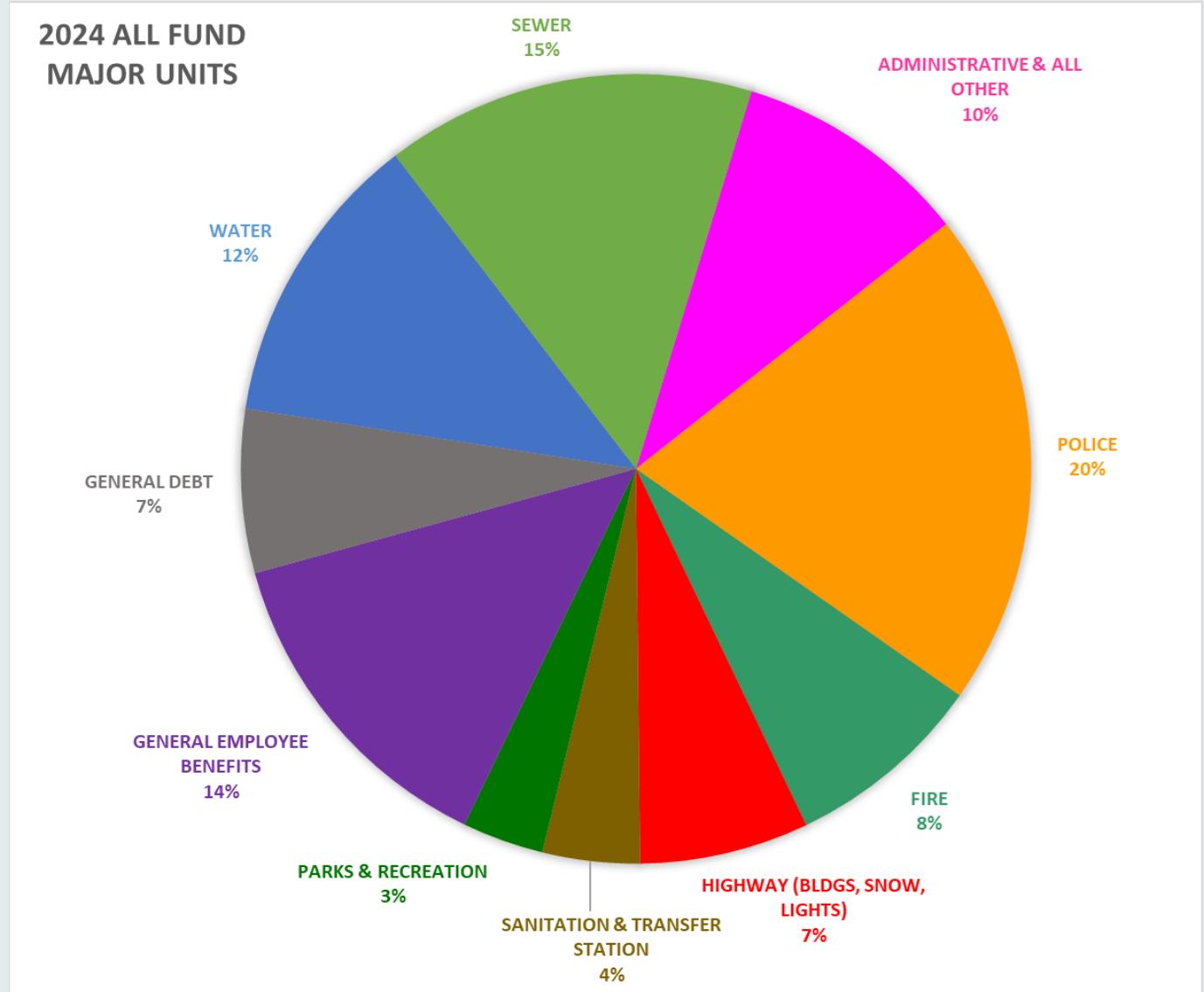
| TAX YEAR        | ASSESSED VALUE | RATE      | TAX AMOUNT |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
| 2023            | \$500,000      | 10.680877 | \$5,340.44 |
| 2024            | \$500,000      | 9.160724  | \$4,580.36 |
|                 |                |           |            |
| NET \$ DECREASE |                |           | \$760.08   |
| NET % DECREASE  |                |           | 14.23%     |

