

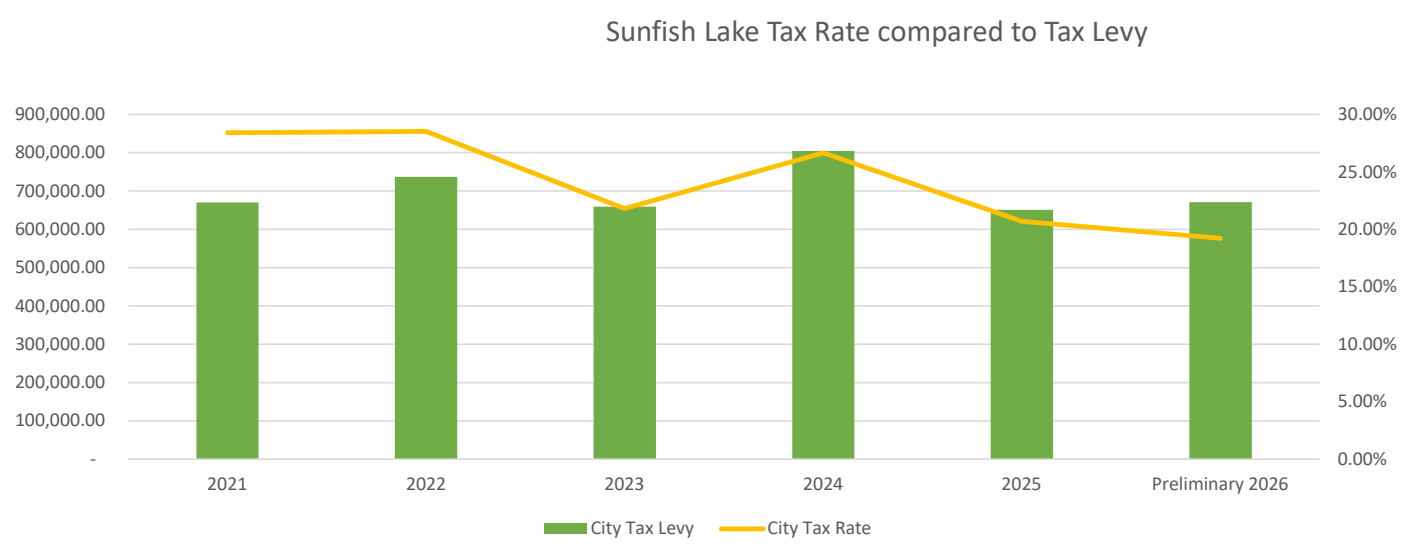
Sunfish Lake Budget

Total Budget and Total Levy

Historical Comparison

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Preliminary 2026
Budget		\$ 851,822.00	\$ 813,421.00	\$ 931,118.00	\$ 814,799.00	\$ 804,780.00
Levy	670,152	736,598	659,599	804,526	650,984	671,308
Tax Rate	28.41%	28.52%	21.81%	26.66%	20.70%	19.21%

