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ROLL CALL ORDER FOR MEETING

Farber, Sprank, Resnick, Cavanagh, Jones, Roussell, Wethal

SPECIAL SESSION

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation**
   Proof of publication on notice of public hearing to consider City Council approval of the amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation with a property tax rate of $10.06372, a 1.38% increase from Fiscal Year 2025, and City Manager recommending approval.
   RESOLUTION Adopting The City Of Dubuque Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget
   RESOLUTION Adopting The City Of Dubuque Five Year Capital Improvement Program
   Suggested Disposition: Receive and File; Adopt Resolution(s)

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Establishing Water Utility Rates for Fiscal Year 2026**

City Manager recommending City Council adopt the ordinances establishing water utility rates for Fiscal Year 2026.
ORDINANCE Establishing City Of Dubuque Code Of Ordinances Title 13 Public Utilities, Chapter 1 Water Use And Service, Article C Rates, Section 13-1C-1(A) Fixing Water Rates For Residential, Commercial, Industrial, And All Other Uses
ORDINANCE Establishing The City Of Dubuque Code Of Ordinances Title 13 Public Utilities Chapter 1 Water Use And Service, Article C Rates Section 13-1C-2 Fixing Water Rates For Fire Sprinkler Service
Suggested Disposition: Receive and File; Motion B; Motion A

2. **Establishing Sanitary Sewer Utility Rates for Fiscal Year 2026**
City Manager recommending City Council adopt the ordinance establishing sanitary sewer utility rates for Fiscal Year 2026.
ORDINANCE City Of Dubuque Code Of Ordinances Title 13 Public Utilities, Chapter 2 Sewers And Sewage Disposal, Article C Rates, Section 13-2C-3 Rates Established For Fiscal Year 2026
Suggested Disposition: Receive and File; Motion B; Motion A

3. **Establishing Solid Waste Utility Rates for Fiscal Year 2026**
City Manager recommending City Council adopt the ordinance establishing solid waste utility rates for Fiscal Year 2026.
ORDINANCE Amending City Of Dubuque Code Of Ordinances Title 13 Public Utilities, Chapter 6 Solid Waste
Suggested Disposition: Receive and File; Motion B; Motion A

4. **Establishing Stormwater Management Utility Rates for Fiscal Year 2026**
City Manager recommending City Council adopt the ordinance establishing stormwater management utility rates for Fiscal Year 2026.
ORDINANCE Amending City Of Dubuque Code Of Ordinances Section 13-4-5 (D) SFU Rate, Charges; Utility Revenues
Suggested Disposition: Receive and File; Motion B; Motion A

5. **Five-Year Street Construction Program for Fiscal Years 2026 - 2030**
City Manager recommending City Council approval of the Annual Five-Year Street Construction Program for Fiscal Years 2026 - 2030.
RESOLUTION Adopting The Five-Year Street Construction Program For Fiscal Years 2026 - 2030
Suggested Disposition: Receive and File; Adopt Resolution(s)

6. **Planning Services Department Increased Fees for Fiscal Year 2026**
City Manager recommending adopting a resolution approving an increase in Planning Services Department fees for Fiscal Year 2026.
RESOLUTION Rescinding No. 101-24, Establishing A Schedule Of Development Services Fees, And Adopting In Lieu Thereof A New Schedule Of Development Services Fees As Provided In Title 16 Of The City Of Dubuque Code Of Ordinances, Unified Development Code

Suggested Disposition: Receive and File; Adopt Resolution(s)

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PUBLIC HEARINGS # 1.

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SUGGUESTED DISPOSITION:	Receive and File; Adopt Resolution(s)

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MVM Memo
2. Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation_Staff Memo_2025_04_25
3. 26 Adopt Budget_Resolution
4. 26 Adopt 5 yr CIP_Resolution
5. 26 State Budget Forms
6. 26 Resident Online Budget Input
7. Written Public Input_Updated 4.28.25
8. Updated Presentation_Uploaded 4.28.25
9. Presentation_Uploaded 4.28.25
10. FY26 Recommended Budget Version of Dollars & Cents Brochure_Uploaded 4.28.25

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TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

SUBJECT: Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation

DATE: April 25, 2025

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Larson is recommending City Council approval of the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation.

I concur with the recommendation and respectfully request Mayor and City Council approval.

Michael C. Van Milligen

MCVM:sv
Attachment
cc: Crenna Brumwell, City Attorney
Cori Burbach, Assistant City Manager
Jennifer Larson, Chief Financial Officer
Laura Bendorf, Budget Manager

TO: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

FROM: Jennifer Larson, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation

DATE: April 25, 2025

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation was presented to City Council on March 25, 2025. There have been changes that have resulted in an Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation.

Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Property Tax Levy

The City Council approved a maximum property tax levy in FY26 of $10.0632 and maximum property tax dollars of $29,861,915 on March 25, 2025. The maximum levy that can be adopted by City Council is $10.0632.

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation and the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation proposes the recommended property tax rate of $10.0632 or $29,861,915 in total property tax dollars.

Fiscal Year 2026 Amended Budget Recommendation

The Mayor and City Council began this budgeting process in August 2024 with a three-day process to establish goals and priorities. Those goals and priorities established by the City Council were then shared with the general public in a mailer to every home and business in Dubuque and shared with the city Boards and Commissions and the city Department Managers. From August 2024 through March 2025 the City Manager, through the Finance Department, received input from all of these parties and developed a Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation which was presented to City Council in a public meeting on March 25, 2025. As required by state law the City Council established a maximum property tax rate at two meetings in March 2025. The Mayor and City Council then held 7 public meetings to review the City Manager’s budget recommendation and to receive public input on the budget recommendation. At each of these 7 public meetings certain city departments presented their budget requests and then the public was asked by the Mayor for comment. This Fiscal Year 2026 budget process has involved 15 separate public meetings, only 4 of them required by state law.

As you can expect, the input from the public and from the City Council is leading to an amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation from the City Manager. The following changes occurred after the original Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation was presented to the Mayor and City Council on March 25, 2025.

The newly recommended expenditures are as follows:

- Fund the Full-time maintenance position in the Parks and Recreation Department to mainly service Eagle Point Park.
- Fund the Airport additional marketing dollars.
- Fund the match for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant.
- Fund the Linwood Cemetery partnership program.
- Fund the removal of the Eagle Point Park Water Tower.
- Fund replacement of the sanitary sewer flow meters.

Funding for these purposes related to the General Fund comes from:

- Delaying hiring the full-time Director of Strategic Partnerships position until January 1, 2026.
- Changing the Growing Sustainable Communities Conference to every other year event, skipping FY 26 saving over $20,000 on employee registrations (and a significant amount of city staff time organizing the event).
- Unbudgeted FY 25 interest earnings.

General Fund

Parks Division

It was discussed by City Council at the budget hearing for the Park Division that an additional full-time position would be discussed at the final public hearing. During the Fiscal Year 2026 budget process, an improvement package for adding one full-time Maintenance Technician position to the Park Division (1.00 FTE, GD-06) was requested. This position would be assigned to the Park Areas and Maintenance activity of the Park Division, focusing on Eagle Point Park. The Park division has struggled to hire temporary positions in the last few years. This request eliminates 0.96 FTE from temporary Parks Groundskeeper positions to help partially offset the cost for the new full-time Maintenance Technician position. The net recurring cost is $42,971. This improvement package was not recommended as it was not available in the budget at that time (Attachment 1).

The amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation includes an increase of $42,971 in recurring expenses to the general fund funded by delaying the hiring of the Director of Strategic Partnerships until January 1, 2026, to fund the full-time Maintenance Technician position.

Airport Department

During the Fiscal Year 2026 budget process, an improvement package for an additional $10,000 for advertising expenses was requested but not recommended (Attachment 2). While staff would reserve the ability to modify marketing plans based on ticket sales, message engagement, and ad performance, an additional $10,000 would allow the purchase of additional promotions/tactics including a mix of digital banner ads, promoted social posts, and streaming video ads ($3,000), two half-page print ads in the daily newspaper and one half-page ad in the weekly shopper ($2,500), 150-250 radio spots ($2,500), one TV spot run once during a newscast, once during a primetime show, and once during a special event broadcast ($2,000) (Attachment 3). This expense is now being recommended.

The amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation includes the recurring cost of $10,000 for additional Airport advertising. This request is funded by AmeriCorps match of

$10,650 inadvertently budgeted in the Economic Development Department that is no longer needed.

Engineering Department

During Fiscal Year 2024, the City was awarded the Transportation Alternative Programs (TAP) grant for $214,588, which requires a 30% local match of $93,883 for the Bee Branch Trail Phase II to Downtown Bike Lanes project (Attachment 4). The local match is not currently budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. The local match is recommended to be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2026 from savings from delaying the hiring of the Director of Strategic Partnerships to January 1, 2026, and Fiscal Year 2025 unbudgeted interest revenue. This expense is now being recommended.

The amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation includes the non-recurring cost of $93,883 for local match on the Transportation Alternative Programs (TAP) grant. This request is funded by $33,853 in savings from delaying the hiring of the Director of Strategic Partnerships to January 1, 2026, $22,000 in savings from changing the Growing Sustainable Communities Conference to an every other year event in FY26 which creates registration savings for City employees, and $38,030 in Fiscal Year 2025 unbudgeted interest revenue.

Parks Division

The Linwood Cemetery Association and the State of Iowa approached the City of Dubuque to enter into a partnership with the Linwood Cemetery Association to help keep the cemetery financially operational. when the cemetery was placed into receivership with the State of Iowa. Receivership resulted in streamlined and modified operations to minimize financial losses, with the state determining the Linwood Cemetery Association was viable operationally moving forward, but there is a need for ongoing financial support as the cemetery operates at a deficit. The city disputed the right of the State of Iowa to direct the city to support the cemetery and the State of Iowa prevailed. With the state receivership, where they covered operational deficits, ending June 30, 2025, the State of Iowa has directed the City of Dubuque to keep Linwood Cemetery out of receivership.

The city will be negotiating an agreement with the Linwood Cemetery Association to implement this new arrangement. The Linwood Cemetery Association is starting a 501(c)(3) to help raise future funding. The funding request of the City of Dubuque is $110,000 and is considered non-recurring and is recommended to be funded with unbudgeted Fiscal Year 2025 general fund interest revenue. The city is examining the possibility of a township cemetery levy for any future city funding of the cemetery.

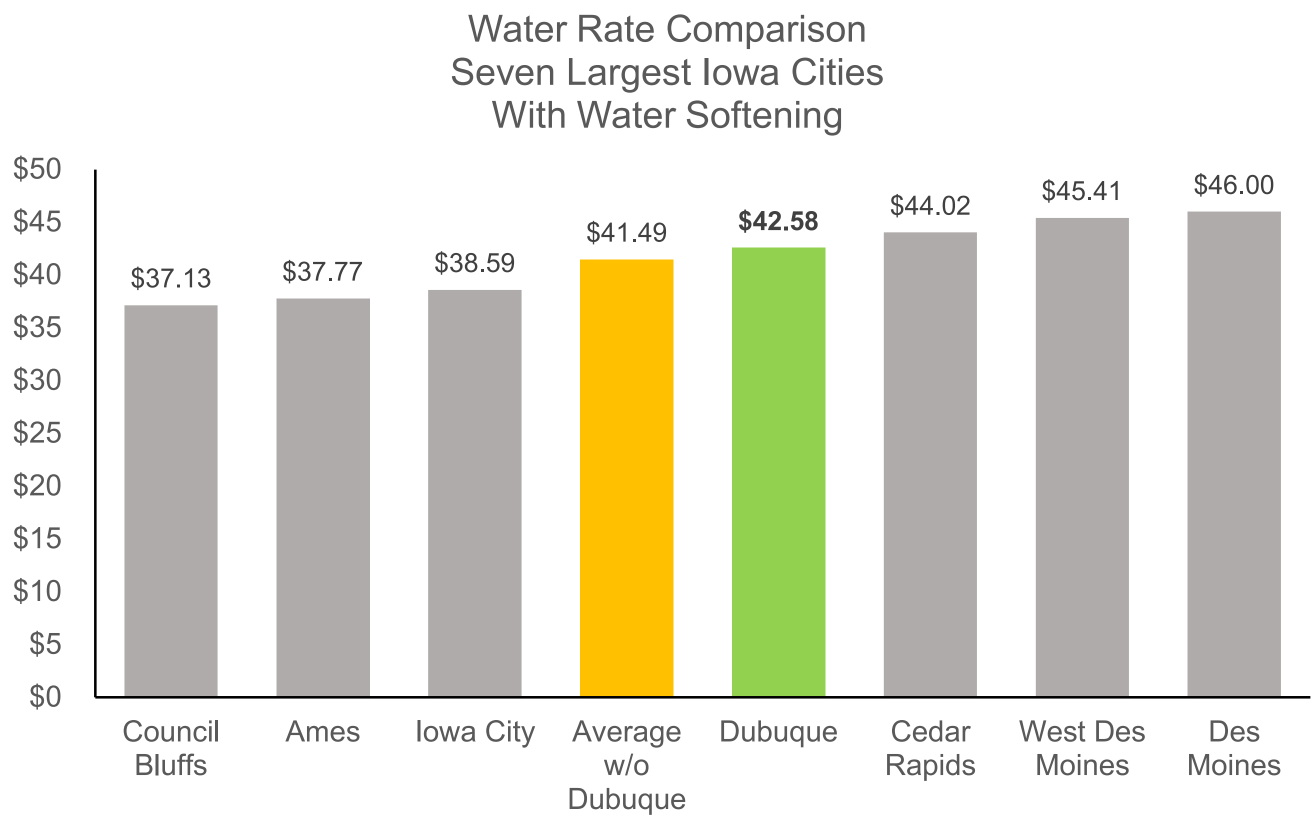
The amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation includes an increase of $110,000 in non-recurring expenses to the General fund funded by unbudgeted Fiscal Year 2025 general fund interest revenue.

Enterprise Funds

Water
It was discussed by City Council at the budget hearing for Park and Recreation the interest in removing the Eagle Point Park water tower. The Eagle Point Park water tower is no longer required after installation of the Roosevelt Street water tower. The estimated cost to remove the water tower is $97,500. This cost is recommended to be funded with the existing budget for the Webber Phase I and II Capital Improvement Project which has been delayed. This expense is now being recommended.

The amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation includes the non-recurring cost of $97,500 for the removal of the Eagle Point Park water tower. This request is funded by the existing budget for Webber Property Phase I and II Capital Improvement Project, which has been delayed.

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation includes a 9.00% increase in the water user fee.



Dubuque's water is some of the best in the world! The highest rate (Des Moines) is 8% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 2.6% lower than Dubuque.

The projected Water rate increases from Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2030 are as follows:

FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
9.00%	8.50%	8.50%	8.50%	8.00%

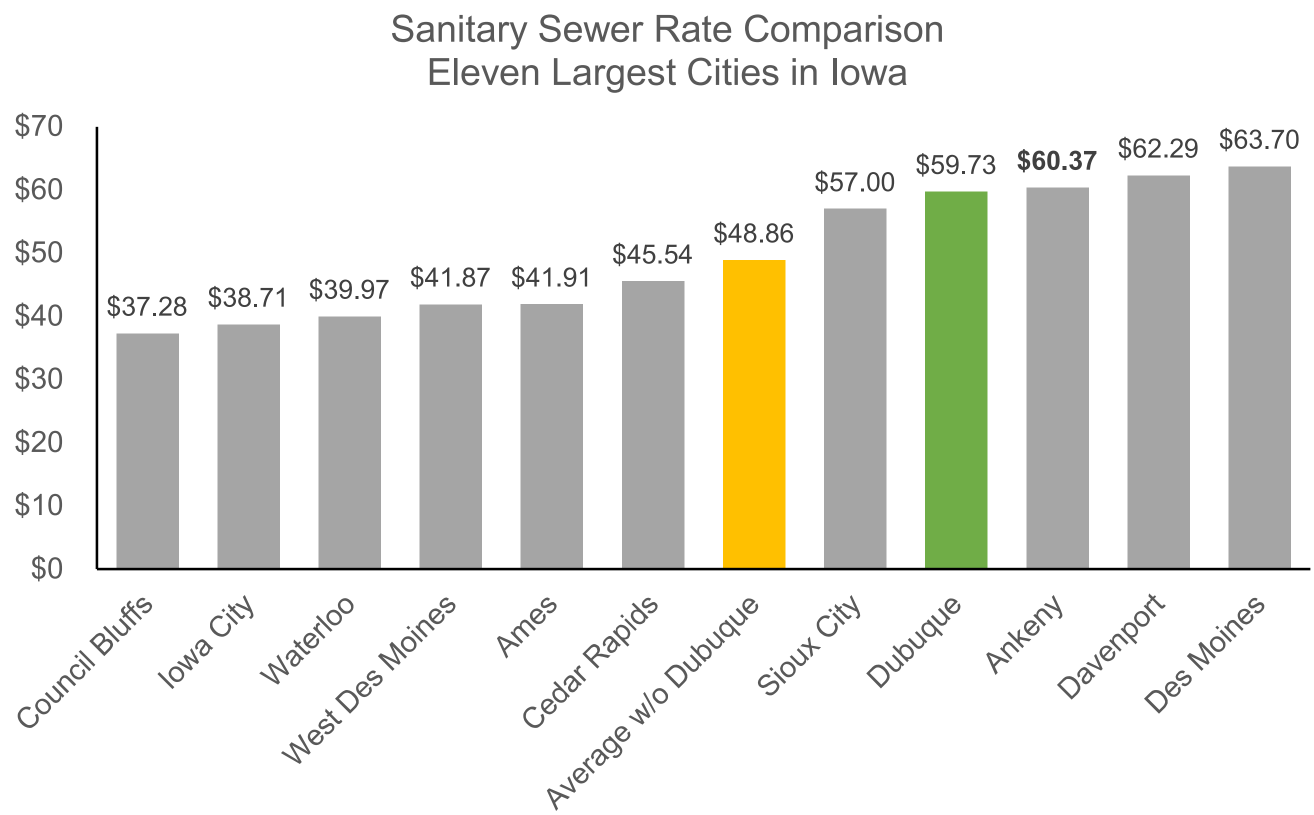
There is no change to the recommended Water user fee in Fiscal Year 2026.

Sanitary Sewer

To better monitor the sanitary sewer system, flow, provide better data, and allow for better planning for future development, it is recommended to purchase ten (10) flow meters for $200,000 that were not able to be funded in the five-year capital improvement program (Attachment 5). Funding is recommended to come from the FY26 Storm Sewer Improvements/Extensions ($100,000), and FY26 Sanitary Sewer Lining Program ($100,000). Through the FY 2027 budget process, funding will be identified for the remaining 10 flow meter replacements.

The amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation includes the non-recurring cost of $200,000 for the purchase of ten flow meters with reduction of $100,000 in the FY26 Storm Sewer Improvements/Extensions, and reduction of $100,000 in the FY26 Sanitary Sewer Lining Program.

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation includes a 9.00% increase in the sanitary sewer user fee.



The highest rate (Des Moines) is 7% higher than Dubuque’s rate, and the average is 22% lower than Dubuque.

The projected Sanitary Sewer rate increases from Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2030 are as follows:

FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
9.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.50%	10.50%

There is no change to the recommended Sanitary Sewer user fee in Fiscal Year 2026.

RATE COMPARISON
Largest Cities with Wastewater Treatment Facilities

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Average Annual Rate Increase FY20 – FY26

Including the 9% rate increase in FY26, the average annual rate increase for Dubuque is fourth highest over the past 6 years.

