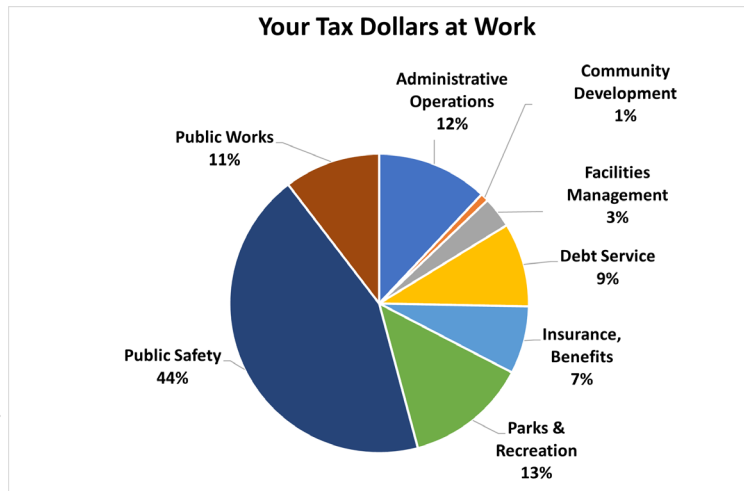


Hastings Plans Investments in Water Treatment, Asset Preservation and Personnel in 2026

The Hastings City Council approved a preliminary 2026 Budget of \$66.8 million and set a preliminary property tax levy of \$21.7 million to invest in improved water treatment, infrastructure, building and equipment preservation, and personnel. The proposed property tax levy represents an 8.4% increase over 2025. A homeowner with a median value home (\$331,600) will see an estimated annual property tax increase of \$162, or \$13.50 per month, on the city's portion of property taxes. A truth-in-taxation public hearing is set for Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at Hastings City Hall.

Learn more at www.hastingsmn.gov/Budget



2026 budgeted levy spending



“The 2026 proposed budget and property tax levy strive to balance current community needs with future growth, minimize risks and enhance quality of life throughout the city. We continue to invest in clean and safe drinking water, aging roads, necessary building and equipment assets, and our staff.” - City Administrator Dan Wietecha

Proposed budget highlights include:

- Beginning construction of Eastern Water Treatment Plant (2nd of 3 WTPs) to remove PFAS contamination from our drinking water
- 2026 Neighborhood Project: 4th St W and Pleasant Dr
- Continuing skim-patch and mill & overlay road maintenance
- Addressing deferred maintenance of buildings – including new roof at Public Works
- Increased debt service – Civic Arena refrigeration project
- Phasing in 5-year replacement schedule for fleet vehicles
- Adding staff hours for Police records, Aquatics Center and Public Works communications
- Market rate wage adjustment for Police Officers
- Inflationary increases for personnel, services and supplies