Tax Values



Changes from 2025 Budget and Tax Levy

• Budget

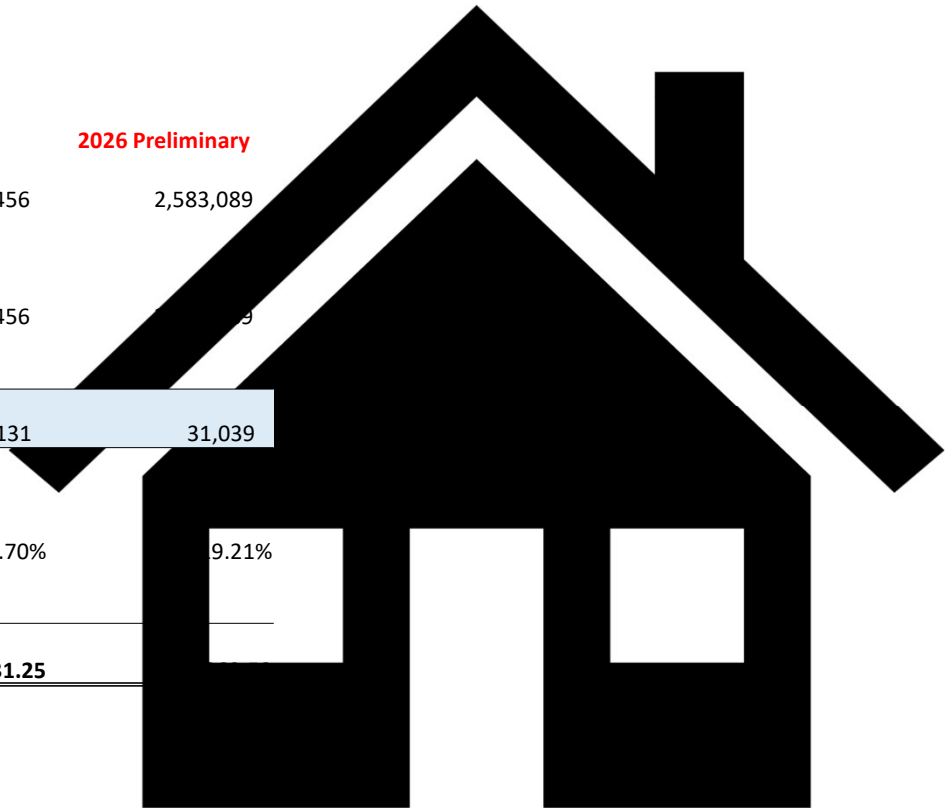
(Dec) DS payments-2014		(35,980.00)
DS-2017		(2,818.50)
DS-2019		3,932.00
DS-2021		(780.00)
Decrease to fire		(5,000.00)
Increased Police		2,410.29
Planner		(7,000.00)
Engineer		1,340.00
Inc to capital program		34,000.00
City Administrator		1,620.50
Elections		2,880.00
Decrease to Treasurer		(3,298.00)
Decrease to Code enforcement		(3,000.00)
Forster		375.00
Misc		1,300.00
Change to Budget		(10,018.71)

• Tax Levy

Use of Cash reduced		16,912.44
SA reduction		19,310.56
Change to budget		(10,018.71)
State Aid		(3,979.00)
Other-FF and SA Int		(1,900.00)
Levy Increase		20,325.29

Year to Year Comparison-
\$2,583,089 (6.28% incR.)

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Preliminary
2,000,000	2,000,000	2,380,000	2,641,800	2,430,456	2,583,089
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10,000	13,644	28,500	31,773	29,131	31,039
28.41%	28.52%	21.81%	26.66%	20.70%	19.21%
\$2,841.03	\$3,890.82	\$6,216.88	\$8,470.00	\$6,031.25	



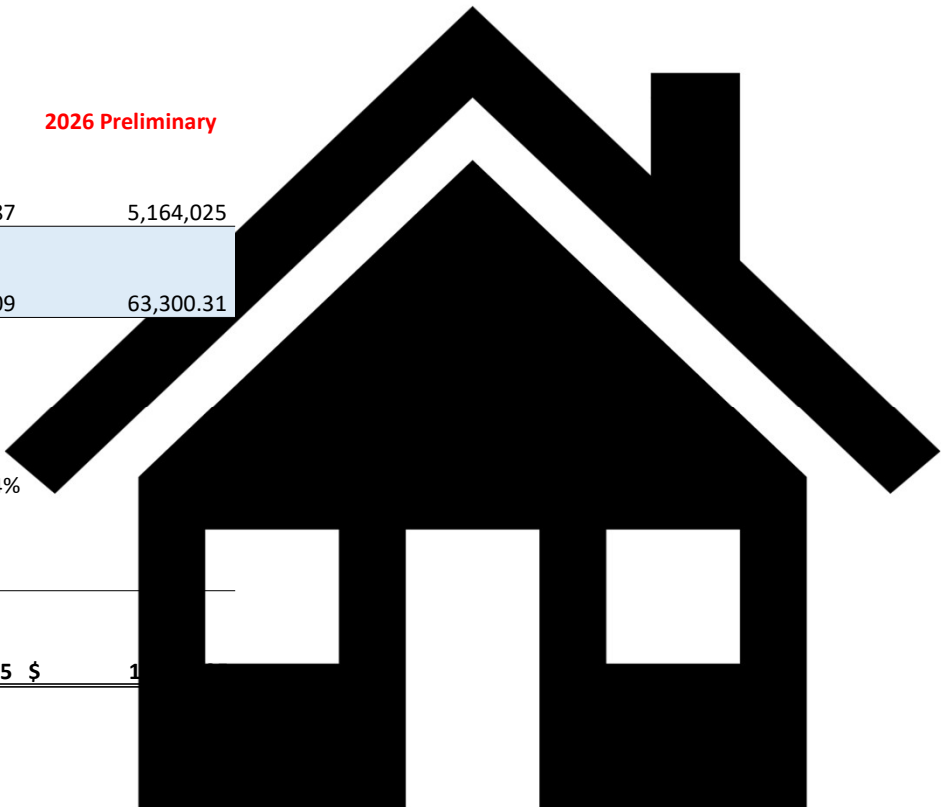
Year to Year Comparison
\$3,872,481 (6.28% Incr.)