The average annual rate increase for all of the other cities is 5.46%, which is 9% lower than Dubuque

Rank	City	Average Annual Increase
1	Sioux City	10.0%
2	Council Bluffs*	8.8%
3	Cedar Rapids	6.1%
4	Dubuque	6.0%
5	Waterloo	5.9%
6	Ames	3.8%
7	Davenport	2.4%
8	Iowa City	1.2%
	Average without Dubuque	5.46%

*Council Bluffs subsidizes their sanitary sewer fee with Local Options Sales Tax revenue

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Sanitary Sewer Cost for a *Lower Consumption* Household

Water Use = 3,000 Gallons/Month

	FY25 (Current)	**FY26 (Proposed)**	$ Increase	% Increase
Monthly Cost	$27.40	$29.87	$2.47	9%

YOU ONLY PAY FOR THE WATER YOU USE
YOU ONLY PAY FOR THE WASTEWATER YOU GENERATE

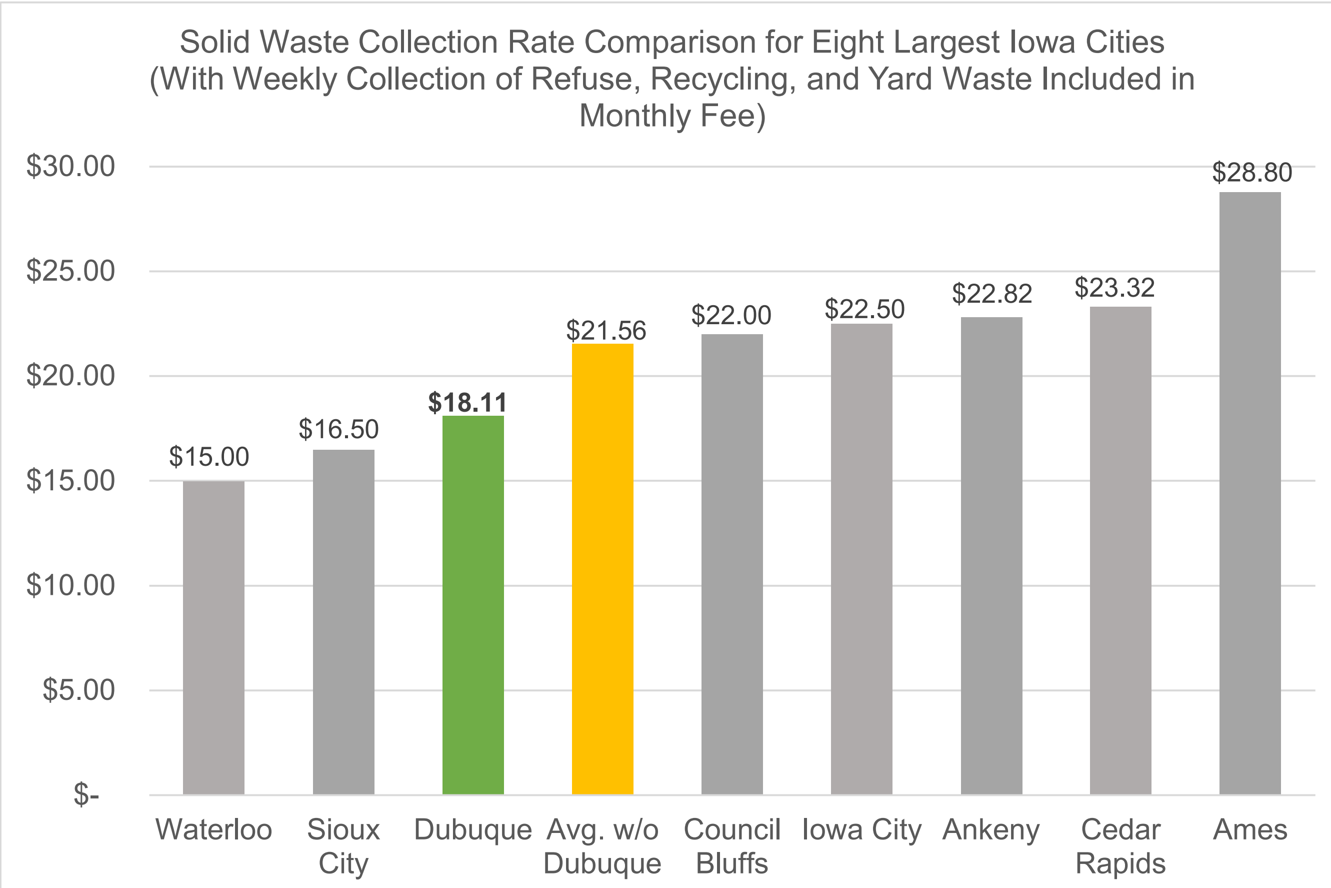
Breakdown of Sanitary Sewer Revenue by User Class

	FY25*
RESIDENTIAL	40.9%
INDUSTRIAL	36.0%
COMMERCIAL	21.4%
OTHER	1.6%

*As of March 25, 2025

Solid Waste Collection

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation includes a 5% increase in the refuse fee.



The highest rate (Ames) is 59% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 19% higher than Dubuque.

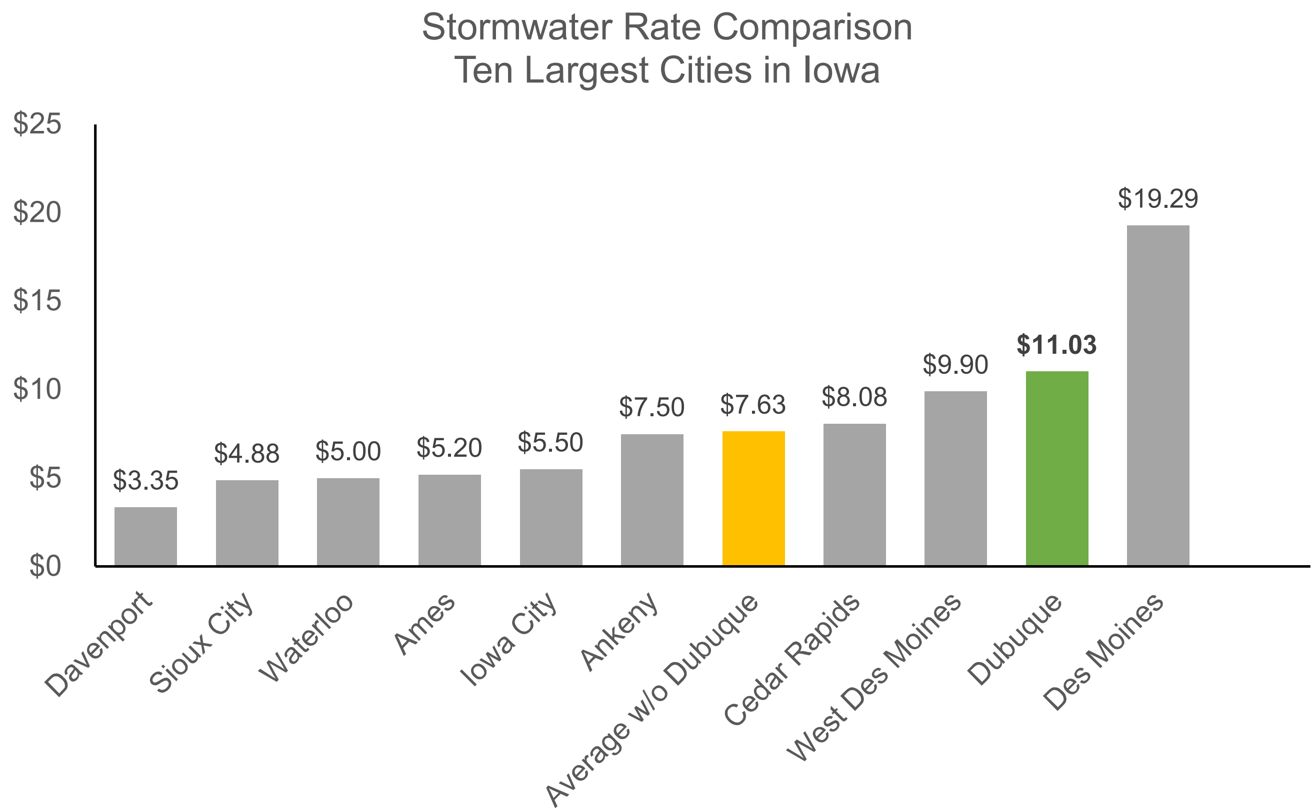
The projected Refuse rate increases from Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2030 are as follows:

FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%

There is no change to the recommended Refuse user fee in Fiscal Year 2026.

Stormwater

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendation includes a 5% increase in the stormwater user fee.



The highest rate (Des Moines) is 75% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 44% lower than Dubuque.

The projected Stormwater rate increases from Fiscal Year 2026 through Fiscal Year 2030 are as follows:

FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
5.00%	10.00%	10.00%	9.00%	9.00%

There is no change to the recommended Stormwater user fee in Fiscal Year 2026.

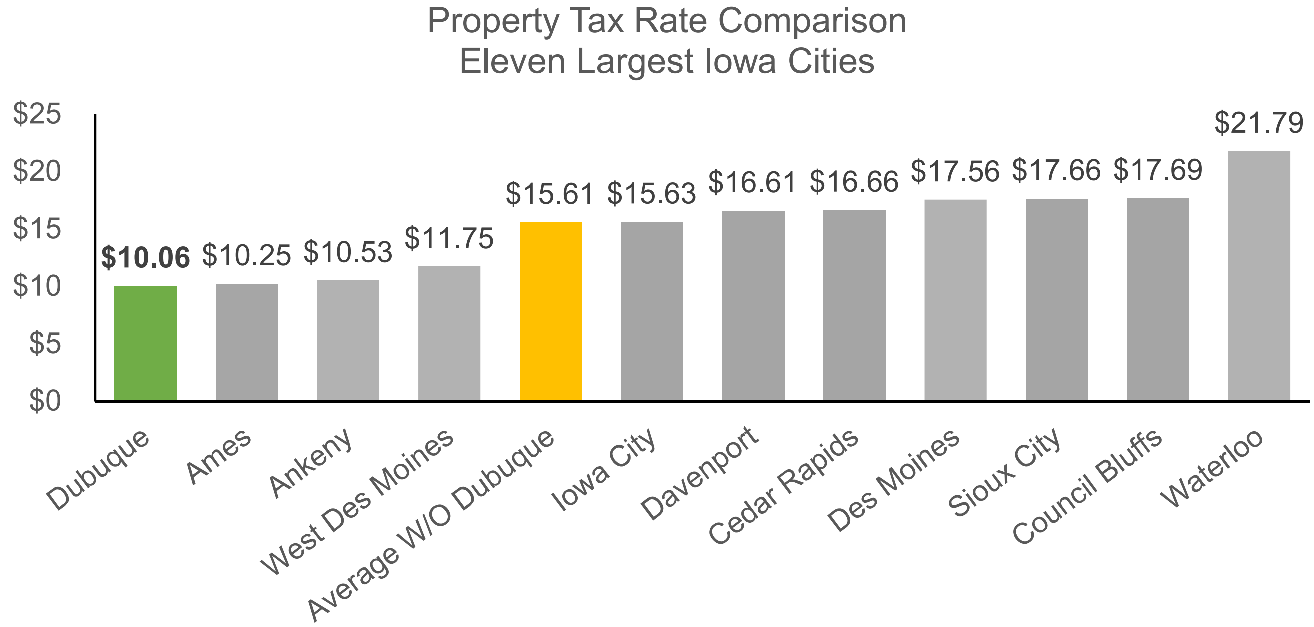
Recommendation

If this amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation is approved with a property tax rate of $10.0632, we will have met the Fiscal Year 2026 budget guidelines adopted by the City Council at the March 25, 2025 City Council meeting.

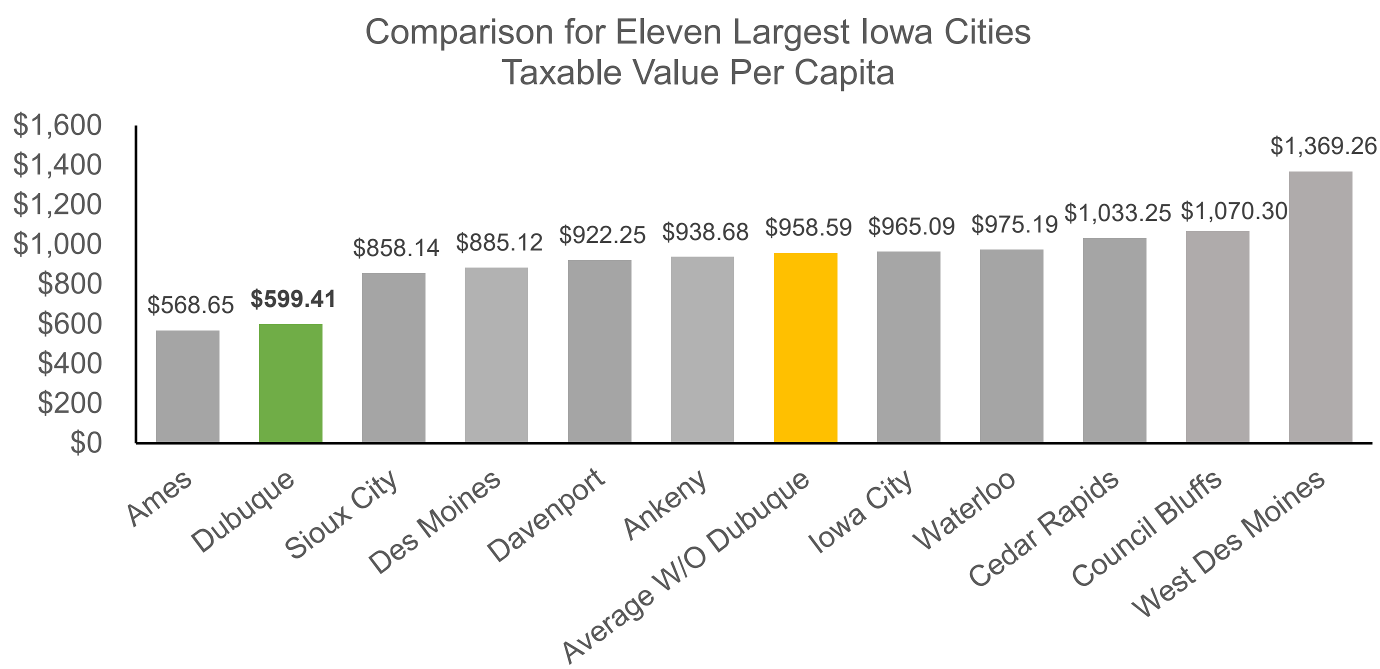
The City Council adopted a guideline of a property tax increase for the average residential property owner of 3.90%. The recommended property tax increase for the average residential property owner is 3.90%.

The City Council adopted a guideline of a property tax increase for the average commercial property of 1.78%. The recommended property tax increase for the average commercial property owner is 1.78%.

The City Council adopted a guideline of a property tax increase for the average industrial property of 1.71%. The recommended property tax increase for the average industrial property owner is 1.71%.



Dubuque has the LOWEST property tax rate as compared to the eleven largest cities in the state. The highest rate (Waterloo) is 116% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 55% higher than Dubuque's rate. Dubuque's recommended FY 2026 property tax is $10.06372 (increase of +1.38% from FY 2025).



Dubuque is the SECOND LOWEST taxes per capita as compared to the eleven largest cities in the state. The highest (West Des Moines) is 128% higher than Dubuque's taxes per capita, and the average is 69% higher than Dubuque.

The Fiscal Year 2026 Amended Budget Recommendation as compared to the adopted Fiscal Year 2025 Budget is as follows:

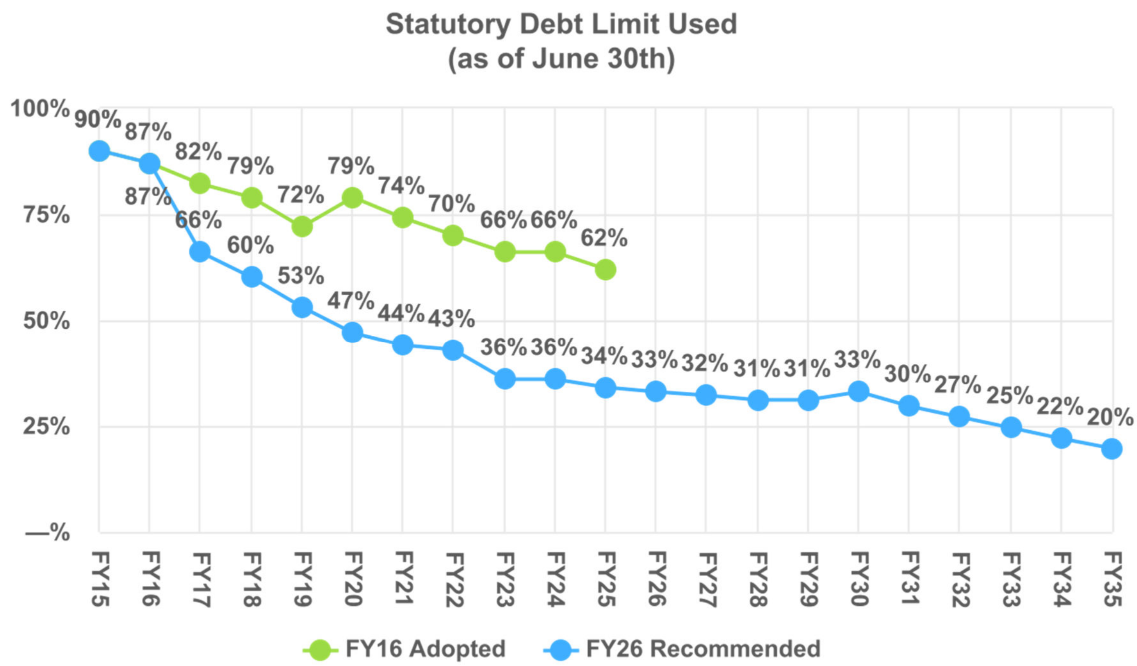
	Adopted FY25	Amended FY26	$ Difference	% Difference
Property Tax Rate	$9.92638	$10.06372	+$0.1373	+1.38%
Property Tax Asking	$28,233,757	$29,861,915	+$1,628,158	+5.77%
Taxable Valuation (in Millions)	$2,837,887	$2,962,581	+124,694	+4.39%
Average Residential Payment	$885.82	$889.20	+$33.38	+3.90%
Average Commercial Payment	$4,179.49	$4,253.76	+$74.27	+1.78%
Average Industrial Property	$5,004.59	$5,090.27	+$85.68	+1.71%

The Fiscal Year 2026 Amended Budget Recommendation has not changed the property tax impact from when first presented to City Council on March 25, 2025.

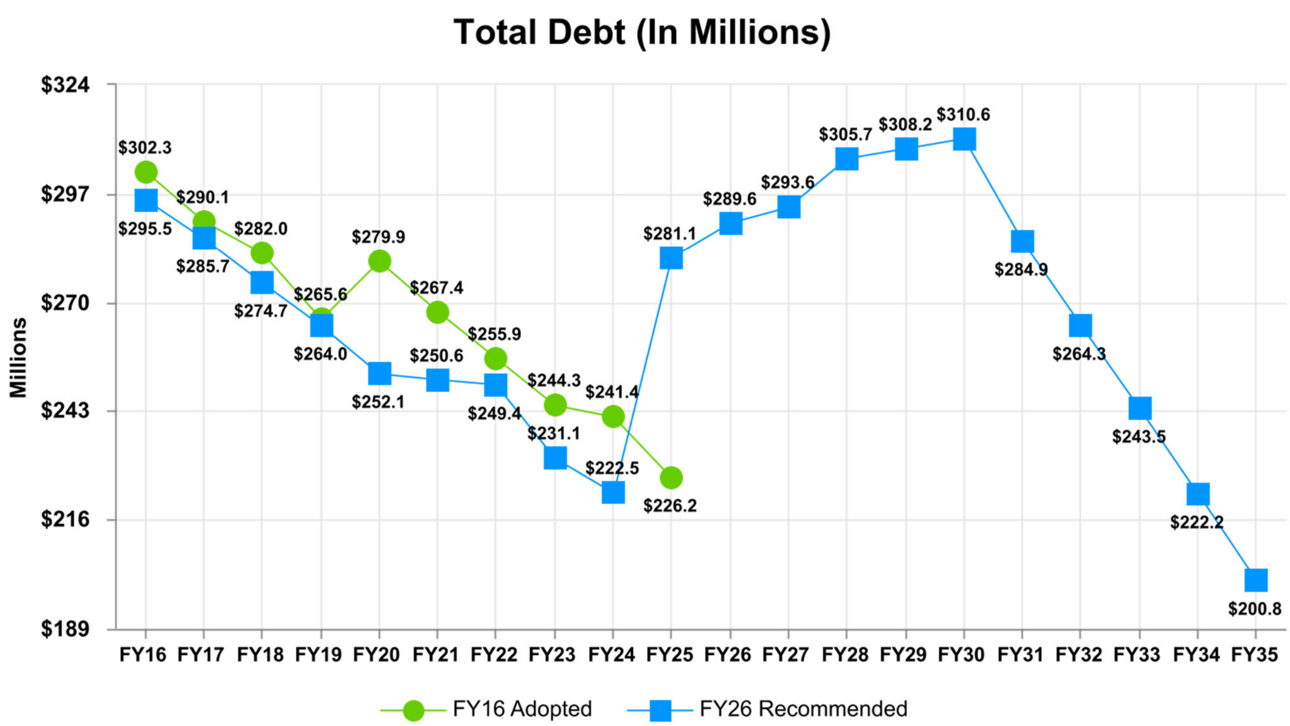
Debt

The five-year debt schedule has not changed from what was originally submitted to City Council.