# EMPLOYEES BY DEPARTMENT 2014-2024

| NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES PER DEPARTMENT - ALL FUNDS |       |       |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
|                                                |       |       |          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | Budget to |
|                                                |       |       | BUDGETED |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | Budget    |
| Department                                     | 2014  | 2015  | 2016     | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  | Change    |
| Administrator                                  | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0      | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 3.0   | 2.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | -         |
| Assessor                                       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5      | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   | -         |
| Building                                       | 3.0   | 3.0   | 3.0      | 3.0   | 3.0   | 4.0   | 4.0   | 3.0   | 4.0   | 4.0   | 5.0   | 1.0       |
| City Clerk                                     | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0      | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.5   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | -         |
| Council                                        | 6.0   | 6.0   | 6.0      | 6.0   | 6.0   | 6.0   | 6.0   | 6.0   | 6.0   | 6.0   | 6.0   | -         |
| Finance                                        | 5.0   | 5.0   | 5.0      | 5.0   | 5.0   | 5.0   | 5.0   | 5.0   | 5.0   | 5.0   | 5.0   | -         |
| Fire                                           | 14.0  | 14.0  | 14.0     | 14.0  | 14.0  | 14.0  | 17.0  | 17.0  | 17.0  | 18.0  | 18.0  | -         |
| Highway                                        | 14.0  | 15.0  | 15.0     | 15.0  | 16.0  | 17.0  | 17.0  | 17.0  | 18.0  | 18.0  | 18.0  | -         |
| Human Resource                                 | -     | -     | -        | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | -         |
| Mayor                                          | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0      | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | -         |
| Park                                           | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0      | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | -         |
| Police                                         | 32.0  | 34.0  | 34.0     | 35.0  | 36.0  | 36.0  | 37.0  | 37.0  | 36.0  | 36.0  | 36.0  | -         |
| Police Office                                  | 3.0   | 2.5   | 3.0      | 3.0   | 3.0   | 3.0   | 3.0   | 3.0   | 4.0   | 4.5   | 5.0   | 0.5       |
| Public Buildings                               | 1.5   | 1.0   | 1.0      | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | -         |
| Recreation                                     | 1.0   | 1.5   | 1.5      | 3.0   | 3.5   | 3.5   | 3.5   | 3.5   | 3.5   | 3.5   | 4.5   | 1.0       |
| Recycle                                        | 3.0   | 3.0   | 3.0      | 3.0   | 2.0   | 1.5   | 1.5   | 1.5   | 1.5   | 1.5   | 1.5   | -         |
| Water                                          | 9.0   | 8.0   | 10.0     | 11.0  | 11.0  | 11.0  | 11.0  | 11.0  | 11.0  | 12.0  | 12.0  | -         |
| Sewer                                          | 9.0   | 11.0  | 11.0     | 11.0  | 11.0  | 11.0  | 11.0  | 10.0  | 11.0  | 11.0  | 11.0  | -         |
| Totals                                         | 108.0 | 111.5 | 114.0    | 117.5 | 119.0 | 121.0 | 126.5 | 124.5 | 126.5 | 129.0 | 131.5 | 2.5       |

# PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| ADMINISTRATIVE & ALL OTHER    | 3,370,925  |
| POLICE                        | 7,118,262  |
| FIRE                          | 2,859,394  |
| HIGHWAY (BLDGS, SNOW, LIGHTS) | 2,420,474  |
| SANITATION & TRANSFER STATION | 1,391,484  |
| PARKS & RECREATION            | 1,164,614  |
| GENERAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS     | 4,751,365  |
| GENERAL DEBT                  | 2,342,133  |
| WATER                         | 4,243,011  |
| SEWER                         | 5,293,477  |
| TOTAL                         | 34,955,139 |





# THANK YOU

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