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Preliminary
2,997,979	2,997,978	3,567,977	3,960,676	3,643,659	3,872,481
10,000	13,644	43,375	48,284	44,321	47,183
28.410%	28.517%	21.814%	26.658%	20.704%	
\$ 2,841.03	\$ 3,890.82	\$ 9,461.66	\$ 12,871.62	\$ 9,176.27	\$ 5,237.37



Year to Year Comparison
\$5,164,025 (6.28% Incr.)

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Preliminary
3,997,979	3,997,978	4,757,977	5,281,576	4,858,887	5,164,025
48,724.74	48,724.73	58,224.71	64,769.70	59,486.09	63,300.31
28.410%	28.517%	21.814%	26.658%	20.704%	
\$ 13,842.85	\$ 13,895.03	\$ 12,700.92	\$ 17,266.49	\$ 12,316.05	\$ 13,842.85



Questions?????



City Council Action Item

Subject: 2026 Budget Update

Meeting Date: September 9, 2025	
Submitted/Presented by/Department: Char Stark/Treasurer	
Action Type	
☐ Consent Item	☐ Discussion/Direction
☐ Public Hearing	☐ Informational Only
☒ Action/Motion	☐ Report
☐ Resolution	☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
Action	
Council to adopt a not to exceed budget for 2026.	
Background	
Attached is the preliminary budget for adoption. This is a preliminary budget and sets the levy. This can be reduced but not increased. The final adoption will take place in December.	
Attachments	
2026 budget worksheet 2026 presentation 2026 Resolution Notice of Budget Hearing	
Previous Relevant Actions	
Council reviewed the 2026 budget at the August 12th meeting.	
Alternatives	
Financial	
Budgeted: ☐ Yes	☒ No Financial Impact
Fund	Click or tap here to enter text.
Department: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Account: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.	

FUND	Account Description	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	Final 2025 Budget	Preliminary 2026 Budget	\$ change	% Change	Notes
FUND 101 General Fund								
101	E 101-01-40350 Publishing-printing & advertise	\$5,000.00	\$682.56	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0%	Legal Notices and Ordinances
101	E 101-01-41110 Council expenses	\$400.00	\$458.13	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	0%	
101	E 101-02-40345 Postage-City Administrator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$700.00	\$500.00	250%	Election postage
101	E 101-02-41000 Mayor	\$900.00	\$333.75	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	0%	Meeting expenses
101	E 101-02-41320 City Administrator	\$24,102.00	\$23,630.00	\$26,750.00	\$27,552.50	\$802.50	3%	Salary, Fica-Medicare
101	E 101-02-41410 Elections	\$3,000.00	\$3,057.35	\$570.00	\$3,450.00	\$2,880.00	505%	There will be an election in 2026
101	E 101-02-41921 Digitization of records			\$3,100.00	\$3,418.00	\$318.00	10%	Annual maintenance fee
101	E 101-03-40345 Postage-Treasurer	\$600.00	\$223.80	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	0%	Mailing checks, reports, etc.
101	E 101-03-40432 Bank charges	\$120.00	\$236.91	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	0%	
101	E 101-03-41520 Treasurer	\$26,298.00	\$19,177.78	\$26,298.00	\$23,000.00	(\$3,298.00)	-13%	Reduction for hours and PERA
101	Financial Software	\$1,200.00	\$840.00	\$840.00	\$840.00	\$0.00	0%	Annual maintenance fee for financial software
101	E 101-10-40304 City Attorney - Civil	\$40,000.00	\$27,026.75	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	0%	Kori agrees
101	E 101-10-40305 City Attorney - Prosecution	\$7,000.00	\$6,046.50	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	0%	Atty agrees
101	E 101-12-41910 City Planner	\$48,000.00	\$45,920.25	\$51,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$1,000.00	2%	General Planning-45,000 Pre Application-7,000
101	E 101-12-42450 Code Enforcement	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$8,000.00)	-80%	Reduction due to 2 years of rollover non use
101	E 101-20-42000 Septic System Admin	\$600.00	\$573.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0%	County inspections