In August 2015, the Mayor and City Council adopted a debt reduction strategy which targeted retiring more debt each year than was issued by the City. The recommended FY 2026 budget will exceed that target in FY 2026, FY 2027, and FY 2028 due to issuing necessary debt for Five Flags, Fire Equipment and Station Improvements, Central Avenue Corridor Improvements, Water Lead Lines, PFAS, Old Mill Road Lift Station and Force Main, Catfish Creek Sewershed Interceptor Sewer Improvements, Track Line Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction, Force Main Stabilization, and Park Improvements. However, Fiscal Year 2029 and Fiscal Year 2030 will meet the target. **You can see that the Mayor and City Council have significantly impacted the City's use of the statutory debt limit established by the State of Iowa. In Fiscal Year 2015, the City of Dubuque used 90% of the statutory debt limit. In this budget recommendation, the Mayor and City Council are currently reviewing for Fiscal Year 2026, the use of the statutory debt limit would be 33.50%, and by the end of the recommended 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget in Fiscal Year 2030, the City of Dubuque would be at 32.90% of the statutory debt limit. Projections out 10 years to Fiscal Year 2035 show the City of Dubuque at 19.66% of the statutory debt limit.** This is an improvement on the debt reduction plan adopted in August 2015, that first began implementation in Fiscal Year 2016.



By the end of the Recommended 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, the total amount of debt for the City of Dubuque would be $310.62 million (32.90% of the statutory debt limit). **Projections out 10 years to Fiscal Year 2035 show the City of Dubuque at 19.66% of the statutory debt limit**, and the projection is to be at $200.79 million (19.66% of statutory debt limit) within 10 years.

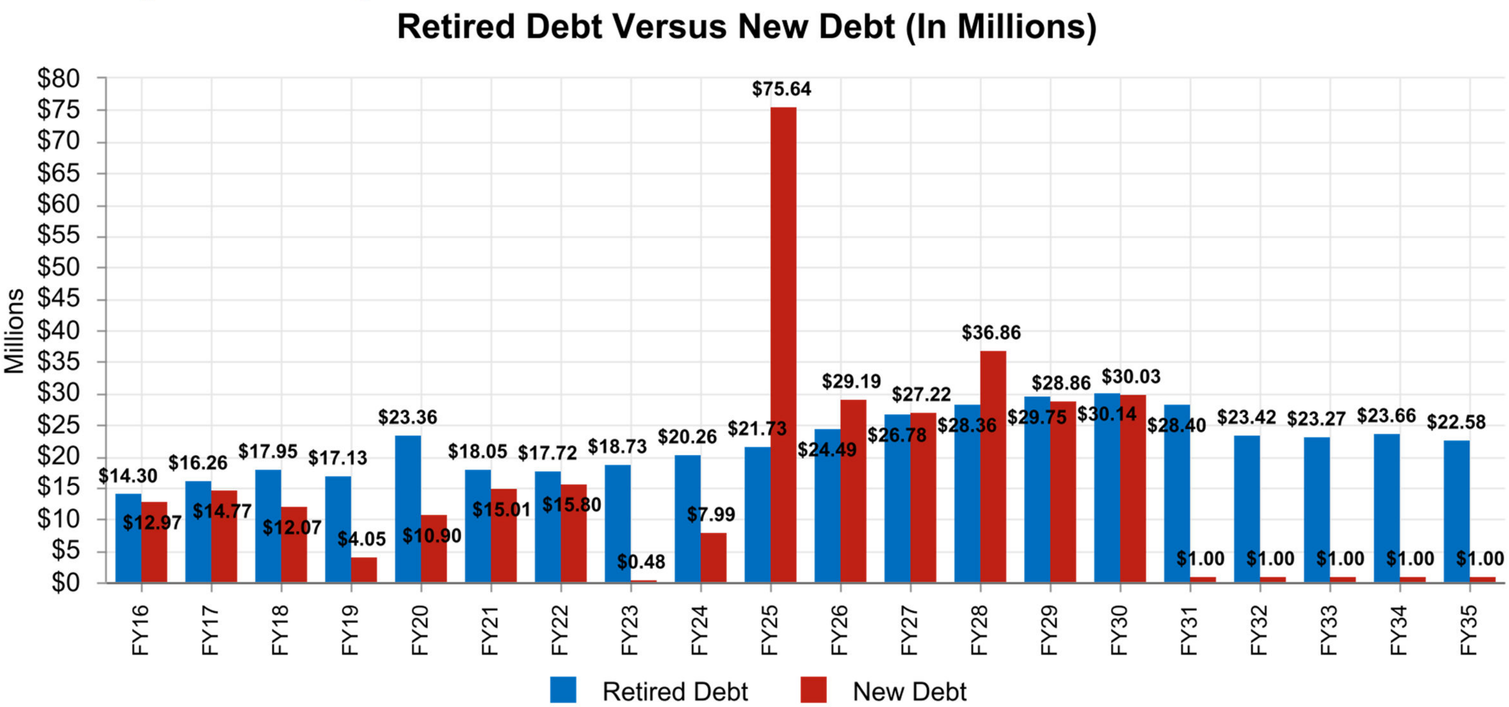


Retired Debt Versus New Debt

The total City indebtedness as of June 30, 2026, is projected to be $167,789,201 (33.50% of statutory debt limit). The total City indebtedness as of June 30, 2015, was $295,561,181 (90% of statutory debt limit). **The City is projected to have $8,483,725 more in debt as of June 30, 2026.**

The combination of reduced debt and increased utility rates partially reflects the movement to a more "pay as you go" strategy, which could lead to larger tax and fee increases than with the use of debt. In Fiscal Year 2020, the City had $5,908,200 forgiven of the Bee Branch Upper Bee Branch Loan on June 30, 2020 which increased principal payments reflected.

Based on the timing of projects, the City issued very little debt in FY23 ($0.48 million) and FY24 ($7.99 million), so the FY25 debt issuance was a combination of three years of debt funding for projects. In that three-year period, the City retired $60.72 million in debt and issued $84.11 million in debt. The following chart shows the amount of retired debt as compared to new debt. The new debt includes new debt issuances as well as draw downs on existing state revolving fund loans:



General Fund Reserves

The City maintains a general fund reserve, or working balance, to allow for unforeseen expenses that may occur. Moody's Investor Service recommends a 35% General Fund Operating Reserve for “AA” rated cities.

In January 2025, Moody’s Investor Services affirmed the Aa2 credit rating on general obligation bonds. Moody’s credit analysis states, “the City of Dubuque’s local economy

benefits from its role as a regional economic center, with solid resident income and full value per capita. Financial operations are strong and will remain so despite declines in fund balance over the next few years, as it expends funds from the pandemic. Long-term liabilities and fixed cost ratios are moderate and will remain so despite future borrowing needs." According to Moody's, the Aa2 issuer rating for the City of Dubuque's bonds reflects the city's healthy economic base, which serves as a regional economic center. Other rationale stated for the rating include full value per capita and adjusted resident income are solid at around $109,000 and 98% respectively, though weaker than Aa peers, in part because of a large student population, available fund balance was strong at around 60% of revenue at the close of fiscal 2023 (year-end June 30), and cash was stronger at 85% of revenue. The City's available fund balance will likely remain well over 45%, despite some planned draws in fiscal 2024 and fiscal 2025 to spend down federal funds from the pandemic. Despite the state adopting new property tax restrictions, revenue raising flexibility remains strong because the City maintains significant margin in its employee benefits fund and is not utilizing its emergency levy. The long-term liabilities ratio will likely remain well under 300% inclusive of the current issuances and future borrowing plans, and fixed-costs ratio will remain well below 20%.

In July 2023, Moody's Investor Service upgraded the City's outstanding general obligation bonds from Aa3 to Aa2, as well as the outstanding Sales Tax Increment Revenue bonds from A2 to A1. Notable credit factors include strong financial operations and ample revenue-raising flexibility, which has resulted in steadily improved available fund balance and cash. The City serves as a regional economic center and its regional economic growth rate has outpaced the nation over the past five years.

In November of 2022, Moody's Investors Service ("Moodys") released a new rating methodology for cities and counties. Two significant changes result from the new methodology; cities are now assigned an issuer rating meant to convey the creditworthiness of the issuer as a whole without regard to a specific borrowing, and business-type enterprise funds are now being considered together with general fund revenues and balances in the determination of financial performance.

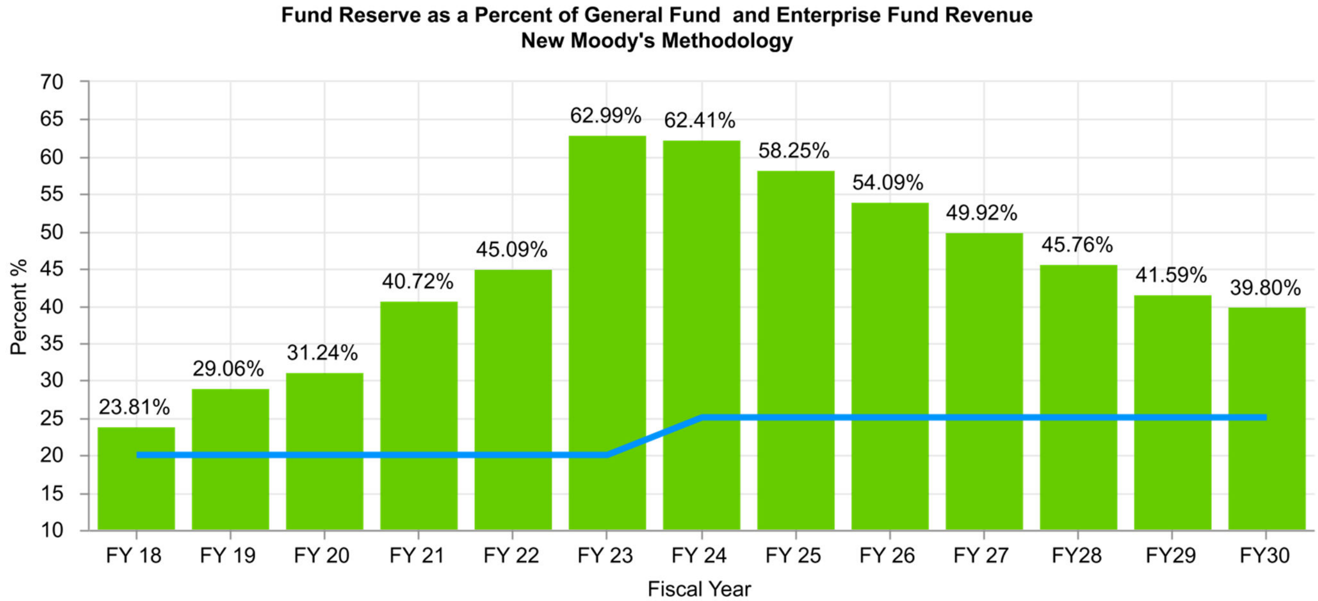
Under the new methodology, there are two metrics that contribute to financial performance. Available Fund Balance Ratio ("AFBR") = (Available Fund Balance + Net Current Assets/Revenue) and Liquidity Ratio ("LR") = (Unrestricted Cash/Revenue). For Aa credits, AFBR ranges from 25-35, and LR ranges from 30-40%.

The City was evaluated by Moody's under the old methodology in May of 2022 in connection to its annual issuance of bonds. At that time, Moody's calculated the City's AFBR to be 45.2%, and its LR to be 59.8%. The balances used in these calculations were likely elevated due to unspent ARPA funds. The change in methodology will now consider revenues and net assets from business-type activities in these calculations. As such, the City's general obligation rating will now be directly impacted by the financial performance of enterprise funds. Establishing rates and charges adequate to provide both debt service coverage and significant liquidity will be necessary to maintain the City's ratings.

In May 2021, Moody's Investor Service upgraded the City's Water Enterprise's outstanding revenue bonds from A1 to A2 and affirmed the Aa3 credit rating on general obligation bonds. Notable credit factors include a sizable tax base, a wealth and income profile that is slightly below similarly rated peers, and increased financial position that will decline in fiscal years 2021 and 2022 and somewhat elevated debt and pension liabilities.

These credit ratings are affirmation of the sound fiscal management of the mayor and city council, put Dubuque in a strong position to capitalize on favorable financial markets, borrow at low interest rate when necessary, and make critical investments in the community.

Fiscal Year	Fund Reserve (As percent of General Fund revenues)	New Moody's Methodology	**Reason for change from previous Fiscal Year**
FY 2019	29.06%		Increase due to capital projects not expended before the end of the FY.
FY 2020	31.24%		Increase due to freezing vacant positions and most capital projects due to the pandemic.
FY 2021	40.72%		Increase due to American Rescue Plan Act funds received ($13.2 million), frozen positions and capital projects through Feb 2021.
FY 2022	49.16%	45.09%	Increase due to American Rescue Plan Act funds received ($13.2 million), capital projects not expended before the end of the FY, and vacant positions.
FY 2023	55.82%	62.99%	Increase due to American Rescue Plan Act funds not spent ($26.4 million), capital projects not expended before the end of the FY, and vacant positions.
FY 2024	51.19%	62.41%	Decrease due to spend down of American Rescue Plan Act funds.



The City of Dubuque has historically adopted a general fund reserve policy as part of the Fiscal and Budget Policy Guidelines which is adopted each year as part of the budget process. During Fiscal Year 2013, the City adopted a formal Fund Reserve Policy which states the City may continue to add to the General Fund minimum balance of 10% when additional funds are available until 20% of Net General Fund Operating Cost is reached. During Fiscal Year 2024, the General Fund minimum balance was increased to 25%.

After all planned expenditures in FY 2025, the City of Dubuque will have a general fund reserve of 44.41% of general fund revenues as a percentage of general fund revenues computed by the accrual basis or 58.25% of general fund, debt service, and enterprise fund revenues as computed by the accrual basis methodology now used by Moody's Investors Service. The general fund reserve cash balance is projected to be $81,140,352 on June 30, 2025, as compared to the general fund reserve balance on an accrual basis of $38,026,193. The general fund reserve balance on an accrual basis exceeds 27% in FY 2025, which is the margin of error used to ensure the City always has a general fund reserve of at least 25% as computed by Moody's Investors Service.

In Fiscal Year 2017, the City had projected reaching this consistent and sustainable 20% reserve level in Fiscal Year 2022. **In fact, the City met the 20% reserve requirement in FY 2017, five years ahead of schedule and has sustained a greater than 20% reserve.**

	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Contribution	$2,717,339	$4,419,668	$—	$—	$—	$—	$—	$—
City's Spendable General Fund Cash Reserve Fund Balance	$48,403,917	$43,826,193	$38,026,193	$32,226,193	$32,226,193	$32,226,193	$32,226,193	$32,226,193
% of Projected Revenue (Moody's)	55.82%	51.19%	44.41%	37.64%	37.64%	37.64%	37.64%	37.64%

Recommendation

I respectfully recommend Mayor and City Council approval of the amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget recommendation with a property tax rate of $10.06372, a 1.38% increase from Fiscal Year 2025. This would have the following impact on average on the different classes of property:

Impact Across Property Types

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Property Type	FY25 City Property Tax Payment	FY26 City Property Tax Payment	Cost Change	Percent Change	No. of Properties
Residential: Avg. value = $196,508	$855.82	$889.20	+$33.38	+3.9%	-
Commercial: $150,000 value and below	$690.02	$716	+$25.98	+3.8%	648
Commercial: $150,001 - $300,000 value	$2,030.08	$2,074.61	+$44.53	+2.2%	265
Commercial: $301,000 - $450,000 value	$3,370.14	$3,433.21	+$63.07	+1.9%	149
Commercial: Avg. value = $540,594	$4,179.41	$4,253.75	+$74.25	+1.8%	66
Industrial: Avg. value = $632,952	$5,004.59	$5,090.27	+$85.67	+1.7%	-

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JML
Attachment
cc: Crenna Brumwell, City Attorney
Cori Burbach, Assistant City Manager
Laura Bendorf, Budget Manager

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This improvement level package request is to add a full-time Forestry Technician position (1.00 FTE, GD-06). There are currently two Forestry Technicians in the Forestry Activity. Funds are also budgeted for two temporary Forestry Laborers. The Forestry Laborer positions have been difficult to fill due to the requirement of a commercial drivers license to operate the forestry equipment. The creation of the new position would be offset by eliminating one of the temporary Forestry Laborer positions (0.50FTE, GD-06). As Dubuque's tree canopy continues to age, tree failures are becoming more common. Increased storms have also increased demands on Forestry staff and their ability to efficiently respond to tree concerns/ issues. Tree work is a very dangerous job and an adequate number of experienced and trained staff are needed to perform these duties. The cost of the new Forestry Technician position would be $82,136, and the savings from eliminating the temporary positions is $38,498, resulting in a net cost of $43,638 This request supports the City Council Goal of Diverse Arts, Culture, Parks and Recreation: Have well-built, well-maintained, upgraded and expanded parks, park amenities and recreational park facilities.

Related Cost:	$ 82,136	Tax Funds	Recurring	**Recommend - No**
Related Cost Savings:	$ 38,498		Recurring	
Net Cost:	$ 43,638			
Property Tax Impact:	$ 0.0147	0.15%		
Activity: Forestry				

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This improvement level package request provides for adding one full-time Maintenance Technician position to the Park Division (1.00 FTE, GD-06). This position would be assigned to the Park Areas and Maintenance activity of the Park Division. The Park division has struggled to hire temporary positions the last few years. This position would be responsible for all areas of park maintenance, including but not limited to: turf and irrigation maintenance, litter control, weed spraying, snow removal, general building maintenance, etc. This position would also assist with the maintenance of the three mini parks that will be constructed in 2024. This request eliminates 0.96 FTE from temporary Parks Groundskeeper positions to help partially offset the cost for the new full-time Maintenance Technician position. The cost of the new Maintenance Technician position would be $80,831, and the savings from eliminating the positions is $39,345, resulting in a net cost of $41,486. This request supports the City Council Goal of Diverse Arts, Culture, Parks and Recreation: Have well-built, well-maintained and upgraded parks and park amenities.

Related Cost:	$ 82,136	Tax Funds	Recurring	**Recommend - No**
Related Cost Savings:	$ 39,345	Tax Funds	Recurring	
Net Cost:	$ 42,791			
Property Tax Impact:	$ 0.0144	0.14%		
Activity: Park Areas & Maintenance				

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This improvement level request provides for 1510 additional hours for temporary Park Rangers during the park season (0.72 FTE). In 2015, two full-time Park Ranger positions (2.00 FTE) were eliminated and hours reduced for the temporary Park Rangers due to hiring freeze and budget cuts. Currently, there is one Park Ranger scheduled for evenings Monday through Thursday and two Park Rangers scheduled for evenings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They are unable to provide the level of service expected by the Parks and Recreation Department and an increase in required training has also reduced their amount of hours in the field. The increased hours would provide for two Park Rangers on Monday through Thursday evenings and additional daytime hours on Saturdays and Sundays. The hours would also decrease time needed by the Police Department to respond to calls that Park Rangers can handle. This request supports the City Council Goal of Diverse Arts, Culture, Parks and Recreation: Have well-built, well-maintained and upgraded parks

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This improvement package request is for the purchase of four portable column lifts to provide a safe lifting environment for repairing large snow removal equipment/vehicles. The Airport does not currently have a lift for accessing large vehicles for repair, so the Airport Mechanic is unable to access the vehicle without lying on the pavement and crawling under the vehicle. This improvement would also provide an area for a second employee to assist with the repair.

This improvement package is related to the City Council Goal of Vibrant Community: Healthy and Safe.

Related Cost:	$ 59,950	Tax Funds	Non-Recurring	**Recommend - Yes**
Property Tax Impact:	$ 0.0202	0.20%		
Activity: Airport Operations				

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This improvement package request is for an additional $10,000 for advertising expenses. Currently, only $60,000 is budgeted to this line item, which all goes towards the State of Iowa Air Service Grant expenses. The Air Service Grant is only available for air service development. This grant is an 80/20 match, so $48,000 will be reimbursed. The $12,000 in the Airport advertising budget is required to be spent on commercial airline marketing. We are asking an additional $10,000 to cover non airline related advertising costs. This would assist in advertising for events like public viewing of the aircraft in the July 3rd Airshow and other general aviation events. This money is especially needed now with all the recent service changes. Historically, the advertising budget was much larger but was lowered to help in the efforts of budgetary cuts in the City as a whole. We are asking for the budget for this line item to not go back to the level it was, but to be increased enough to keep up with current advertising costs.

