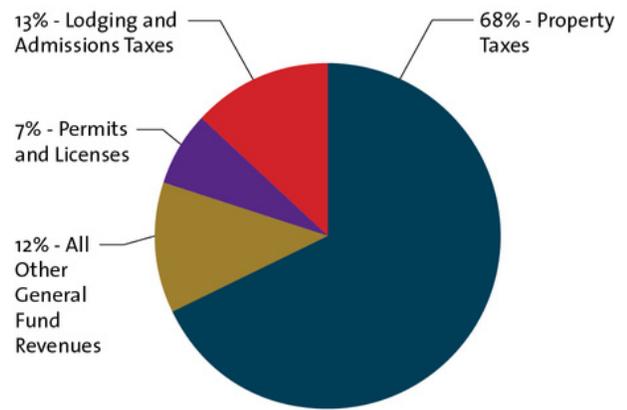


# Impact of COVID-19 on the City's 2021 Budget

The coronavirus pandemic has created an even larger economic downturn for the City than 2008's Great Recession. Businesses have closed, people have lost their jobs or been laid off and there is widespread uncertainty about the economy. For the City of Bloomington, this has meant millions of dollars lost from lodging and admissions taxes. Lodging and admission tax revenues usually generate about 13% of the City's general fund revenues, which fund essential City services like Police, Fire and Public Works. Due to the pandemic, these revenues have declined by more than \$5 million, and are less than half of what was collected before COVID-19.

**CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES PRE COVID-19**



## What has the City done to control costs?

The City recognizes that many residents and businesses are facing economic hardships due to the pandemic and is taking steps to control our costs and minimize the impact on property taxes.

The City expects to balance the 2021 budget by:

- Leaving unfilled positions open and eliminating some positions
- Carefully analyzing City services in order to cut costs
- Postponing some capital projects
- In 2020 and 2021, the City is limiting the capital improvement projects that are bonded for by taking advantage of lower interest rates
- Reducing property tax set aside for Normandale Lake District capital projects

## What comes next?

The City Council appointed volunteer community members to a Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) in May 2020. The advisory committee developed budget scenarios for the City Council to consider for balancing the budget. This has involved studying the budget and making challenging decisions while striving to make sure that service changes reflect what community members value most. Now CBAC is committed to hearing feedback from the community on the scenarios. An overview of each scenario is provided on the reverse side of this page along with information on how to share your voice in the process.

**Visit [blm.mn/cbac](http://blm.mn/cbac) for more information.**

## Questions?

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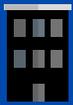
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# Impact of COVID-19 on the City's 2021 Budget: Draft Budget Scenarios

The City of Bloomington is facing a multi-million dollar budget shortfall as a result of COVID-19. To address the shortfall, the Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) developed three budget scenarios for City Council to consider for the 2021 budget. The scenarios were built through a review of the budget, a ranking of proposed budget reductions and community engagement. They will be presented to City Council on November 9. For more information visit [blm.mn/cbac](http://blm.mn/cbac).

	Tax Levy Increase: 5%	Tax Levy Increase: 3%	Tax Levy Increase: 0%
Budget Reduction	<b>\$1,579,411 reduction</b>	<b>\$2,873,208 reduction</b>	<b>\$4,813,904 reduction</b>
How does this impact YOU?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce outdoor rinks from 13 down to 8</li> <li>Close Motor Vehicle Office</li> <li>Cancel Summer Adventure Program at Brye Park</li> <li>Eliminate Cultural Arts Grants</li> <li>Reduce programming at Creekside Community Center</li> <li>Increase Ice Garden hourly ice rental rates</li> <li>Increase Dwan Green Fees by \$1</li> <li>Leave unfilled jobs vacant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All reductions in the 5% budget scenario</li> <li>Eliminate most neighborhood sidewalk plowing</li> <li>Decrease Bloomington Family Aquatic Center hours by 1 hour per day</li> <li>Eliminate neighborhood traffic calming program</li> <li>Increase Dwan Green Fees by \$3</li> <li>Leave vacant Dispatch Supervisor position open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All reductions in the 5% and 3% budget scenarios</li> <li>Close Creekside Community Center, move programs to the Bloomington Center for the Arts</li> <li>Eliminate 2 non-patrol Police Department positions</li> <li>Leave 4 open Police Department positions vacant</li> <li>Eliminate pre-shift Police roll-call</li> <li>Eliminate City funding for the School District's Middle School Galaxy Program</li> </ul>
There are additional budget reductions in each scenario that are not listed here. For a complete list, visit <a href="http://blm.mn/cbac">blm.mn/cbac</a> .			
How does this impact your property taxes?	 Median Home Value of \$286,400: +\$3.40 per month  Average Apartment: +\$4.35 per month	 Median Home Value of \$286,400: +\$1.51 per month  Average Apartment: +\$3.14 per month	 Median Home Value of \$286,400: -\$1.33 per month  Average Apartment: +\$1.34 per month

## Share your feedback.

Attend virtual listening sessions hosted on Zoom.

- Thursday, October 15, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- Saturday, October 17, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Visit [blm.mn/cbac](http://blm.mn/cbac) to register.



Respond to surveys and share your ideas through digital engagement.

Visit [blm.mn/letstalk](http://blm.mn/letstalk) to participate.