FUND	Account Description	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	Final 2025 Budget	Preliminary 2026 Budget	\$ change	% Change	Notes
101	E 101-20-42100 Police	\$108,474.00	\$99,517.32	\$109,558.74	\$111,969.03	\$2,410.29	2%	WSP requests a 2.2%
101	E 101-20-42200 Fire protection	\$90,000.00	\$89,984.00	\$110,000.00	\$105,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	-5%	2025 actual is 105,000-5% increase of this actual
101	E 101-30-43000 City Engineer	\$49,750.00	\$31,982.25	\$44,820.00	\$46,160.00	\$1,340.00	3%	From Justin
101	E 101-32-40405 Street maint/pavement mark	\$4,500.00	\$4,662.73	\$11,900.00	\$11,900.00	\$0.00	0%	From the capital plan-Justin agrees
101	E 101-32-41935 Water quality/Lake Maintenance			\$7,650.00	\$7,650.00	\$0.00	0%	NPDES MS4(SWPPP) Reporting and Annual Hearing = \$3,350, LGU Role for wetland conservation = 2000, Camn program = 2300
101	E 101-32-43100 Road maintenance	\$22,100.00				\$0.00		Moved to another line item
101	E 101-32-43160 Signal lighting/Street Lighting	\$690.00	\$918.81	\$690.00	\$690.00	\$0.00	0%	Signal Lights
101	E 101-32-43250 Snow removal - IGH	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	-100%	Removed as this has not been charged in many years.
101	E 101-32-43260 Snow removal - other	\$45,000.00	\$44,500.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	0%	3 year contract end 4/30/2026
101	E 101-36-41920 City Forester	\$27,874.00	\$11,421.40	\$12,500.00	\$12,875.00	\$375.00	3%	Forester's hours
101	E 101-36-41925 Deer management	\$450.00		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0%	
101	E 101-36-41930 Forestry expenses	\$14,800.00	\$8,912.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	0%	Forester's program costs
101	E 101-36-41935 Water quality	\$1,400.00	\$2,233.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		camp program-met council
101	E 101-60-40200 Office Supplies & Expense	\$2,440.00	\$420.50	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$0.00	0%	Increased for Election, storage
101	E 101-60-40300 Website Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$220.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0%	added email accounts

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101	E 101-60-40360 Welcome Committee	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0%	
101	E 101-60-40361 Insurance	\$4,000.00	\$2,628.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	0%	Annual insurance premium-includes the insurance agent fee
101	E 101-60-40365 Insurance Agent	\$0.00		\$2,100.00	\$0.00	(\$2,100.00)	-100%	This is part of the premium-removed
101	E 101-60-40399 Miscellaneous	\$2,500.00	\$1,502.58	\$2,500.00	\$1,900.00	(\$600.00)	-24%	
101	E 101-60-40433 Memberships	\$5,000.00	\$4,090.84	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$4,000.00	133%	LMC and Metro Cities and Lower Miss River and Met Council& election
	Total General Fund	\$553,448.00	\$431,200.71	\$541,551.74	\$533,179.53	(\$8,372.21)	-2%	
FUND 200 Surtax Fund								
	Total Surtax	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
101	E 101-12-40605 Escrow Research & Ordinance Up	\$30,000.00	\$3,296.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		This should be finialed in 2025.
201	E 201-60-40399 Miscellaneous	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
201	E 201-60-40505 Equipment	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
201	E 201-60-41921 Digitization of records	\$15,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	Total ARPA	\$45,000.00	\$35,143.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
201	E 202-XX-40399 Miscellaneous	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
201	E 202-XX-40505 Equipment	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		Security cameras or Security Vendor
	Total Public Safety	\$0.00	\$9,997.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		There is cash here to spend
FUND 300 Debt								
	Total Debt Service Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		