This request relates to the City Council goal of Connected Community: Equitable Transportation, Technology Infrastructure and Mobility: Have daily scheduled commercial air service to hub(s).

Related Cost:	$ 10,000	Tax Funds	Recurring	**Recommend - No**
Property Tax Impact:	$ 0.0034	0.03%		
Activity: Administration				

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This improvement package will provide for the purchase of an airfield deice brining system. A central deice brine station would provide a more economical way to create deice liquid to spread on the airfield taxiways and runways, instead of purchasing the E-36 liquid deicing product. If a winter storm event is forecast, staff could produce the deice brine, and apply it in advance. Brine is more effective during snow/ice events than solid deice products because it lowers the freezing temperature of water, preventing ice from forming on the surface until temperatures are much colder. A brining system is estimated to reduce deicing product purchases by approximately $6,500 per year, thus creating a total cost savings year after year.

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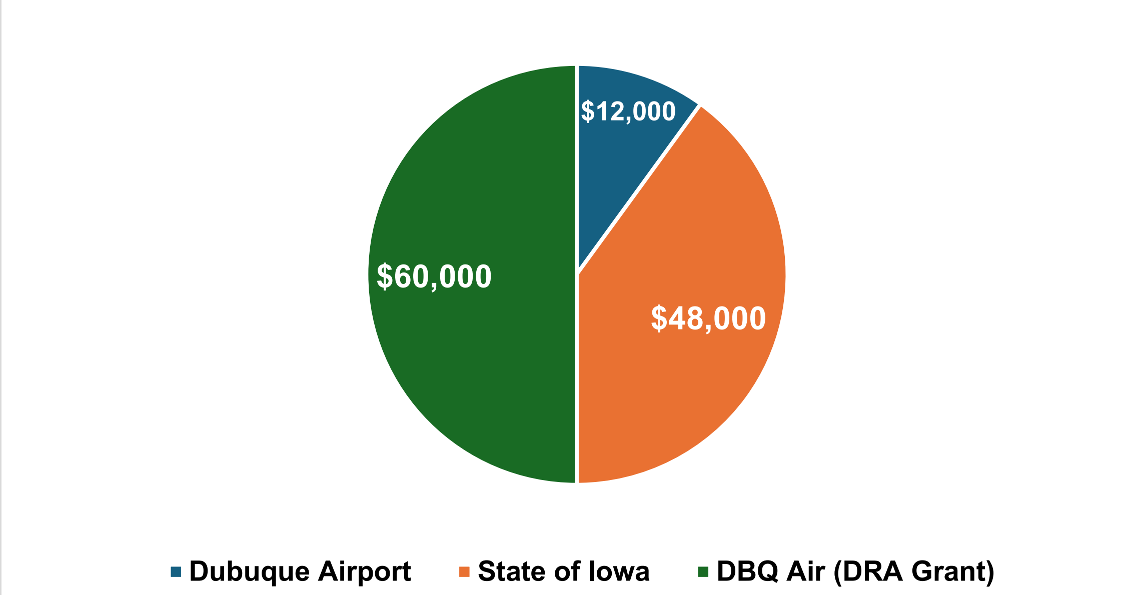
TO: Jennifer Larson, Chief Financial Officer
FROM: Randy Gehl, Public Information Officer
SUBJECT: Requested Information for Airport Marketing Budget
DATE: April 22, 2025

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline how an additional $10,000 allocation to the Dubuque Regional Airport's marketing budget would be used in FY2026. If this improvement package is funded, it would increase the airport's marketing budget to $70,000 for FY2026.

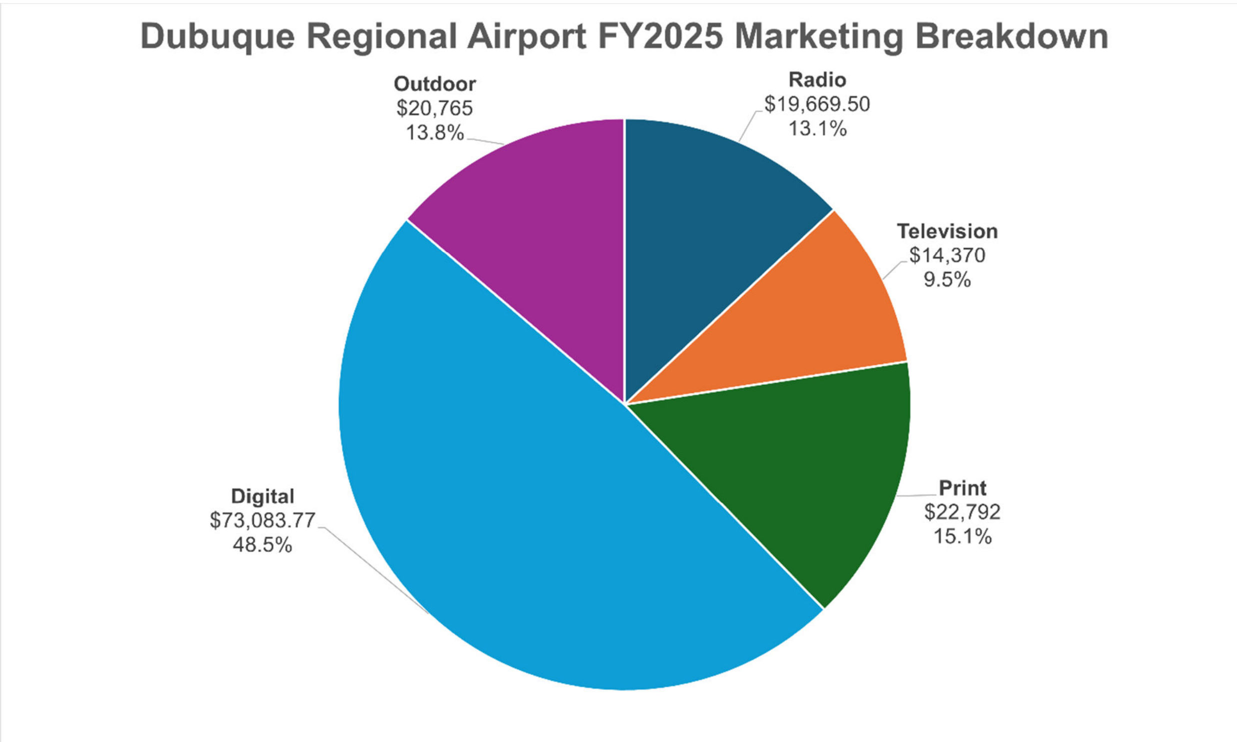
The recommended FY2026 marketing budget for the airport is $60,000 which consists of $12,000 from the City of Dubuque and a $48,000 match from the state of Iowa.

In FY2025, the airport's marketing budget was $60,000 but was augmented with an additional $60,000 when DBQ Air transferred the DRA grant it received to promote air service. This $120,000 budget allowed staff to develop and implement a comprehensive, multimedia marketing campaign that began in September 2024 when commercial air service returned to Dubuque with Denver Air Connection's flights to and from O'Hare.

FY2025 Air Service Marketing Funding Sources



While specific messaging and tactics were modified throughout the marketing campaign, the graph below summarizes how approximately $110,000 in FY2025 funds have been spent or committed to date across the different marketing platforms/media to target residents and stakeholders within the airport's catchment area (an approximate 50-mile radius):



Approximately $10,000 remains available to be utilized for air service marketing and will be spent before June 30, 2025.

The following examples provide additional context on approximate current advertising/marketing costs:

Print

- Full page, color ad in Sunday edition of daily newspaper: $1,749
- Front page, half page color ad in weekly newspaper: $800
- Full page ad in bi-monthly entertainment guide: $700

Radio

- Single spot rates range from $10-$20. Can be higher for individual programs/times of day.

Television

- Single ad in 6:00 p.m. local news: $600

- Single ad in primetime network programming: $350-$800
- Single ad in primetime sports/special event programming: $250-$1,500

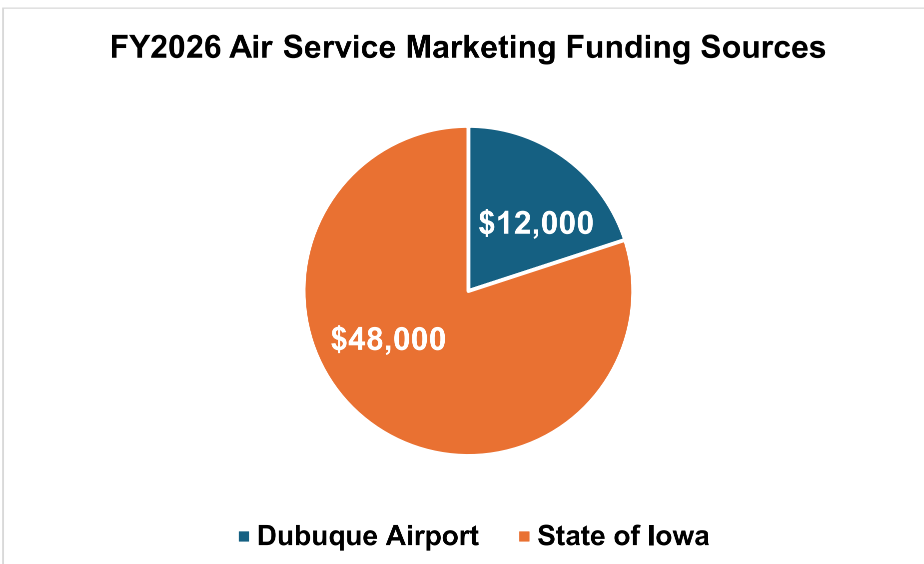
Billboard

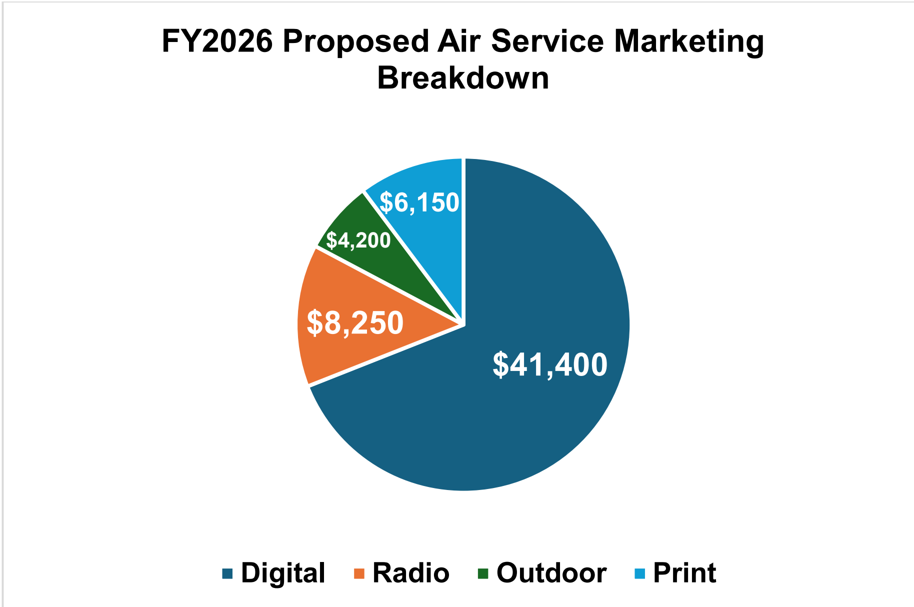
- Digital billboard: $400-$550 per week per location
- Static billboard: $795-$3,150 for four weeks per location (includes production costs)

Digital

- Monthly Facebook/Instagram campaign: $750 for approximately 190,000 ad views
- Connected TV ads: $1,300 for approximately 33,000 ad views
- Targeted digital online banner ads: $1,000 for approximately 180,000 ad views

While DBQ Air intends to pursue an additional DRA grant to support air service marketing, the addition of the $10,000 improvement package for air service marketing would provide a 16% increase to the recommended budget of $60,000.





While staff would reserve the ability to modify marketing plans based on ticket sales, message engagement, and ad performance, an additional $10,000 would allow the purchase of these additional promotions/tactics:

- **DIGITAL/SOCIAL:** Mix of digital banner ads, promoted social posts, and streaming video ads: $3,000
- **PRINT:** Two half-page print ads in the daily newspaper and one half-page ad in the weekly shopper: $2,500.
- **RADIO:** 150-250 radio spots: $2,500
- **TELEVISION:** One TV spot run once during a newscast, once during a primetime show, and once during a special event broadcast: $2,000

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ECIA

March 21, 2024

Jon Dienst
City of Dubuque
50 W 13th St
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Dear Mr. Dienst:

I am writing to inform the City of Dubuque that on March 21, 2024, the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS) approved Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds in the amount of $214,588 for the Bee Branch Trail Phase II to Downtown Bike Lanes project.

The funding for this project has been approved for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 202 (October 1st, 2025 to September 30th, 2026) and will be programmed in FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

To receive the TAP funds, the City of Dubuque will need to work with the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT). To initiate this process, please contact Iowa DOT TAP Manager Susan Hollenkamp at (515)-239-1810 or by email at susan.hollenkamp@iowadot.us.

DMATS provided the city's application to the Iowa DOT for review. The Iowa DOT has provided comments that are enclosed with this letter. The city should follow these comments as it works through the project development process.

Enclosed is a pdf file of your project's DMATS TAP Programming Agreement. Please review and print two copies, sign, and mail one back to the DMATS office, keeping the other for your records.

Please note the City of Dubuque does not yet have a funding commitment and is not authorized to expend TAP funds until the project receives authorization from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Expenditures incurred prior to FHWA authorization will be ineligible for reimbursement. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at (563)-556-4166 or by email at cravada@ecia.org

Sincerely,

Chandra Ravada
Director of Transportation Department

Enclosures: Iowa DOT Comments, DMATS TAP Programming Agreement

Enclosure: Iowa DOT Comments

<u>Dubuque – Bee Branch Trail Phase 2 to Downtown Dubuque Bike Lanes</u>

Total Project Cost: $308,471

TAP Request: $214,588

- Dubuque is an eligible sponsor under TAP.
- Generally, 8-10% of the construction cost is common for PE and 10-15% for CE.
- The city should be aware that I.M. 3.310 needs to be followed should they wish to use any federal aid for consultant costs. Any costs incurred prior to federal authorization are not eligible for reimbursement.
- I.M. 3.010 will need to be followed for a minor project schedule.
- Environmental and cultural resources (NEPA & SHPO) MUST be cleared on all federally funded projects prior to final design.
- Due to the total cost of this project, it will need to be let at the Iowa DOT. Davis Bacon will be required, NEPA, SHPO, etc.
- City should be cautioned that ROW acquisition cannot start until NEPA is cleared. Also, negotiation is subject to the Uniform Act re: informing the property owner of their rights, possibly appraisals, etc.
- An official endorsement in the form of a fully executed resolution by the city council is required stating the guarantee the city will maintain the trail for a period of 20 years.
- A reminder of the requirement to pave any gravel crossings for this project which will likely increase costs. This is required for any project using any funding through Iowa DOT (state or federal). See Iowa DOT Design Manual Chapter 12:
    - F. Crossings at Unpaved Surfaces

When crossing an unpaved roadway, alley, or driveway, a minimum of 20 feet in addition to the path width should be paved on each side of the path to reduce the amount of gravel tracked onto the path. If edge of parallel unpaved roadway is less than 20 feet from the closest edge of the path, only pave to within 2 feet of edge of the parallel unpaved roadway. The thickness of the path and adjacent roadway paving should be designed to accommodate vehicular traffic and meet the requirements of the agency responsible for the roadway. The Iowa DOT does allow a minimum of 10 feet in addition to the path width for low volume driveways.

DEPARTMENT:	STATE PROGRAM:	PROJECT TITLE:	YEAR FIRST SUBMITTED:	TOTAL PROJECT COST
55 - Engineering / Stormwater	8C - Business Type	Flow Metering Equipment	FY 2026 PROJECT NO:	$ 400,000

2024 EXPENSE	2025 BUDGET	PROJECT BUDGET	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
		A. EXPENDITURE ITEMS						
$ —	$ —	Flow Meters	$ 200,000	$ 200,000	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ 200,000
$ —	$ —		$ —	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ —
$ —	$ —	TOTAL	$ 200,000	$ 200,000	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ 200,000
		B. PROJECT FINANCING						
$ —	$ —	Stormwater Construction Fund	$ 200,000	$ 200,000	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ 200,000
$ —	$ —	TOTAL	$ 200,000	$ 200,000	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ 200,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION
CIP request is for flow meter equipment replacements as part of the inflow and infiltration reduction and Consent Decree programs. Current City flow metering equipment (20 total) purchased in 2010 have exceeded manufacturer design life and require replacement. Funding request includes replacement of 10 flow meters per year for FY26 and FY27. These are estimated to have at least a 5 year lifespan.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROJECTS
This is related to Sanitary asset management program (5581500026), I&I Reduction Program (5581500019) and Stormwater I&I Elimination Program (5586500006).

OUTCOME
Financially Responsible, High Performance City Organization: Provide City services responsive to the community and Sustainable Environment: Preserving and Enhancing Natural Resources - Reduce potential flooding through flood plain management, mitigation and protection through a well-maintained, operational stormwater system.

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS
This can only be funded by stormwater construction

PROJECT ADDRESS/SERVICE AREA
Citywide

Prepared by Finance Department; Address: City Hall, 50 W. 13th Street; Telephone: 589-4398

RESOLUTION NO. -25

ADOPTING THE CITY OF DUBUQUE FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA:

Section 1. That the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as set forth in the Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes and supporting state budget forms showing the revenue estimates and appropriation expenditures and allocations to programs and activities for said fiscal year, is adopted as amended.

Section 2. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to make the filings required by law.

Passed, approved and adopted this 28th day of April 2024.

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Brad M. Cavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

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Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk

Prepared by Finance Department; Address: City Hall, 50 W. 13th Street; Telephone: 589-4398

RESOLUTION NO. -25

ADOPTING THE CITY OF DUBUQUE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a recommended five-year Capital Improvement Program for the period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030, for the City of Dubuque has been prepared and submitted to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the five-year Capital Improvement Program describes specific capital improvement projects, provides estimated costs for those projects, proposes sources of funds for each of them, and schedules the year during which each project will be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the capital improvement projects for the first year are included in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the City of Dubuque; and

WHEREAS, the five-year Capital Improvement Program will be reconsidered annually by the City Council and appropriately revised; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the five-year Capital Improvement Program is a prudent measure to provide continuity of programs and is in the best interest of the City of Dubuque.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA:

Section 1. That the five-year Capital Improvement Program for the period beginning July 1, 2025, set out in the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Recommended Capital Improvement Budget, is hereby approved and adopted as allocation of City resources for capital improvements as scheduled in the years shown, subject to annual review and revision.

Passed, approved and adopted this 28th day of April 2025.

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Brad M. Cavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

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Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026
ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF CITY TAXES
The City of : DUBUQUE County Name: DUBUQUE COUNTY
Adopted On: (entered upon adoption) Resolution: (entered upon adoption)
The below-signed certifies that the City Council, on the date stated above, lawfully approved the named resolution adopting a budget for next fiscal year, as summarized on this and the supporting pages.
Attached is Long Term Debt Schedule Form 703 which lists any and all of the debt service obligations of the City.

