

# 2026 PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY AND BUDGET



**B**loomington City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m., to gather input on the City's proposed 2026 tax levy and budget. The hearing will take place in the City Council Chambers at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. For details on how to participate, visit [blm.mn/cc-1208](http://blm.mn/cc-1208) or call 952-563-8790.

On September 8, the City Council set the 2026 preliminary property tax levy at \$96.2 million, a 9.44% increase from the 2025 levy. This amount does not include the separate Port Authority and HRA levies.

## OUR MISSION

# BLOOMINGTON.

tomorrow. together. ●

**OUR MISSION IS TO CULTIVATE AN ENDURING AND REMARKABLE COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO BE.**

The 2026 proposed budget aligns with the mission and strategic priorities of the community-based strategic plan.



**A connected,  
welcoming  
community**



**A healthy  
community**



**A community with  
equitable economic  
growth**

## INVESTING IN OUR PRIORITIES



### INCORPORATING PRIORITY-BASED BUDGETING

As part of the 2026 budget process, Bloomington is incorporating Priority-Based Budgeting (PBB) to help connect resources to community priorities.

PBB provides another way to:

- Review City programs and services based on the value they provide.
- Align resources with the community-based strategic plan, Bloomington. Tomorrow. Together.
- Increase transparency and accountability.
- Use data to help guide decisions.

PBB adds to the City's regular budget process by offering a clearer picture of where resources are going and supporting conversations about priorities.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT LONG-TERM STRATEGY

More than half, 53%, of the proposed budget increase is dedicated to police and fire operations. As Bloomington grows and public safety needs increase, the Fire Department is transitioning to a combination full-time and part-time staffing model to ensure reliable emergency response throughout the community.

### Long-term goals

- Staff six fire stations with four firefighters, including a paramedic, so the first unit arrives within 7 minutes, 30 seconds at least 90% of the time.
- Grow from 46 to 78 full-time firefighters, plus 75 part-time firefighters, along with added prevention and command staff.
- Update all six fire stations to support full-time staffing. Two are complete; the rest are scheduled for upgrade through 2033.

Until we reach these goals, each year's levy, including 2026, will have funding for firefighter staffing and fire station upgrades. These investments help ensure Bloomington residents continue to receive timely emergency response when it's needed most.



El consejo municipal de la ciudad de Bloomington convocará una audiencia pública para escuchar de usted sobre la propuesta de recaudación de impuestos y el presupuesto de la ciudad para el año 2026, el día lunes, 8 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. Para más información en español, por favor visite la página de la red del internet [blm.mn/property-tax](http://blm.mn/property-tax)

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Hội Đồng Thành Phố Bloomington sẽ tổ chức một buổi điều trần công cộng vào thứ Hai, ngày 8 tháng Mười hai, lúc 6:30 giờ tối để nghe ý kiến của quý vị về đề xuất ngân sách và vấn đề đánh thuế năm 2026 của Thành Phố. Để tìm hiểu thêm bằng tiếng Việt, vui lòng truy cập trang mạng [blm.mn/property-tax](http://blm.mn/property-tax)