FUND	Account Description	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	Final 2025 Budget	Preliminary 2026 Budget	\$ change	% Change	Notes
FUND 310	2014 Debt Service							
	Total 2014 Debt Service	\$36,570.00	\$36,317.50	\$35,980.00	\$0.00	(\$35,980.00)	-100%	Finialed in 2025
FUND 320	2017 Debt Service					\$0.00		
	Total 2017 Debt Service	\$45,600.00	\$46,090.00	\$44,680.00	\$48,612.00	\$3,932.00	9%	
FUND 330	2019 Debt Service							
	Total 2019 Debt Service	\$114,347.50	\$120,212.50	\$121,487.50	\$118,669.00	(\$2,818.50)	-2%	
FUND 340	2021 Debt Service							
	Total 2021 Debt Service	\$71,522.50	\$71,997.50	\$71,100.00	\$70,320.00	(\$780.00)	-1%	
						\$0.00		
						\$0.00		
Fund 400	Road Projects Capital					\$0.00		
400	E 400-32-40500 Capital Improvemen	\$64,630.00	\$38,373.80	\$0.00	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00		(Asphalt rejuvenator on Grieve Glen Rd, Zender Rd, Angell Rd (East), Sunny Side Ln) = \$34,000
						\$0.00		
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$931,118.00	\$792,629.01	\$814,799.24	\$804,780.53	(\$10,018.71)	-1%	
	TOTAL CHANGE FROM 2025		(\$138,488.99)	(\$116,318.76)	(\$10,018.71)			

**NOTICE OF MEETING TO CONSIDER BUDGET AND TAX LEVY FOR
THE CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE, MINNESOTA FOR YEAR 2026**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the City Council of the City of Sunfish Lake will discuss and vote on the budget and property taxes for the year 2026 at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on **December 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting will be held at the First Calvary Baptist Church, 5495 S. Robert Trail, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, 55077

All citizens are invited to attend the meeting and express their opinions on the proposed budget and property taxes payable in the year 2025. At the meeting the Council will consider the following:

- 1.) Discuss the proposed budget and property tax levy for 2026.
- 2.) Receive public comment on the proposed budget and property tax levy for 2026.
- 3.) Determine and approve the final budget and property tax levy for 2026.

All written and oral comments will be considered at the meeting.

If you have questions in advance of the meeting about the budget and tax levy you may contact City Treasurer, Char Stark at (651) 285-2463 or at char.stark@sunfishlake.org. If you wish to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, you may mail them to City Clerk, Christy Wilcox, P.O. Box 18281 or e-mail them to City Clerk, Christy Wilcox at cwilcoxclerk@gmail.com.

/s/ Christy Wilcox, City Clerk

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**CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-09

**RESOLUTION SETTING NOT-TO-EXCEED TAX LEVY FOR COLLECTION IN THE
YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS. State law requires that prior to September 30, 2025, the City of Sunfish Lake set a not-to-exceed tax levy for collection in the year 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
SUNFISH LAKE, MINNESOTA:**

The City hereby sets the not-to -exceed tax levy for collection in the year 2026 as follows:

General Fund:

Not-to Exceed General Property Tax Levy	\$533,544
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Bond Retirement

Not-to Exceed Improvement Bond Debt Retirement	\$130,872
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Total Not-to-Exceed Levy	\$664,416
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Less HACA and LGA	\$ 0
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Final Net Not-to-Exceed Levy	\$664,416
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Passed this 9th day of September, 2025 by the City Council of Sunfish Lake.

Attest:

Dan O'Leary, Mayor or

Christy Wilcox, City Clerk