		With Gas & Electric		Without Gas & Electric	
Regular	2a	2,962,580,907	2b	2,893,074,400	**City Number: 31-288**
DEBT SERVICE	3a	3,550,421,468	3b	3,480,914,961	**Last Official Census: 59,667**
Ag Land	4a	3,458,250			

Consolidated General Fund Levy Calculation

	CGFL Rate	CGFL Dollars	Non-TIF Taxable w/ G&E	Taxable Growth %
FY 2025 Budget Data	7.94118	22,536,174	2,837,887,310	4.39
	Limitation Percentage			
	2			
	CGFL Max Rate	**CGFL Max Dollars**	**Revenue Growth %**	
Max Allowed CGFL for FY 2026	7.78547	23,065,085	2.35	

TAXES LEVIED

Code Sec.	Dollar Limit	Purpose	ENTER FIRE DISTRICT RATE BELOW			(A) Request with Utility Replacement	(B) Property Taxes Levied		(C) Rate
384.1	7.78547	Consolidated General Fund			5	23,065,085	22,523,944	43	7.78547
		Non-Voted Other Permissible Levies							
384.12(1)	0.95000	Opr & Maint publicly owned Transit			7	1,927,336	1,882,118	45	0.65056
384.12(2)	0.27000	Aviation Authority (under sec.330A.15)			11		0	49	0.00000
384.12(3)	Amt Nec	Liability, property & self insurance costs			14	1,549,894	1,513,541	52	0.52316
384.12(5)	Amt Nec	Support of a Local Emerg.Mgmt.Comm.			462		0	465	0.00000
		Voted Other Permissible Levies							
28E.22	1.50000	Unified Law Enforcement			24		0	62	0.00000
		Total General Fund Regular Levies (5 thru 24)			25	26,542,315	25,919,603		
384.1	3.00375	Ag Land			26	10,388	10,388	63	3.00375
		Total General Fund Tax Levies (25 + 26)			27	26,552,703	25,929,991		**Do Not Add**
		Special Revenue Levies							
384.6	Amt Nec	Police & Fire Retirement			29		0		0.00000
	Amt Nec	FICA & IPERS (if general fund at levy limit)			30	3,033,701	2,962,537		1.02401
Rules	Amt Nec	Other Employee Benefits			31		0		0.00000
		Subtotal Employee Benefit Levy (29,30,31)			32	3,033,701	2,962,537	65	1.02401
			Valuation						
386	**As Req**	**With Gas & Elec**		**Without Gas & Elec**					
	SSMID 1 (A)	0	(B)	0	34		0	66	0.00000
	SSMID 2 (A)	0	(B)	0	35		0	67	0.00000
	SSMID 3 (A)	0	(B)	0	36		0	68	0.00000
	SSMID 4 (A)	0	(B)	0	37		0	69	0.00000
	SSMID 5 (A)	0	(B)	0	555		0	565	0.00000
	SSMID 6 (A)	0	(B)	0	556		0	566	0.00000
	SSMID 7 (A)	0	(B)	0	1177		0	1179	0.00000
	SSMID 8 (A)	0	(B)	0	1185		0	1187	0.00000
		Total Special Revenue Levies			39	3,033,701	2,962,537		
384.4	Amt Nec	**Debt Service Levy 76.10(6)**			40	285,870	280,283	70	0.08052
384.7	0.67500	**Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)**			41		0	71	0.00000
		Total Property Taxes (27+39+40+41)			42	29,872,274	29,172,811	72	10.06372

COUNTY AUDITOR - I certify the budget is in compliance with ALL the following: Budgets that DO NOT meet ALL the criteria below are not statutorily compliant & must be returned to the city for correction.

(City Representative) (Date) (County Auditor) (Date)

CITY NAME: DUBUQUE **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF DUBUQUE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY** **Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026** **CITY #: 31-288**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/25/2025 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: City Council Chambers, 350 W 6th St.
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
www.cityofdubuque.org

City Telephone Number
(563) 589-4322

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	2,768,051,830	2,893,074,400	2,893,074,400
Consolidated General Fund	21,981,598	21,981,598	22,523,944
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	1,913,222	1,913,222	1,882,118
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	1,405,063	1,405,063	1,513,541
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	1,946,134	1,946,134	2,962,537
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	3,410,562,613	3,480,914,961	3,480,914,961
Debt Service	284,236	284,236	280,283
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	27,530,253	27,530,253	29,162,423
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	9.92637	9.49932	10.06372
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	3,420,763	3,458,250	3,458,250
Ag Land	10,275	10,275	10,388
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.97116	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of $100,000/$110,000	**Current Year Certified 2024/2025**	**Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026**	**Percent Change**
City Regular Residential	460	525	14.13
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of $300,000/$330,000	**Current Year Certified 2024/2025**	**Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026**	**Percent Change**
City Regular Commercial	2,030	2,346	15.57

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through $150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Essential wage adjustments for current agreements, upcoming negotiations, and non-represented staff. Also implementation of a classification and compensation study to ensure fair pay and strengthen our workforce, ultimately enhancing the quality of services we provide to the community.

FUND BALANCE

City Name: DUBUQUE
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		GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUES	TIF SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT	TOTAL GOVERNMENT	PROPRIETARY	GRAND TOTAL
Annual Report FY 2024										
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	1	64,998,916	14,664,396	15,236,063	-122,394	29,938,512	103,695	124,819,188	31,117,834	155,937,022
Actual Revenues Except Beg Balance	2	85,170,246	24,554,914	15,036,636	10,332,935	29,040,827	7,090	164,142,648	67,705,540	231,848,188
Actual Expenditures Except End Balance	3	93,359,237	25,581,275	13,255,510	10,453,022	28,224,201	275	170,873,520	64,450,669	235,324,189
Ending Fund Balance June 30	4	56,809,925	13,638,035	17,017,189	-242,481	30,755,138	110,510	118,088,316	34,372,705	152,461,021
Re-Estimated FY 2025										
Beginning Fund Balance	5	56,809,925	13,638,035	17,017,189	-242,481	30,755,138	110,510	118,088,316	34,372,705	152,461,021
Re-Est Revenues	6	100,451,055	26,914,212	18,754,577	13,597,492	89,219,295	7,540	248,944,171	118,566,167	367,510,338
Re-Est Expenditures	7	124,288,472	34,131,216	14,052,944	13,597,492	102,875,882	4,000	288,950,006	123,205,807	412,155,813
Ending Fund Balance	8	32,972,508	6,421,031	21,718,822	-242,481	17,098,551	114,050	78,082,481	29,733,065	107,815,546
Budget FY 2026										
Beginning Fund Balance	9	32,972,508	6,421,031	21,718,822	-242,481	17,098,551	114,050	78,082,481	29,733,065	107,815,546
Revenues	10	95,124,060	27,415,627	883,703	12,490,994	47,447,974	7,757	183,370,115	98,771,793	282,141,908
Expenditures	11	95,818,332	26,448,786	19,934,374	12,424,200	53,842,551	4,275	208,472,518	113,682,004	322,154,522
Ending Fund Balance	12	32,278,236	7,387,872	2,668,151	-175,687	10,703,974	117,532	52,980,078	14,822,854	67,802,932

LOCAL EMC SUPPORT

City Name: DUBUQUE
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As provided in Iowa Code Section 384.12, subsection 22, a city may levy the amount necessary in support of a local Emergency Management Commission. In addition to this individual levy, Emergency Management Commission support may also be included as part of the General Fund Levy. Iowa Code Section 29C.17, subsection 6 states that any support from cities or counties must be separately reported on tax statements issued by the county treasurer. Input the amount of General Fund Levy request to be used for support of an Emergency Management Commission. The total below will reflect the total amount of Emergency Management Commission support provided by the City.

	Request with Utility Replacement	Property Taxes Levied
Portion of General Fund Levy Used for Emerg. Mgmt. Comm.	118,018	115,249
Support of a Local Emerg.Mgmt.Comm.	0	0
TOTAL FOR FY 2026	118,018	115,249

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GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES CONT.		GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TIF SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT	PROPRIETARY	RE-ESTIMATED 2025	ACTUAL 2024
PUBLIC SAFETY										
Police Department/Crime Prevention	1	19,396,911	59						19,396,970	17,772,721
Jail	2								0	0
Emergency Management	3	2,410,536							2,410,536	1,808,000
Flood Control	4	211,285							211,285	255,749
Fire Department	5	14,558,277							14,558,277	12,177,269
Ambulance	6	2,433,961							2,433,961	2,451,610
Building Inspections	7	1,006,547							1,006,547	1,192,959
Miscellaneous Protective Services	8								0	0
Animal Control	9	532,332							532,332	431,284
Other Public Safety	10								0	0
TOTAL (lines 1 - 10)	11	40,549,849	59				0		40,549,908	36,089,592
PUBLIC WORKS										
Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks	12	2,095,062	5,908,035						8,003,097	6,220,698
Parking - Meter and Off-Street	13								0	0
Street Lighting	14	441,003	837,081						1,278,084	1,187,891
Traffic Control and Safety	15	384,104	8,354						392,458	355,043
Snow Removal	16		1,896,726						1,896,726	1,699,005
Highway Engineering	17								0	0
Street Cleaning	18		831,158						831,158	581,060
Airport (if not Enterprise)	19	6,708,728							6,708,728	5,297,082
Garbage (if not Enterprise)	20								0	0
Other Public Works	21	385,339							385,339	532,220
TOTAL (lines 12 - 21)	22	10,014,236	9,481,354				0		19,495,590	15,872,999
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES										
Welfare Assistance	23								0	0
City Hospital	24								0	0
Payments to Private Hospitals	25								0	0
Health Regulation and Inspection	26	800,652							800,652	487,291
Water, Air, and Mosquito Control	27								0	0
Community Mental Health	28								0	0
Other Health and Social Services	29	463,350							463,350	554,275
TOTAL (lines 23 - 29)	30	1,264,002	0				0		1,264,002	1,041,566
CULTURE & RECREATION										
Library Services	31	4,455,159	30,097						4,485,256	4,180,115
Museum, Band and Theater	32								0	0
Parks	33	5,125,136	19,384				4,000		5,148,520	4,365,980
Recreation	34	3,620,632	132,754						3,753,386	4,401,039
Cemetery	35								0	0
Community Center, Zoo, & Marina	36	5,506,376							5,506,376	817,496
Other Culture and Recreation	37	2,175,851							2,175,851	2,536,159
TOTAL (lines 31 - 37)	38	20,883,154	182,235				4,000		21,069,389	16,300,789

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GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES CONT.		GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TIF SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT	PROPRIETARY	RE-ESTIMATED 2025	ACTUAL 2024
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT										
Community Beautification	39	519,183							519,183	455,667
Economic Development	40	4,091,429		2,880,121					6,971,550	2,846,955
Housing and Urban Renewal	41	1,534,645	8,592,742						10,127,387	10,853,088
Planning & Zoning	42	1,204,569	8,710						1,213,279	969,360
Other Com & Econ Development	43	100,000							100,000	0
TIF Rebates	44								0	3,146,489
TOTAL (lines 39 - 44)	45	7,449,826	8,601,452	2,880,121			0		18,931,399	18,271,559
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
Mayor, Council, & City Manager	46	4,885,613	957,926						5,843,539	2,011,387
Clerk, Treasurer, & Finance Adm.	47	5,154,711							5,154,711	5,781,549
Elections	48								0	0
Legal Services & City Attorney	49	1,138,718							1,138,718	1,250,019
City Hall & General Buildings	50	1,591,589							1,591,589	1,253,284
Tort Liability	51								0	0
Other General Government	52	2,899,562							2,899,562	5,237,375
TOTAL (lines 46 - 52)	53	15,670,193	957,926	0			0		16,628,119	15,533,614
DEBT SERVICE	54				13,597,492				13,597,492	10,453,022
Gov Capital Projects	55	21,614,727	11,605,382			66,913,726			100,133,835	31,630,333
TIF Capital Projects	56					25,762,482			25,762,482	0
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	57	21,614,727	11,605,382	0		92,676,208	0		125,896,317	31,630,333
TOTAL Governmental Activities Expenditures (lines 11+22+30+38+44+52+53+54)	58	117,445,987	30,828,408	2,880,121	13,597,492	92,676,208	4,000		257,432,216	145,193,474
BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES Proprietary: Enterprise & Budgeted ISF										
Water Utility	59							7,488,725	7,488,725	5,856,904
Sewer Utility	60							8,701,943	8,701,943	6,303,215
Electric Utility	61								0	0
Gas Utility	62								0	0
Airport	63								0	0
Landfill/Garbage	64							8,414,943	8,414,943	7,898,573
Transit	65							4,758,495	4,758,495	4,321,725
Cable TV, Internet & Telephone	66								0	0
Housing Authority	67								0	0
Storm Water Utility	68							2,149,935	2,149,935	1,556,863
Other Business Type (city hosp., ISF, parking, etc.)	69							7,952,016	7,952,016	6,112,584
Enterprise DEBT SERVICE	70							13,181,689	13,181,689	14,243,028
Enterprise CAPITAL PROJECTS	71							59,139,924	59,139,924	6,770,637
Enterprise TIF CAPITAL PROJECTS	72								0	0
TOTAL BUSINESS TYPE EXPENDITURES (lines 59+72)	73							111,787,670	111,787,670	53,063,529
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES (lines 58+73)	74	117,445,987	30,828,408	2,880,121	13,597,492	92,676,208	4,000	111,787,670	369,219,886	198,257,003
Regular Transfers Out	75	6,842,485	3,302,808			10,199,674		11,418,137	31,763,104	26,958,165
Internal TIF Loan Transfers Out	76			11,172,823					11,172,823	10,109,021
Total ALL Transfers Out	77	6,842,485	3,302,808	11,172,823	0	10,199,674	0	11,418,137	42,935,927	37,067,186
Total Expenditures and Other Fin Uses (lines 74+77)	78	124,288,472	34,131,216	14,052,944	13,597,492	102,875,882	4,000	123,205,807	412,155,813	235,324,189
Ending Fund Balance June 30	79	32,972,508	6,421,031	21,718,822	-242,481	17,098,551	114,050	29,733,065	107,815,546	152,461,021

RE-ESTIMATED REVENUES DETAIL

City Name: DUBUQUE
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REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TIF SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT	PROPRIETARY	RE-ESTIMATED 2025	ACTUAL 2024
Taxes Levied on Property	1	25,310,159	1,946,134		284,236				27,540,529	27,003,825
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes - Levy Year	2								0	0
Net Current Property Taxes (line 1 minus line 2)	3	25,310,159	1,946,134		284,236	0			27,540,529	27,003,825
Delinquent Property Taxes	4								0	2,223
TIF Revenues	5			17,907,459					17,907,459	12,922,131
Other City Taxes:										
Utility Tax Replacement Excise Taxes	6	638,293	49,102		5,833				693,228	0
Utility francise tax (Iowa Code Chapter 364.2)	7	6,903,981	508,342						7,412,323	5,678,073
Parimutuel wager tax	8								0	0
Gaming wager tax	9	657,500							657,500	591,179
Mobile Home Taxes	10	53,986	5,068		144				59,198	60,967
Hotel/Motel Taxes	11	3,376,383							3,376,383	3,045,661
Other **Local Option Taxes**	12	6,463,758				6,463,758			12,927,516	12,195,672
Subtotal - Other City Taxes (lines 6 thru 12)	13	18,093,901	562,512		5,977	6,463,758			25,126,148	21,571,552
Licenses & Permits	14	2,248,922						41900	2,290,822	4,073,398
Use of Money & Property	15	17,625,981	198,851	596,198	300,844	4,000	7,293	409,917	19,143,084	20,300,213
Intergovernmental:										
Federal Grants & Reimbursements	16	5,056,960	13,389,973			44,181,256		4,013,831	66,642,020	17,467,694
Road Use Taxes	17		8,430,000						8,430,000	8,428,119
Other State Grants & Reimbursements	18	4,253,528	847,631	250,920	6,625	12,071,700		388,205	17,818,609	10,837,587
Local Grants & Reimbursements	19	3,040,057						22,218	3,062,275	730,049
Subtotal - Intergovernmental (lines 16 thru 19)	20	12,350,545	22,667,604	250,920	6,625	56,252,956		4,424,254	95,952,904	37,463,449
Charges for Fees & Service:										
Water Utility	21							12,039,750	12,039,750	11,082,158
Sewer Utility	22							17,473,999	17,473,999	15,674,853
Electric Utility	23								0	0
Gas Utility	24								0	0
Parking	25							2,414,436	2,414,436	723,864
Airport	26								0	226,531
Landfill/Garbage	27							11,097,507	11,097,507	10,475,742
Hospital	28								0	0
Transit	29							475,412	475,412	348,777
Cable TV, Internet & Telephone	30								0	0
Housing Authority	31								0	0
Storm Water Utility	32							6,663,313	6,663,313	6,047,579
Other Fees & Charges for Service	33	7,794,376	47,545			77,615		131,942	8,051,478	4,901,262
Subtotal - Charges for Service (lines 21 thru 33)	34	7,794,376	47,545		0	77,615	0	50,296,359	58,215,895	49,480,766
Special Assessments	35	75,000	587,524						662,524	130,439
Miscellaneous	36	2,621,690	148,047			3,550,731	247	6,867,282	13,187,997	13,188,446
Other Financing Sources: Regular Operating Transfers In	37	13,642,851	193,412		7,599,990	4,065,850		6,261,001	31,763,104	26,958,165
Internal TIF Loan Transfers In	38	619,522	562,583		5,399,820	3,987,118		603,780	11,172,823	10,109,021
Subtotal ALL Operating Transfers In	39	14,262,373	755,995	0	12,999,810	8,052,968	0	6,864,781	42,935,927	37,067,186
Proceeds of Debt (Excluding TIF Internal Borrowing)	40	5,000				14,817,267		49,661,674	64,483,941	7,358,016
Proceeds of Capital Asset Sales	41	63,108							63,108	1,286,544
Subtotal-Other Financing Sources (lines 36 thru 38)	42	14,330,481	755,995	0	12,999,810	22,870,235	0	56,526,455	107,482,976	45,711,746
Total Revenues except for beginning fund balance (lines 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 19, 33, 34, 35, & 39)	43	100,451,055	26,914,212	18,754,577	13,597,492	89,219,295	7,540	118,566,167	367,510,338	231,848,188
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	44	56,809,925	13,638,035	17,017,189	-242,481	30,755,138	110,510	34,372,705	152,461,021	155,937,022
TOTAL REVENUES & BEGIN BALANCE (lines 41+42)	45	157,260,980	40,552,247	35,771,766	13,355,011	119,974,433	118,050	152,938,872	519,971,359	387,785,210

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GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES		GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUES	TIF SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT	PROPRIETARY	BUDGET 2026	RE-ESTIMATED 2025	ACTUAL 2024
PUBLIC SAFETY											
Police Department/Crime Prevention	1	19,519,051	76						19,519,127	19,396,970	17,772,721
Jail	2								0	0	0
Emergency Management	3	2,392,594							2,392,594	2,410,536	1,808,000
Flood Control	4	234,871							234,871	211,285	255,749
Fire Department	5	14,702,459							14,702,459	14,558,277	12,177,269
Ambulance	6	2,251,792							2,251,792	2,433,961	2,451,610
Building Inspections	7	1,290,111							1,290,111	1,006,547	1,192,959
Miscellaneous Protective Services	8								0	0	0
Animal Control	9	488,294							488,294	532,332	431,284
Other Public Safety	10								0	0	0
TOTAL (lines 1 - 10)	11	40,879,172	76				0		40,879,248	40,549,908	36,089,592
PUBLIC WORKS											
Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks	12	2,963,219	4,859,895						7,823,114	8,003,097	6,220,698
Parking - Meter and Off-Street	13								0	0	0
Street Lighting	14	400,765	947,428						1,348,193	1,278,084	1,187,891
Traffic Control and Safety	15	221,127	21,284						242,411	392,458	355,043
Snow Removal	16		2,072,109						2,072,109	1,896,726	1,699,005
Highway Engineering	17								0	0	0
Street Cleaning	18		687,746						687,746	831,158	581,060
Airport	19	5,183,934							5,183,934	6,708,728	5,297,082
Garbage (if not Enterprise)	20								0	0	0
Other Public Works	21	368,947							368,947	385,339	532,220
TOTAL (lines 12 - 21)	22	9,137,992	8,588,462				0		17,726,454	19,495,590	15,872,999
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES											
Welfare Assistance	23								0	0	0
City Hospital	24								0	0	0
Payments to Private Hospitals	25								0	0	0
Health Regulation and Inspection	26	763,109							763,109	800,652	487,291
Water, Air, and Mosquito Control	27								0	0	0
Community Mental Health	28								0	0	0
Other Health and Social Services	29	344,833							344,833	463,350	554,275
TOTAL (lines 23 - 29)	30	1,107,942	0				0		1,107,942	1,264,002	1,041,566
CULTURE & RECREATION											
Library Services	31	4,519,092	38,789				275		4,558,156	4,485,256	4,180,115
Museum, Band and Theater	32								0	0	0
Parks	33	4,321,557	19,180				4,000		4,344,737	5,148,520	4,365,980
Recreation	34	3,602,475	104,471						3,706,946	3,753,386	4,401,039
Cemetery	35								0	0	0
Community Center, Zoo, & Marina	36	3,402,312							3,402,312	5,506,376	817,496
Other Culture and Recreation	37	1,911,942							1,911,942	2,175,851	2,536,159
TOTAL (lines 31 - 37)	38	17,757,378	162,440				4,275		17,924,093	21,069,389	16,300,789

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GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES		GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUES	TIF SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT	PROPRIETARY	BUDGET 2026	RE-ESTIMATED 2025	ACTUAL 2024
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT											
Community Beautification	39	555,888							555,888	519,183	455,667
Economic Development	40	3,251,422		4,816,820					8,068,242	6,971,550	2,846,955
Housing and Urban Renewal	41	1,137,245	11,537,328						12,674,573	10,127,387	10,853,088
Planning & Zoning	42	1,109,910	8,710						1,118,620	1,213,279	969,360
Other Com & Econ Development	43	100,000							100,000	100,000	0
TIF Rebates	44								0	0	3,146,489
TOTAL (lines 39 - 44)	45	6,154,465	11,546,038	4,816,820			0		22,517,323	18,931,399	18,271,559
GENERAL GOVERNMENT											
Mayor, Council, & City Manager	46	2,208,995							2,208,995	5,843,539	2,011,387
Clerk, Treasurer, & Finance Adm.	47	5,391,350							5,391,350	5,154,711	5,781,549
Elections	48	55,000							55,000	0	0
Legal Services & City Attorney	49	1,181,461							1,181,461	1,138,718	1,250,019
City Hall & General Buildings	50	1,462,698							1,462,698	1,591,589	1,253,284
Tort Liability	51								0	0	0
Other General Government	52	5,852,030	293,346						6,145,376	2,899,562	5,237,375
TOTAL (lines 46 - 52)	53	16,151,534	293,346	0			0		16,444,880	16,628,119	15,533,614
DEBT SERVICE	54				12,424,200				12,424,200	13,597,492	10,453,022
Gov Capital Projects	55	320,817	2,639,474			22,019,192			24,979,483	100,133,835	31,630,333
TIF Capital Projects	56					23,325,257			23,325,257	25,762,482	0
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	57	320,817	2,639,474	0		45,344,449	0		48,304,740	125,896,317	31,630,333
TOTAL Government Activities Expenditures (lines 11+22+30+38+45+53+54+57)	58	91,509,300	23,229,836	4,816,820	12,424,200	45,344,449	4,275		177,328,880	257,432,216	145,193,474
BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES											
Proprietary: Enterprise & Budgeted ISF											
Water Utility	59							7,003,600	7,003,600	7,488,725	5,856,904
Sewer Utility	60							8,071,975	8,071,975	8,701,943	6,303,215
Electric Utility	61								0	0	0
Gas Utility	62								0	0	0
Airport	63								0	0	0
Landfill/Garbage	64							8,257,734	8,257,734	8,414,943	7,898,573
Transit	65							4,841,130	4,841,130	4,758,495	4,321,725
Cable TV, Internet & Telephone	66								0	0	0
Housing Authority	67								0	0	0
Storm Water Utility	68							2,085,269	2,085,269	2,149,935	1,556,863
Other Business Type (city hosp., ISF, parking, etc.)	69							8,185,626	8,185,626	7,952,016	6,112,584
Enterprise DEBT SERVICE	70							16,911,866	16,911,866	13,181,689	14,243,028
Enterprise CAPITAL PROJECTS	71							43,499,009	43,499,009	59,139,924	6,770,637
Enterprise TIF CAPITAL PROJECTS	72								0	0	0
TOTAL Business Type Expenditures (lines 59 - 72)	73							98,856,209	98,856,209	111,787,670	53,063,529
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES (lines 58 + 73)	74	91,509,300	23,229,836	4,816,820	12,424,200	45,344,449	4,275	98,856,209	276,185,089	369,219,886	198,257,003
Regular Transfers Out	75	4,309,032	3,218,950			8,498,102		14,825,795	30,851,879	31,763,104	26,958,165
Internal TIF Loan / Repayment Transfers Out	76			15,117,554					15,117,554	11,172,823	10,109,021
Total ALL Transfers Out	77	4,309,032	3,218,950	15,117,554	0	8,498,102	0	14,825,795	45,969,433	42,935,927	37,067,186
Total Expenditures & Fund Transfers Out (lines 74+77)	78	95,818,332	26,448,786	19,934,374	12,424,200	53,842,551	4,275	113,682,004	322,154,522	412,155,813	235,324,189
Ending Fund Balance June 30	79	32,278,236	7,387,872	2,668,151	-175,687	10,703,974	117,532	14,822,854	67,802,932	107,815,546	152,461,021

REVENUES DETAIL

City Name: DUBUQUE
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

		GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUES	TIF SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT	PROPRIETARY	BUDGET 2026	RE-ESTIMATED 2025	ACTUAL 2024
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES											
Taxes Levied on Property	1	25,929,991	2,962,537		280,283	0			29,172,811	27,540,529	27,003,825
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes - Levy Year	2								0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes (line 1 minus line 2)	3	25,929,991	2,962,537		280,283	0			29,172,811	27,540,529	27,003,825
Delinquent Property Taxes	4								0	0	2,223
TIF Revenues	5								0	17,907,459	12,922,131
Other City Taxes:											
Utility Tax Replacement Excise Taxes	6	622,712	71,164		5,587	0			699,463	693,228	0
Utility francise tax (Iowa Code Chapter 364.2)	7	6,178,282	339,336						6,517,618	7,412,323	5,678,073
Parimutuel wager tax	8								0	0	0
Gaming wager tax	9	591,179							591,179	657,500	591,179
Mobile Home Taxes	10	54,770	5,612		585				60,967	59,198	60,967
Hotel/Motel Taxes	11	3,910,460							3,910,460	3,376,383	3,045,661
Other Local Option Taxes	12	6,452,968				6,452,968			12,905,936	12,927,516	12,195,672
Subtotal - Other City Taxes (lines 6 thru 12)	13	17,810,371	416,112		6,172	6,452,968			24,685,623	25,126,148	21,571,552
Licenses & Permits	14	2,467,750						2009898	4,477,648	2,290,822	4,073,398
Use of Money & Property	15	17,929,848	440,532	682,968	300,844	1,328,133	7,757	1,500,186	22,190,268	19,143,084	20,300,213
Intergovernmental:											
Federal Grants & Reimbursements	16	605,769	13,768,388			14,221,984		9,872,583	38,468,724	66,642,020	17,467,694
Road Use Taxes	17		8,589,783						8,589,783	8,430,000	8,428,119
Other State Grants & Reimbursements	18	1,092,642	304,298	200,735	4,793	7,709,146		399,858	9,711,472	17,818,609	10,837,587
Local Grants & Reimbursements	19	1,475,789	0		0	0		0	1,475,789	3,062,275	730,049
Subtotal - Intergovernmental (lines 16 thru 19)	20	3,174,200	22,662,469	200,735	4,793	21,931,130		10,272,441	58,245,768	95,952,904	37,463,449
Charges for Fees & Service:											
Water Utility	21							13,345,002	13,345,002	12,039,750	11,082,158
Sewer Utility	22							19,262,246	19,262,246	17,473,999	15,674,853
Electric Utility	23								0	0	0
Gas Utility	24								0	0	0
Parking	25							814,479	814,479	2,414,436	723,864
Airport	26								0	0	226,531
Landfill/Garbage	27							5,670,098	5,670,098	11,097,507	10,475,742
Hospital	28								0	0	0
Transit	29							368,691	368,691	475,412	348,777
Cable TV, Internet & Telephone	30								0	0	0
Housing Authority	31								0	0	0
Storm Water Utility	32							6,975,234	6,975,234	6,663,313	6,047,579
Other Fees & Charges for Service	33	6,067,423	168,628					26,560	6,262,611	8,051,478	4,901,262
Subtotal - Charges for Service (lines 21 thru 33)	34	6,067,423	168,628		0	0	0	46,462,310	52,698,361	58,215,895	49,480,766
Special Assessments	35		117,657						117,657	662,524	130,439
Miscellaneous	36	6,455,503	358,865		560,288	1,365,981		6,486,918	15,227,555	13,187,997	13,188,446
Other Financing Sources:											
Regular Operating Transfers In	37	14,565,598	231,327		7,999,505	392,400		7,663,049	30,851,879	31,763,104	26,958,165
Internal TIF Loan Transfers In	38	655,668	57,500		3,339,109	8,370,802		2,694,475	15,117,554	11,172,823	10,109,021
Subtotal ALL Operating Transfers In	39	15,221,266	288,827	0	11,338,614	8,763,202	0	10,357,524	45,969,433	42,935,927	37,067,186
Proceeds of Debt (Excluding TIF Internal Borrowing)	40					7,506,560		21,682,516	29,189,076	64,483,941	7,358,016
Proceeds of Capital Asset Sales	41	67,708				100,000			167,708	63,108	1,286,544
Subtotal-Other Financing Sources (lines 38 thru 40)	42	15,288,974	288,827	0	11,338,614	16,369,762	0	32,040,040	75,326,217	107,482,976	45,711,746
Total Revenues except for beginning fund balance (lines 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 20, 34, 35, 36, & 41)	43	95,124,060	27,415,627	883,703	12,490,994	47,447,974	7,757	98,771,793	282,141,908	367,510,338	231,848,188
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	44	32,972,508	6,421,031	21,718,822	-242,481	17,098,551	114,050	29,733,065	107,815,546	152,461,021	155,937,022
TOTAL REVENUES & BEGIN BALANCE (lines 42+43)	45	128,096,568	33,836,658	22,602,525	12,248,513	64,546,525	121,807	128,504,858	389,957,454	519,971,359	387,785,210

ADOPTED BUDGET SUMMARY

City Name: DUBUQUE
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

		GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUES	TIF SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT	PROPRIETARY	BUDGET 2026	RE-ESTIMATED 2025	ACTUAL 2024
Revenues & Other Financing Sources											
Taxes Levied on Property	1	25,929,991	2,962,537		280,283	0			29,172,811	27,540,529	27,003,825
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0		0	0			0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	25,929,991	2,962,537		280,283	0			29,172,811	27,540,529	27,003,825
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0		0	0			0	0	2,223
TIF Revenues	5			0					0	17,907,459	12,922,131
Other City Taxes	6	17,810,371	416,112		6,172	6,452,968			24,685,623	25,126,148	21,571,552
Licenses & Permits	7	2,467,750	0					2,009,898	4,477,648	2,290,822	4,073,398
Use of Money and Property	8	17,929,848	440,532	682,968	300,844	1,328,133	7,757	1,500,186	22,190,268	19,143,084	20,300,213
Intergovernmental	9	3,174,200	22,662,469	200,735	4,793	21,931,130		10,272,441	58,245,768	95,952,904	37,463,449
Charges for Fees & Service	10	6,067,423	168,628		0	0	0	46,462,310	52,698,361	58,215,895	49,480,766
Special Assessments	11	0	117,657		0	0		0	117,657	662,524	130,439
Miscellaneous	12	6,455,503	358,865		560,288	1,365,981	0	6,486,918	15,227,555	13,187,997	13,188,446
Sub-Total Revenues	13	79,835,086	27,126,800	883,703	1,152,380	31,078,212	7,757	66,731,753	206,815,691	260,027,362	186,136,442
Other Financing Sources:											
Total Transfers In	14	15,221,266	288,827	0	11,338,614	8,763,202	0	10,357,524	45,969,433	42,935,927	37,067,186
Proceeds of Debt	15	0	0	0	0	7,506,560		21,682,516	29,189,076	64,483,941	7,358,016
Proceeds of Capital Asset Sales	16	67,708	0	0	0	100,000	0	0	167,708	63,108	1,286,544
Total Revenues and Other Sources	17	95,124,060	27,415,627	883,703	12,490,994	47,447,974	7,757	98,771,793	282,141,908	367,510,338	231,848,188
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses											
Public Safety	18	40,879,172	76	0			0		40,879,248	40,549,908	36,089,592
Public Works	19	9,137,992	8,588,462	0			0		17,726,454	19,495,590	15,872,999
Health and Social Services	20	1,107,942	0	0			0		1,107,942	1,264,002	1,041,566
Culture and Recreation	21	17,757,378	162,440	0			4,275		17,924,093	21,069,389	16,300,789
Community and Economic Development	22	6,154,465	11,546,038	4,816,820			0		22,517,323	18,931,399	18,271,559
General Government	23	16,151,534	293,346	0			0		16,444,880	16,628,119	15,533,614
Debt Service	24	0	0	0	12,424,200		0		12,424,200	13,597,492	10,453,022
Capital Projects	25	320,817	2,639,474	0		45,344,449	0		48,304,740	125,896,317	31,630,333
Total Government Activities Expenditures	26	91,509,300	23,229,836	4,816,820	12,424,200	45,344,449	4,275		177,328,880	257,432,216	145,193,474
Business Type Proprietray: Enterprise & ISF	27							98,856,209	98,856,209	111,787,670	53,063,529
Total Gov & Bus Type Expenditures	28	91,509,300	23,229,836	4,816,820	12,424,200	45,344,449	4,275	98,856,209	276,185,089	369,219,886	198,257,003
Total Transfers Out	29	4,309,032	3,218,950	15,117,554	0	8,498,102	0	14,825,795	45,969,433	42,935,927	37,067,186
Total ALL Expenditures/Fund Transfers Out	30	95,818,332	26,448,786	19,934,374	12,424,200	53,842,551	4,275	113,682,004	322,154,522	412,155,813	235,324,189
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over	31										
(Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	32	-694,272	966,841	-19,050,671	66,794	-6,394,577	3,482	-14,910,211	-40,012,614	-44,645,475	-3,476,001
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	33	32,972,508	6,421,031	21,718,822	-242,481	17,098,551	114,050	29,733,065	107,815,546	152,461,021	155,937,022
Ending Fund Balance June 30	34	32,278,236	7,387,872	2,668,151	-175,687	10,703,974	117,532	14,822,854	67,802,932	107,815,546	152,461,021

LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE - LT DEBT1

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TIF BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, LOANS, LEASE-PURCHASE PAYMENTS

Debt Name		Amount of Issue	Type of Debt Obligation	Debt Resolution Number	Principal Due FY	Interest Due FY	Total Obligation Due FY	Bond Reg./ Paying Agent Fees Due FY	Reductions due to Refinancing or Prepayment of Certified Debt	Paid from Funds OTHER THAN Current Year Debt Service Taxes	Amount Paid Current Year Debt Service Levy
Stormwater Sales Tax Revenue	1	7,190,000	NON-GO	159-14	1,125,000	219,250	1,344,250			1,344,250	0
Franchise Fee Settlement Judgment Bond - Debt Service Levy	2	2,830,000	GO	89-16	145,000	50,825	195,825			0	195,825
DICW Expansion - Non-Taxable Refunding	3	3,175,000	GO	91-16	0	0	0				0
GDTIF Kepharts Building Refunding	4	200,000	GO	91-16	0	0	0				0
GDTIF Library Renovation Refuding	5	1,275,000	GO	91-16	0	0	0				0
Stormwater Refunding	6	6,270,000	GO	91-16	245,000	22,800	267,800			267,800	0
Park Ham House - Sales Tax 20%	7	200,668	GO	93-16	9,988	3,472	13,460			13,460	0
Building Federal Building Roof - Sales Tax 20%	8	268,405	GO	93-16	13,359	4,644	18,003			18,003	0
Airport New Terminal Roads/Parking Sales Tax 20%	9	635,927	GO	93-16	31,652	11,003	42,655			42,655	0
Water System Improvements	10	635,000	GO	93-16	35,000	11,088	46,088			46,088	0
Sanitary Sewer Improvements	11	2,405,000	GO	93-16	125,000	41,606	166,606			166,606	0
Streetlight Replacement Refunding -ST	12	4,900	GO	119-17	400	63	463			463	0
Building Smart Meters Refunding	13	45,400	GO	119-17	4,000	558	4,558			4,558	0
Solid Waste Collection Refunding	14	51,300	GO	119-17	4,500	633	5,133			5,133	0
Park Water System Study Refunding	15	60,000	GO	119-17	5,300	738	6,038			6,038	0
Fire Ambulance Replacement	16	230,000	GO	119-17	20,000	3,000	23,000			23,000	0
Street Fiber/Sidewalk/Lights Refunding RUT	17	258,600	GO	119-17	22,800	3,186	25,986			25,986	0
Airport Improvements Refunding	18	282,200	GO	119-17	24,800	3,474	28,274			28,274	0
Public works Equip Refunding	19	392,000	GO	119-17	34,500	4,827	39,327			39,327	0
Sanitary Improvements Refunding	20	660,000	GO	119-17	55,000	8,700	63,700			63,700	0
Fire Truck Refunding - Debt Service Levy	21	951,500	GO	119-17	83,700	11,721	95,421			5,376	90,045
Stormwater Improvements Refunding	22	2,015,000	GO	119-17	170,000	25,050	195,050			195,050	0
DICW North Siegert Refunding	23	1,285,000	GO	119-17	115,000	14,400	129,400			129,400	0
GDTIF Millwork District Refunding	24	2,080,000	GO	119-17	170,000	27,300	197,300			197,300	0
Parking Central Ave Ramp Refunding	25	6,380,000	GO	119-17	575,000	72,900	647,900			647,900	0
GDTIF Downtown Housing Refunding	26	2,120,000	GO	119-17	180,000	31,705	211,705			211,705	0
Solid Waste Collection	27	23,447	GO	80-18	2,169	426	2,595			2,595	0
Parking Iowa Street Ramp Improvements	28	45,515	GO	80-18	3,597	705	4,302			4,302	0
Transit Radio Replacement - FY18	29	95,000	GO	80-18	9,268	904	10,172			10,172	0
Public Works Radio Replacement - FY18	30	110,000	GO	80-18	10,732	1,046	11,778			11,778	0
TOTALS					3,220,765	576,024	3,796,789	0	0	3,510,919	285,870

LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE - LT DEBT2

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TIF BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, LOANS, LEASE-PURCHASE PAYMENTS

Debt Name		Amount of Issue	Type of Debt Obligation	Debt Resolution Number	Principal Due FY	Interest Due FY	Total Obligation Due FY	Bond Reg./ Paying Agent Fees Due FY	Reductions due to Refinancing or Prepayment of Certified Debt	Paid from Funds OTHER THAN Current Year Debt Service Taxes	Amount Paid Current Year Debt Service Levy
Street Southwest Arterial	31	771,557	GO	80-18	60,977	11,952	72,929			72,929	0
Sanitary Sewer Improvements	32	1,030,009	GO	80-18	81,402	15,954	97,356			97,356	0
Water System Improvements	33	1,155,930	GO	80-18	91,354	17,906	109,260			109,260	0
Stormwater Improvements	34	1,714,542	GO	80-18	135,501	26,558	162,059			162,059	0
DICW Expansion - South Siegert Farm	35	239,534	GO	82-18	34,559	1,088	35,647			35,647	0
Parking Port of Dubuque Ramp	36	373,553	GO	82-18	53,896	1,698	55,594			55,594	0
Building 18th Street Improv Sales Tax 20%	37	391,913	GO	82-18	56,545	1,782	58,327			58,327	0
Transit Midtown Transfers - FY19	38	216,125	GO	215-19	0	6,484	6,484			6,484	0
Fire Structural Repairs 5&6/Quick Pump FY19	39	448,875	GO	215-19	0	13,466	13,466			13,466	0
GDTIF Colts Building Renovation	40	1,575,000	GO	215-19	75,000	38,850	113,850			113,850	0
Civic Center Chair Platform Section 3 - FY19	41	59,340	GO	218-19	7,590	455	8,045			8,045	0
Building - Conf Center Energy Improv - FY19	42	187,136	GO	218-19	23,936	1,436	25,372			25,372	0
Park Skate Park FY19	43	613,524	GO	218-19	78,474	4,708	83,182			83,182	0
Library Improvements ST 20%	44	39,408	GO	222-19	5,361	888	6,249			6,249	0
Park Improvements ST20%	45	47,290	GO	222-19	6,433	1,065	7,498			7,498	0
Street FEMA land buyout Gaming	46	64,901	GO	222-19	8,480	1,404	9,884			9,884	0
E911 Tower Relocation ST 20%	47	141,869	GO	222-19	19,299	3,196	22,495			22,495	0
Fire Station #4 Improvements Gaming	48	188,054	GO	222-19	20,761	3,438	24,199			24,199	0
Parking Locust Ramp Security Cameras	49	126,054	GO	222-19	9,747	1,614	11,361			11,361	0
Building City Hall Brickwork ST 20%	50	236,446	GO	222-19	32,165	5,326	37,491			37,491	0
Civic Center Improvements ST20%	51	323,146	GO	222-19	43,958	7,279	51,237			51,237	0
Stormwater Improvements	52	290,796	GO	222-19	24,367	4,035	28,402			28,402	0
DICW Expansion - South Siegert Farm Non Taxable	53	305,359	GO	222-19	24,367	4,035	28,402			28,402	0
Sanitary Sewer Improvements	54	1,124,412	GO	222-19	87,722	14,525	102,247			102,247	0
Water System Improvements	55	1,323,107	GO	222-19	102,342	16,946	119,288			119,288	0
Recreation Improvements - ST20%	56	4,082	GO	222-19	0	0	0				0
Airport New terminal Furnishings ST20 Refund 2014B	57	25,000	GO	156-21	5,100	102	5,202			5,202	0
Airport ST20 10 Yr Refunding 2014B	58	28,182	GO	156-21			0				0
Airport Terminal Utility Improv - PFC Refund 2014B	59	490,000	GO	156-21	35,000	7,000	42,000			42,000	0
Building ST20 10YR Refunding 2014B	60	87,596	GO	156-21			0				0
TOTALS					4,345,101	789,214	5,134,315	0	0	4,848,445	285,870

LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE - LT DEBT3

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TIF BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, LOANS, LEASE-PURCHASE PAYMENTS

Debt Name		Amount of Issue	Type of Debt Obligation	Debt Resolution Number	Principal Due FY	Interest Due FY	Total Obligation Due FY	Bond Reg./ Paying Agent Fees Due FY	Reductions due to Refinancing or Prepayment of Certified Debt	Paid from Funds OTHER THAN Current Year Debt Service Taxes	Amount Paid Current Year Debt Service Levy
DICW Expansion Consult Refund 2012H	61	95,580	GO	156-21	8,496	1,267	9,763			9,763	0
DICW Chavenelle Road FY21 Nontaxable	62	1,265,000	GO	156-21	60,000	21,900	81,900			81,900	0
Finance General Ledger Software FY21	63	244,239	GO	156-21	11,314	4,113	15,427			15,427	0
Fire Ladder/Pumper/HVAC FY21	64	810,150	GO	156-21	37,528	13,642	51,170			51,170	0
Fire Station #2 ST20 10 yr Refund 2014B	65	91,227	GO	156-21	0	0	0			0	0
Fire Station #2 ST20 20yr Refund 2014B	66	85,217	GO	156-21	6,046	1,379	7,425			7,425	0
GDTIF 7thST/2-Way conversion 2012B Refund	67	3,204,576	GO	156-21	315,265	40,428	355,693			355,693	0
GDtIF Intermodal 2012A refund	68	2,545,000	GO	156-21	250,000	32,100	282,100			282,100	0
GDTIF Parks Jackson/Clock nontaxable FY21	69	535,000	GO	156-21	30,000	10,700	40,700			40,700	0
GDTIF 2014B Refunding	70	155,000	GO	156-21	10,000	2,300	12,300			12,300	0
GDTIF 5th St Restroom/MFC 2012H Refunding	71	1,254,420	GO	156-21	111,504	16,633	128,137			128,137	0
Library Improvements Sales Tax 20% Ref 2012E	72	84,526	GO	156-21	14,297	575	14,872			14,872	0
Park imp Sales tax 20% Ref 2012E	73	22,136	GO	156-21	0	0	0			0	0
Park Imp ST20 10 yr Refund 2014B	74	35,046	GO	156-21	0	0	0			0	0
Park Imp ST20 20yr Refund 2014B	75	124,780	GO	156-21	0	0	0			0	0
Park Improvements - Gaming refunding 2012E	76	44,400	GO	156-21	0	0	0			0	0
Parking Improvements Refunding 2014B	77	125,000	GO	156-21	10,000	1,700	11,700			11,700	0
Police CAD Software - Gaming Refunding 2014B	78	160,000	GO	156-21	20,000	1,800	21,800			21,800	0
Police Software Replacement Refunding 2012E	79	75,600	GO	156-21	0	0	0			0	0
PW Curb Ramp/Engineering Street Improv Ref 2014B	80	885,000	GO	156-21	65,000	12,900	77,900			77,900	0
PW Equipment ST30 Ref 2014B	81	45,000	GO	156-21	0	0	0			0	0
Rec Improvements ST20% Refunding 2012E	82	7,572	GO	156-21	1,092	66	1,158			1,158	0
Recreation ST20 10 Yr Refunding 2014B	83	51,545	GO	156-21	0	0	0			0	0
Sanitary Forecemain Refunding 2012E	84	376,122	GO	156-21	34,096	35,162	69,258			69,258	0
Sanitary Sewer Improvements Refunding 2014B	85	4,390,000	GO	156-21	320,000	63,200	383,200			383,200	0
Stormwater Improvements Refunding 2012B	86	1,115,424	GO	156-21	109,735	14,072	123,807			123,807	0
Stormwater Improvements Refunding 2012E	87	77,131	GO	156-21	6,992	996	7,988			7,988	0
Street Southwest Arterial - Refunding 2012E	88	827,747	GO	156-21	70,002	11,527	81,529			81,529	0
Transit ST20 10 Yr Refunding 2014B	89	11,407	GO	156-21	0	0	0			0	0
Transit Vehicle Replacement - FY21	90	780,609	GO	156-21	36,159	13,145	49,304			49,304	0
TOTALS					5,872,627	1,088,819	6,961,446	0	0	6,675,576	285,870

LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE - LT DEBT4

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TIF BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, LOANS, LEASE-PURCHASE PAYMENTS

Debt Name		Amount of Issue	Type of Debt Obligation	Debt Resolution Number	Principal Due FY	Interest Due FY	Total Obligation Due FY	Bond Reg./ Paying Agent Fees Due FY	Reductions due to Refinancing or Prepayment of Certified Debt	Paid from Funds OTHER THAN Current Year Debt Service Taxes	Amount Paid Current Year Debt Service Levy
Water Improv Refunding 2012E	91	369,768	GO	156-21	33,520	4,777	38,297			38,297	0
Water System Improvements Refunding 2014B	92	7,470,000	GO	156-21	550,000	107,600	657,600			657,600	0
Parking Improvements Taxable Refunding 2014C	93	220,000	GO	158-21	15,000	3,200	18,200			18,200	0
DICW Refund 2014C Taxable	94	1,145,000	GO	158-21	80,000	16,500	96,500			96,500	0
Airport Improv - PFC Refunding 2012C	95	1,353,033	GO	158-21	119,889	17,968	137,857			137,857	0
DICW Refund 2014C Taxable	96	2,498,375	GO	158-21	221,375	33,178	254,553			254,553	0
GDTIF 2014C Taxable Refunding	97	5,385,000	GO	158-21	395,000	77,700	472,700			472,700	0
GDTIF Eng Dock Expansion FY21	98	409,833	GO	158-21	28,593	7,085	35,678			35,678	0
GDTIF DT Parking Ramp FY21	99	880,167	GO	158-21	61,407	15,215	76,622			76,622	0
GDTIF Wash Neigh Refunding 2012C Taxable	100	493,592	GO	158-21	43,736	6,555	50,291			50,291	0
Stormwater Upper Bee Branch & Sponsor SRF GO	101	22,138,000	GO	92-21	1,258,000	230,430	1,488,430			1,488,430	0
GDTIF MCIC/ADA ED Refunding 2012F	102	140,000	GO	158-21	0	0	0			0	0
Airport Improv - Sales Tax Refunding 20212C	103	10,000	GO	158-21	0	0	0			0	0
Building Conference Center Improv Sales Tax 20%	104	25,076	GO	222-19	0	0	0			0	0
Iowa Finance Authority Caradco Loan	105	4,500,000	NON-GO	211-10	233,154	67,690	300,844			300,844	0
Port of Dubuque Parking Ramp (GDTIF)	106	23,025,000	NON-GO	487-07	845,000	1,167,375	2,012,375			2,012,375	0
Parking Bricktown Parking Lot	107	400,000	NON-GO		0	0	0			0	0
Sanitary Northfork Catfish Improvements SRF	108	912,000	NON-GO		53,000	9,263	62,263			62,263	0
Sanitary Water & Resource Recovery Upgrade SRF	109	74,285,000	NON-GO		2,802,000	895,099	3,697,099			3,697,099	0
Sanitary WRRC Cogeneration SRF	110	3,048,000	NON-GO		159,000	27,320	186,320			186,320	0
Sanitary Kerper Boulevard & Sponsor SRF	111	2,763,000	NON-GO		131,000	17,810	148,810			148,810	0
Sanitary Projects Planning FY21 SRF	112	1,770,000	NON-GO				0			0	0
Stormwater Lower Bee Branch Restoration SRF	113	7,850,000	NON-GO		248,000	165,652	413,652			413,652	0
Stormwater Lower Bee Branch SRF Estimated	114	1,029,000	NON-GO		18,000	3,020	21,020			21,020	0
Stormwater Northfork Catfish Improvement SRF	115	800,000	NON-GO		47,000	8,125	55,125			55,125	0
Stormwater Sales Tax Increment Revenue Bond NA	116	20,800,000	NON-GO	181-15	2,225,000	546,032	2,771,032			2,771,032	0
Stormwater Upper Bee Branch RR SRF	117	16,382,000	NON-GO		744,000	257,461	1,001,461			1,001,461	0
Stormwater West 32nd Detention Basin SRF	118	1,847,000	NON-GO		115,000	11,538	126,538			126,538	0
Water Roosevelt Water Tower SRF	119	4,400,000	NON-GO		203,000	68,900	271,900			271,900	0
Water CIWA Purchase & Improvements	120	10,198,000	NON-GO		439,000	116,080	555,080			555,080	0
TOTALS					16,941,301	4,970,392	21,911,693	0	0	21,625,823	285,870

LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE - LT DEBT5

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TIF BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, LOANS, LEASE-PURCHASE PAYMENTS

Debt Name		Amount of Issue	Type of Debt Obligation	Debt Resolution Number	Principal Due FY	Interest Due FY	Total Obligation Due FY	Bond Reg./ Paying Agent Fees Due FY	Reductions due to Refinancing or Prepayment of Certified Debt	Paid from Funds OTHER THAN Current Year Debt Service Taxes	Amount Paid Current Year Debt Service Levy
Water Clear Well Reservoirs SRF	121	915,000	NON-GO		57,000	3,540	60,540			60,540	0
Water Meter Change Out Program SRF	122	6,394,000	NON-GO		360,000	76,265	436,265			436,265	0
Water Webber Extension	123	1,570,000	NON-GO		0	0	0			0	0
Water System Improvements & Ext Refunding	124	3,505,000	NON-GO		390,000	41,100	431,100			431,100	0
	125		NON-GO				0			0	0
Sanitary 42" force main WQFP Loan	126	1,950,000	NON-GO		90,000	17,730	107,730			107,730	0
DICW Webber Property	127	5,500,000	GO	207-22	50,000	230,713	280,713			280,713	0
Finance General Ledger Software	128	420,457	GO	205-22	18,710	16,267	34,977			34,977	0
Fire ladder/Pumper/Ambulance	129	1,924,543	GO	205-22	81,290	70,677	151,967			151,967	0
GDTIF Docks/Five Flags AC	130	745,000	GO	207-22	30,000	30,468	60,468			60,468	0
GDTIF Downtown Parking Ramp	131	975,000	GO	207-22	40,000	39,853	79,853			79,853	0
Building 2nd Floor Engine House #1 - Sales Tax 20%	132	207,114	GO	235-23	7,228	9,552	16,780			16,780	0
Fire HVAC Headquarters Sales Tax 20%	133	188,576	GO	235-23	6,598	8,720	15,318			15,318	0
GDTIF Central/Parking Ramp/Five Flags	134	1,080,000	GO	235-23	40,000	49,933	89,933			89,933	0
Rec Ice Center Settling Remediation/Imp Sales Tax 20%	135	4,614,310	GO	235-23	161,175	213,016	374,191			374,191	0
Airport Reconstruct Taxiway Alpha Sales Tax 20% 2025A	136	534,004	GO	65-25	12,684	29,983	42,667			42,667	0
Fire Ambulance/Equipment/Building Improvements Sales Tax 20% 2025A	137	3,653,911	GO	65-25	86,820	205,227	292,047			292,047	0
Fire Ladder/Pumper Sales Tax 20% 2025B	138	2,141,750	GO	66-25	48,750	130,719	179,469			179,469	0
GDTIF Chaplain Schmitt Island Iowa Amphitheater 2025C	139	8,945,000	GO	67-25	0	451,239	451,239			451,239	0
GDTIF ABC/Parking/Federal Building 2025B	140	5,075,000	GO	66-25	115,000	309,787	424,787			424,787	0
Rec Ice Center Dehumidification 2025B	141	4,614,150	GO	66-25	161,175	213,016	374,191			374,191	0
Solid Waste Collection Vehicles 2025A	142	862,085	GO	65-25	20,484	48,421	68,905			68,905	0
Sanitary Granger Creek & Force Main SRF	143	2,536,000	NON-GO		97,000	64,737	161,737			161,737	0
Sanitary Old Mill Lift Station	144	26,221,000	NON-GO		0	475,942	475,942			475,942	0
	145		-				0				0
	146		-				0				0
	147		-				0				0
	148		-				0				0
	149		-				0				0
	150		-				0				0
TOTALS					18,815,215	7,707,297	26,522,512	0	0	26,236,642	285,870

LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE - LT DEBT6

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TIF BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, LOANS, LEASE-PURCHASE PAYMENTS

Debt Name		Amount of Issue	Type of Debt Obligation	Debt Resolution Number	Principal Due FY	Interest Due FY	Total Obligation Due FY	Bond Reg./ Paying Agent Fees Due FY	Reductions due to Refinancing or Prepayment of Certified Debt	Paid from Funds OTHER THAN Current Year Debt Service Taxes	Amount Paid Current Year Debt Service Levy
	151		-				0				0
	152		-				0				0
	153		-				0				0
	154		-				0				0
	155		-				0				0
	156		-				0				0
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	176		-				0				0
	177		-				0				0
	178		-				0				0
	179		-				0				0
	180		-				0				0
TOTALS					18,815,215	7,707,297	26,522,512	0	0	26,236,642	285,870

LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE - LT DEBT7

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TIF BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, LOANS, LEASE-PURCHASE PAYMENTS

Debt Name		Amount of Issue	Type of Debt Obligation	Debt Resolution Number	Principal Due FY	Interest Due FY	Total Obligation Due FY	Bond Reg./ Paying Agent Fees Due FY	Reductions due to Refinancing or Prepayment of Certified Debt	Paid from Funds OTHER THAN Current Year Debt Service Taxes	Amount Paid Current Year Debt Service Levy
	181		-				0				0
	182		-				0				0
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	184		-				0				0
	185		-				0				0
	186		-				0				0
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	206		-				0				0
	207		-				0				0
	208		-				0				0
	209		-				0				0
	210		-				0				0
TOTALS					18,815,215	7,707,297	26,522,512	0	0	26,236,642	285,870

LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE - GRAND TOTALS

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TIF BONDS, REVENUE BONDS, LOANS, LEASE-PURCHASE PAYMENTS

	Principal Due FY 2026	Interest Due FY 2026	Total Obligation Due FY 2026	Bond Reg./ Paying Agent Fees Due FY 2026	Reductions due to Refinancing or Prepayment of Certified Debt	Paid from Sources OTHER THAN Budget Year Debt Service Levy	Amount Paid Budget Year Debt Service Levy
GO - TOTAL	8,434,061	3,447,368	11,881,429	0	0	11,595,559	285,870
NON GO - TOTAL	10,381,154	4,259,929	14,641,083	0	0	14,641,083	0
GRAND - TOTAL	18,815,215	7,707,297	26,522,512	0	0	26,236,642	285,870

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

City of: DUBUQUE

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: City Council Chambers, 350 W 6th St. Meeting Date: 4/28/2025 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of , any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on regular property	10.06372
The estimated tax levy rate per $1000 valuation on Agricultural property is	3.00375

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Phone Number (563) 589-4322	City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Jennifer Larson

		Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	29,172,811	27,540,529	27,003,825
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	29,172,811	27,540,529	27,003,825
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	2,223
TIF Revenues	5	0	17,907,459	12,922,131
Other City Taxes	6	24,685,623	25,126,148	21,571,552
Licenses & Permits	7	4,477,648	2,290,822	4,073,398
Use of Money and Property	8	22,190,268	19,143,084	20,300,213
Intergovernmental	9	58,245,768	95,952,904	37,463,449
Charges for Fees & Service	10	52,698,361	58,215,895	49,480,766
Special Assessments	11	117,657	662,524	130,439
Miscellaneous	12	15,227,555	13,187,997	13,188,446
Other Financing Sources	13	29,356,784	64,547,049	8,644,560
Transfers In	14	45,969,433	42,935,927	37,067,186
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	282,141,908	367,510,338	231,848,188
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	40,879,248	40,549,908	36,089,592
Public Works	17	17,726,454	19,495,590	15,872,999
Health and Social Services	18	1,107,942	1,264,002	1,041,566
Culture and Recreation	19	17,924,093	21,069,389	16,300,789
Community and Economic Development	20	22,517,323	18,931,399	18,271,559
General Government	21	16,444,880	16,628,119	15,533,614
Debt Service	22	12,424,200	13,597,492	10,453,022
Capital Projects	23	48,304,740	125,896,317	31,630,333
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	177,328,880	257,432,216	145,193,474
Business Type / Enterprises	25	98,856,209	111,787,670	53,063,529
Total ALL Expenditures	26	276,185,089	369,219,886	198,257,003
Transfers Out	27	45,969,433	42,935,927	37,067,186
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	322,154,522	412,155,813	235,324,189
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-40,012,614	-44,645,475	-3,476,001
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	107,815,546	152,461,021	155,937,022
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	67,802,932	107,815,546	152,461,021

Jenny Larson

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 11:45 AM
To: Jenny Larson; Joe Link; Robyn Hosch
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Input

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Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Input

City staff are asking Dubuque residents and stakeholders to provide their input as they prepare the City's operating and capital improvement program budgets for fiscal year (FY) 2025, which begins July 1, 2024, and ends on June 30, 2025.

Submitted input will be reviewed by staff and will assist in the development of a recommended FY2025 budget. The City Council will consider the recommended budget and the public will have additional opportunities to offer input during eight public meetings in March.

The City's operating budget (day-to-day costs of providing city services) is around $172 million and the capital budget, which includes major projects and improvements, is approximately $86 million.

What ideas do you have for the City's FY2025 Budget beginning on July 1, 2024?	Please redo the intersection of University and Asbury Rds. To improve traffic the lanes should all be like the Asbury Rd lanes. All right lanes must turn right and all left lanes must turn left. Vehicle speed down our street to avoid the intersection. Most do not even stop at stop sign at corner of Cherry and Avoca. With limited parking on both sides of the street it is dangerous. Someone is going to be hurt or killed. This something that could be done immediately and pretty cost effective. Thank you.
First Name	Tammy
Last Name	Wehrspann
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City	Dubuque
State	IA
Zip	52001

Jenny Larson

From:	noreply@civicplus.com
Sent:	Wednesday, October 30, 2024 4:03 PM
To:	Jenny Larson; Joe Link; Robyn Hosch
Subject:	Online Form Submittal: Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Input

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Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Input

City staff are asking Dubuque residents and stakeholders to provide their input as they prepare the City's operating and capital improvement program budgets for fiscal year (FY) 2026, which begins July 1, 2025, and ends on June 30, 2026.

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The City's operating budget (day-to-day costs of providing city services) is around $172 million and the capital budget, which includes major projects and improvements, is approximately $86 million.

What ideas do you have for the City's FY2026 Budget beginning on July 1, 2025?	I believe that City Employment compensation packages (hourly wage, healthcare, vacation, PTO and retirement package/age) of City employee's should mirror those of its residents and not be out of step with the community they serve by type of employee. A comparison to what City employees make in Davenport may be somewhat useful, but what really matters is the comparison to City Employee compensation to its residents. I would like to see that type of analysis included in the budget process. You can locate these wage survey's in the Iowa Workforce Development website. Also, as the City draws upon synergies between departments and adopts new policies and automation processes- it should become more efficient and need less resources to run. So I would expect that budget would either not grow more from previous years by 1-2%, certainly not the rate of inflation or we are feeding into "systemic inflation" which hurts the poorest in our City. Lastly, I would like to remind the City that the cost to run the City are born mostly by its residents. Taxes are paid by property owners/homeowners or passed onto those who rent.

We rent a house to an older widow for $750/mo because things are tight for her. Even a $20/mo increase in her rent to cover the increase in tax and $30/mo in insurance makes it tough for her.

So we need to make sure we are be judicious in spending her money.

Marc O

Please note: I am currently a resident of Asbury, but my wife and I lived in Dubuque for many years. We currently own 2 homes that we lived in previously in Dubuque. We both work in Dubuque as well so we care about what happens here.

First Name	Marc
Last Name	Onken
Street Address	2142 Seippel Road
City	Asbury
State	IA
Zip	52003
Attachment(s):	*Field not completed.*

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Jenny Larson

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 10:32 AM
To: Jenny Larson; Joe Link; Robyn Hosch; Laura Bendorf
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Input

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The City's operating budget (day-to-day costs of providing city services) is around $172 million and the capital budget, which includes major projects and improvements, is approximately $86 million.

What ideas do you have for the City's FY2026 Budget beginning on July 1, 2025?	Resurfacing the tennis courts at Flora Park, Murphy Park, and Eagle Point Park. These courts have not be resurfaced in at least 10 years and, therefore, have chipped paint and large cracks that make the playing surface unsafe. The Dubuque Senior tennis teams often used Flora for practices but are no longer able to do so due to the unplayable conditions of the court. Flora in particular gets used regularly by the city for youth tennis programs, so resurfacing these courts would have wide ranging impacts on Dubuque residents from children to adults.
First Name	Chris
Last Name	Miller
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City	Dubuque
State	IA
Zip	52002

Jenny Larson

From:	noreply@civicplus.com
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What ideas do you have for the City's FY2026 Budget beginning on July 1, 2025?	A portion of the city's budget should go towards resurfacing Dubuque's courts at Flora, Murphy, and Eagle Point Parks. The cracks and peeling make the courts a hazard and difficult to play on. I am a summer tennis instructor for leisure services and I am increasingly worried about the students safety if these courts are left to continue to deteriorate.
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Jenny Larson

From:	noreply@civicplus.com
Sent:	Thursday, November 7, 2024 11:15 AM
To:	Jenny Larson; Joe Link; Robyn Hosch; Laura Bendorf
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What ideas do you have for the City's FY2026 Budget beginning on July 1, 2025?	Thank you for your consideration in budgeting funds toward the resurfacing of tennis courts in our community parks. As a tennis player, former tennis coach, former teacher, current school counselor, a parent...I know the incredible value of having safe tennis courts for our community. The current surfaces are hazardous to players, with chipping, uneven surfaces, plant growth in the courts, all can lead to serious injury. Our community (young and old) benefit from quality courts to support good physical and brain health with opportunity to play tennis. It is a sport that is accessible to all people and provides a healthy way to gather with others, learn lifelong skills, and have safe fun (provided the courts are not a hazard). For years our city courts have provided countless players the chance to foster skills that provide the gift of a sport that can be played at all levels for a lifetime! Our youth (and players of all ages) deserve a safe environment to continue to grow as healthy individuals for our community. Please consider allocating funds to resurface our parks tennis courts to keep our community safe and grow our tennis programs which are available for all! Thank you.
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Last Name	Nemmers
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First Name	Jennifer
Last Name	Nielsen
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What ideas do you have for the City's FY2026 Budget beginning on July 1, 2025?	I recommend that part of the budget be used to resurface the courts throughout Dubuque
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Last Name	Nielsen
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From: noreply@civicplus.com
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Sincerely,
- Amanda

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Last Name	Saylor
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Last Name	Matel
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State	IA
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Adrienne Breitfelder

From:	City of Dubuque <noreply-dubuque@qscend.com>
Sent:	Friday, April 25, 2025 9:58 AM
To:	Adrienne Breitfelder
Subject:	A new Service Request has been created [Request ID #222827] (Contact City Council) - Dubuque, IA

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Service Request Details	
ID	222827
Date/Time	4/25/2025 9:58 AM
Type	Contact City Council
Address	Dubuque
Origin	Website
Comments	Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Comments I am contacting you today to provide my input on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets. In my opinion the proposed increase in the property tax and utility rates are necessary as staffing and infrastructure costs continue to increase. One of your essential needs is to continue to provide necessary funding to adequately maintain our current infrastructure including streets, water and the sanitary/storm sewer systems. I am encouraging you to support the City Managers proposed budget because I believe it will help you meet the current vision you have for the community. I would also like to provide my comments for your consideration related to future budgets. The budget process starts with your goal setting. Throughout the budget discussions I have heard several comments on how this is a tight budget.

Unfortunately, I don’t see this changing. I would challenge you to review all of the services the city currently provides and compare them to the essential services the city needs to provide. In my mind this would be the first step in controlling future rising costs. While we all would like ‘tax cuts and lower utility costs” the reality is we can’t cut revenue without cutting services.

Lead Water Mains: I find it concerning that we still have lead water mains in service while we have taken on the task to assist with the removal of lead service lines from the system. While removal of lead water service lines is a worthwhile project while grant money still exists, we also need to fully fund and eliminate the five lead water mains in our system. The current CIP (page 53) provides $45,000 in Fiscal Year 2029. This project was first developed in 2017 and still remains under–funded. One project should be fully funded each year starting in FY 2027 until the five lead water mains are replaced.

Public Works Overlay Program: The Public Works Asphalt Overlay Program is a proven way to extend out the life of existing asphalt surface roadways. It also improves access for the walking or disabled public by improving the ADA curb ramps with in the project limits. This fiscal year’s proposal (improvement 15 of 15) is to increase funding to allow for 10 miles of overlays. While this extended program will help extend the life of existing asphalt streets, it does limit the funding that is available to address defects on concrete streets. I would suggest a more balanced approach in future years so defects on concrete streets can also be addressed.

Public Works Automated Collection of Recycling Material: Now that the trash carts and equipment necessary to fully implement the automated trash collection are in place, I would encourage the purchase of necessary equipment to automate the collection of recycling materials. For all the same reasons the trash collection was automated, including the safety of the crews, I would support moving to automated collection of recycling materials in the near future. While a grant award would be nice, it may require borrowing to help with the capital expense to move this project forward.

Engineering Department Concrete Street Rehab Program: As mentioned above we have a growing need for resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation (3R projects) on concrete streets

	similar to the recently completed project on Grandview- north of Loras Blvd. In my opinion we need to balance out the available funding to reduce the need for future reconstruction street projects. We have many highly traveled concrete streets that will need 3R projects in the near future that are currently not funded. It is critical that these projects are addressed using 3R maintenance techniques before more costly total reconstruction projects are required. The engineering department has identified priority concrete streets in need of major work but funding these repairs are an ongoing issue. Balancing funding between asphalt overlays and concrete 3R pr
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Adrienne Breitfelder

From: Clark Scholz <clarkscholz34@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 10:20 AM
To: Adrienne Breitfelder
Subject: Wages/benefits

I apologize in advanced for what may turn out to be a long email. I ask that you share this with Human Resources, the City Council, Finance Director, and City Manager.

I attended the County Budget Public Hearing on 4/21/2025. One of the Items of concern was that county wages/benefits are better than the private sector wages/benefits. The Board referenced their compensation indicating that they are fairly compensating their employees. The public was not in the mood to hear that and we're very adamant that wages/benefits should be comparable to the private sector not better than the private sector. Their was a belief that comparisons were only made to government entities and did not look at the private sector.

I went to the city's web site to view the presentation made to city employees concerning Dubuque's compensation study. I may be wrong but it appears the study only concentrated on similar governmental for the comparison with little or no mention to similar private sector positions.

I urge the the council and the others I mentioned at the start of this email watch the replay of the county budget to get a feel what they may face at the 4/28/2025 city budget hearing.

I did budgeting for a multimillion dollar governmental department for 26 years. I understand needed and essential services cost money. I say to those that say freeze spending you can not do this for an indefinite time frame and maintain quality essential services. If they have better ideas than spending freezes the present theem. I am sure any City Council, Board of Suppervisors, or School Board would be very willing to listen.

I again apologize for the long email. As a side note the Dubuque budget process is one of the most transparent and comprehensive budget I have ever seen.

Clark Schloz P.E.
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From: Citizen Support Center <dubuqueia@mycusthelp.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 3:34 PM
To: Adrienne Breitfelder
Subject: "Contact Us" inquiry from City of Dubuque website

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Attachment:
ITR-Public-Hearing-Guide.pdf

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Message: I have included a document from Iowans for Tax Relief (ITR). They list several items as amenities or extravagant spending. The city appears to spend a fair amount dollars on these items. I am not the biggest fan of ITR, if they had it all their way Dubuque would by a very boring place. I would be interested in hearing the Mayor and Council opinions on ITR spending Pyramid between now and the 4/28/2025 hearing

A Guide of What To Say At Your Property Tax Public Hearing

IOWANS FOR TAX RELIEF
ITR LOCAL

1. INTRODUCTION

"Good evening, my name is ____________________. I live in
first and last name

_______________________ and have some real concerns about
city or county

your proposed property tax increase."

2. TELL YOUR STORY. BE BRIEF AND POLITE (See examples below)

3. CONCLUSION

"I strongly oppose this property tax increase. Please take another look at your budget. Thank you for listening."

EXAMPLES – SHARE HOW PROPERTY TAXES IMPACT YOUR LIFE:

- "I have lived here for ______ years, and now my property taxes are growing faster than my income. I'm buying less for myself because I have to pay the government more."
- "Taxes made my monthly mortgage payment go up $_______ a month. Why does the city/county/school need that money more than I do?"
- "I didn't buy _____________________________ because my property tax bill went up."
- "Please don't play the blame game. I know the assessor only places a value on my property, but **YOU** create the budget and determine the amount of my tax bill."
- "Inflation destroyed my budget. I had to decide what I could buy and what I couldn't. The city/county/school needs to do the same."

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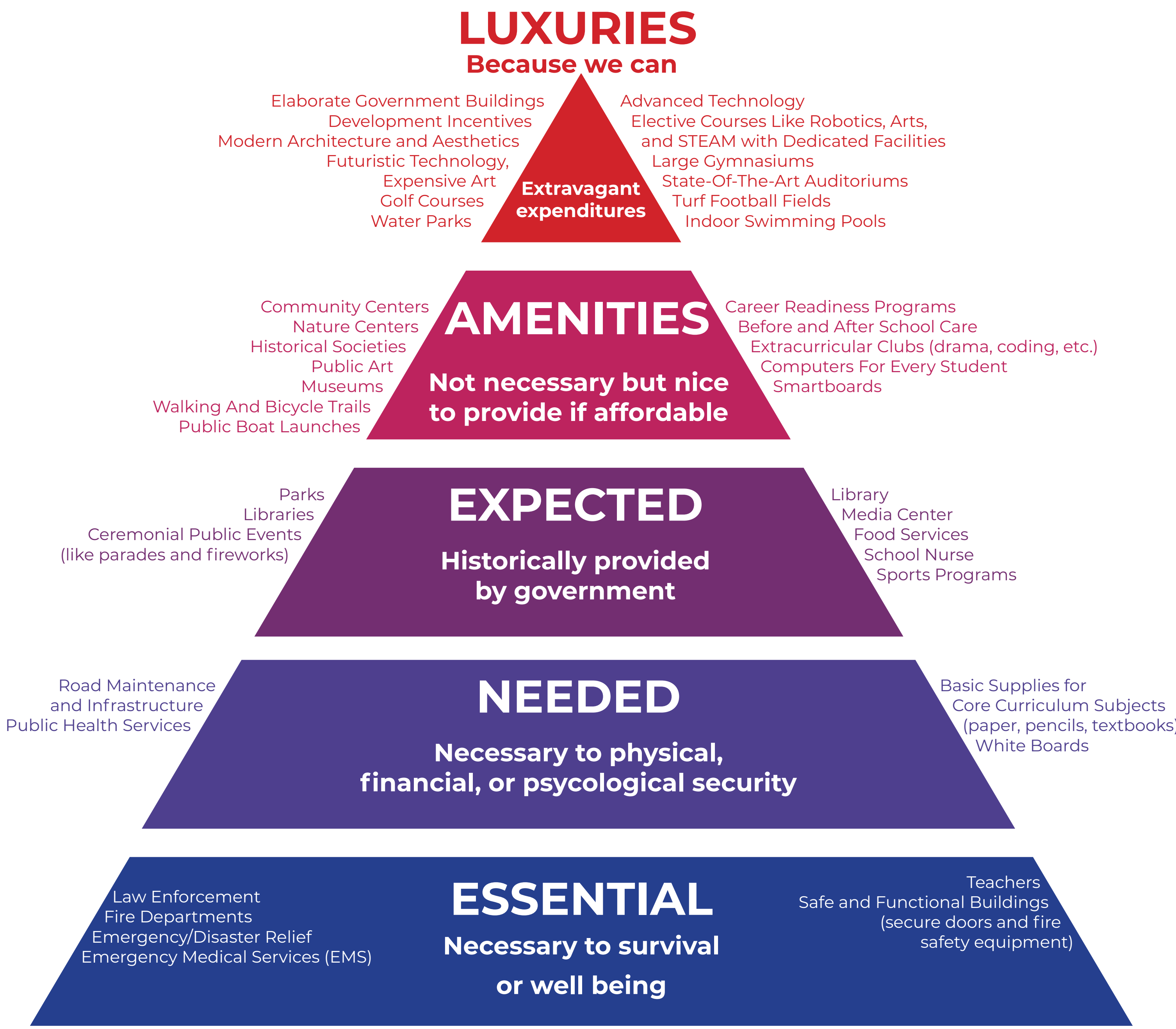

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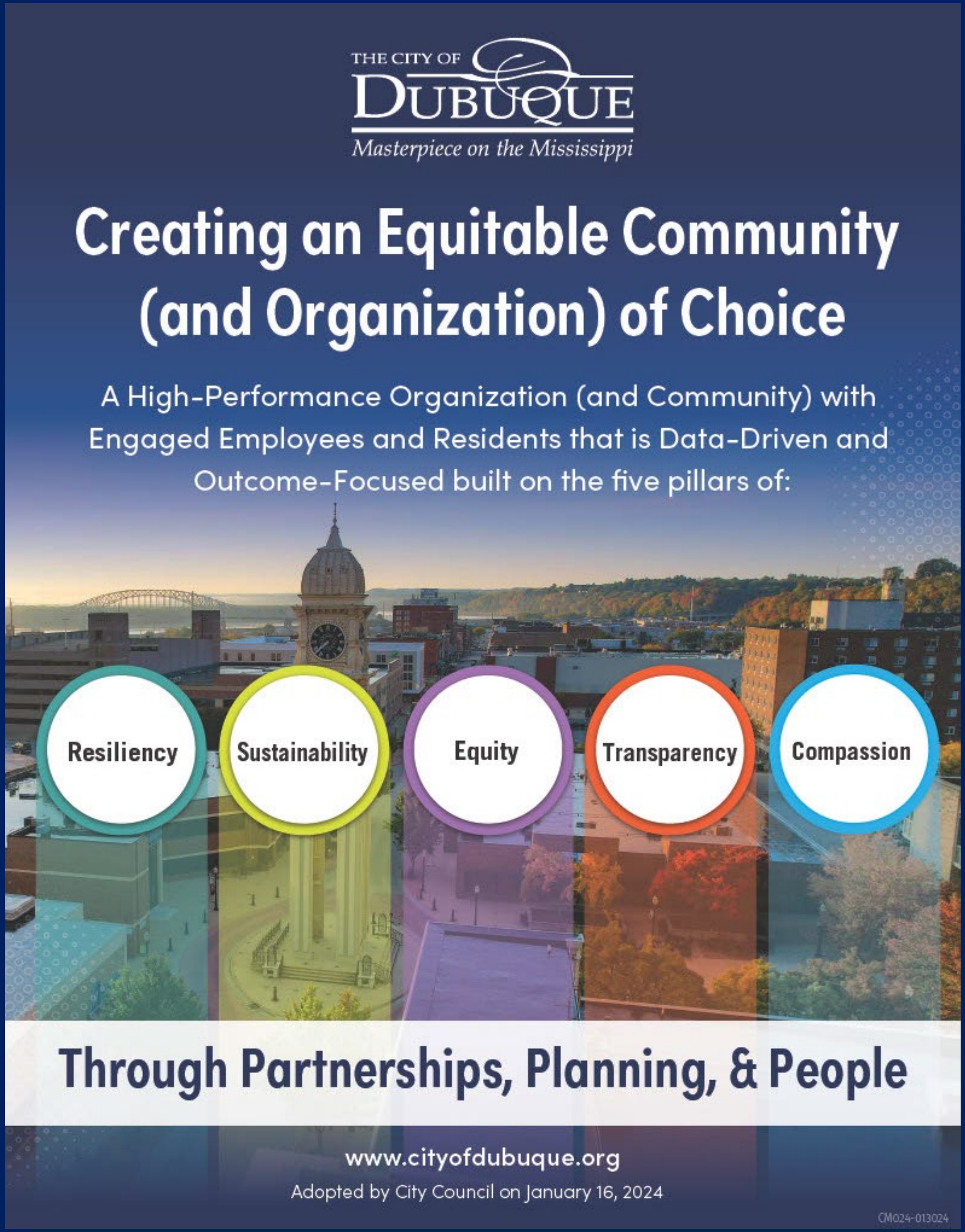

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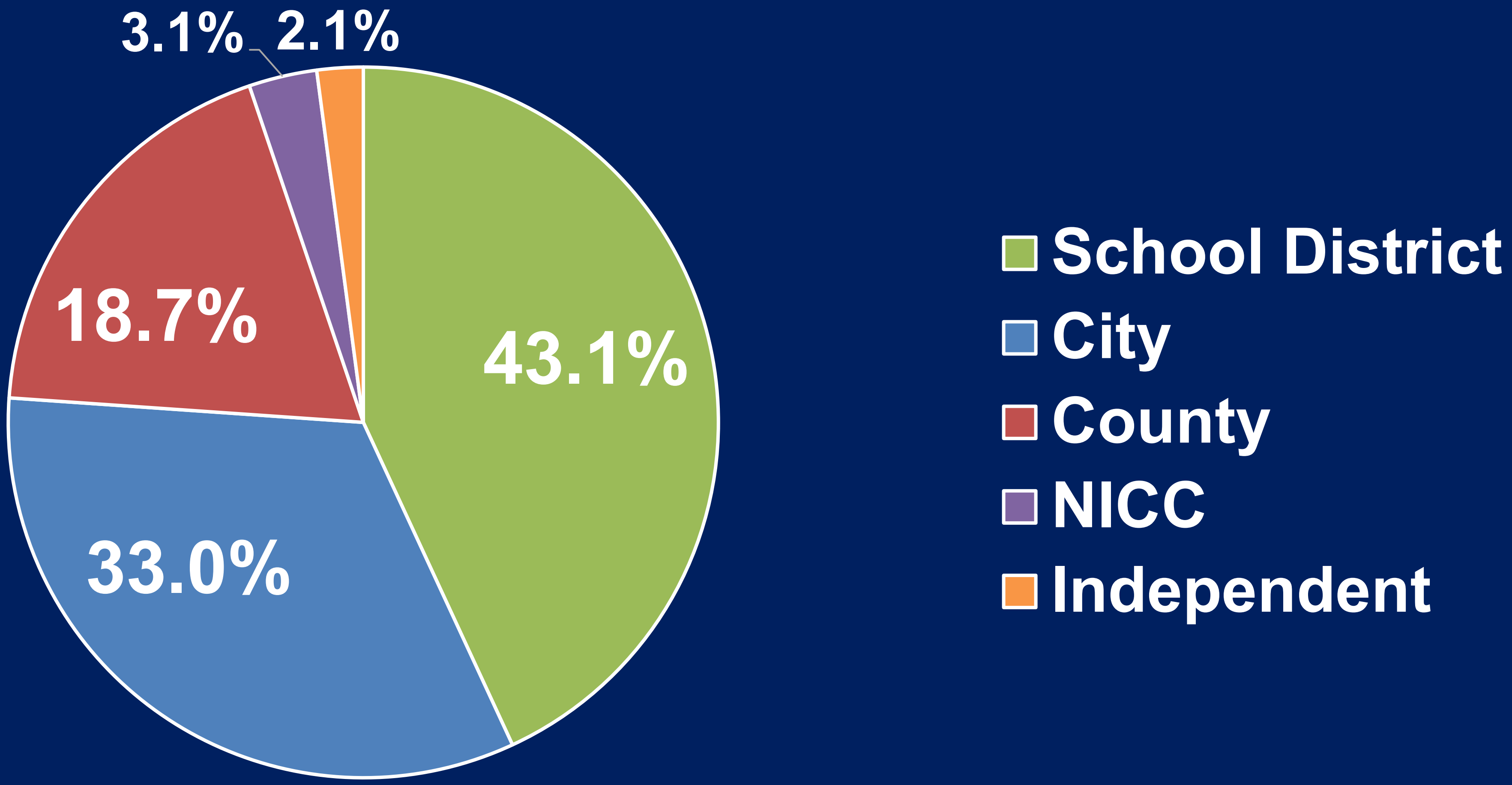

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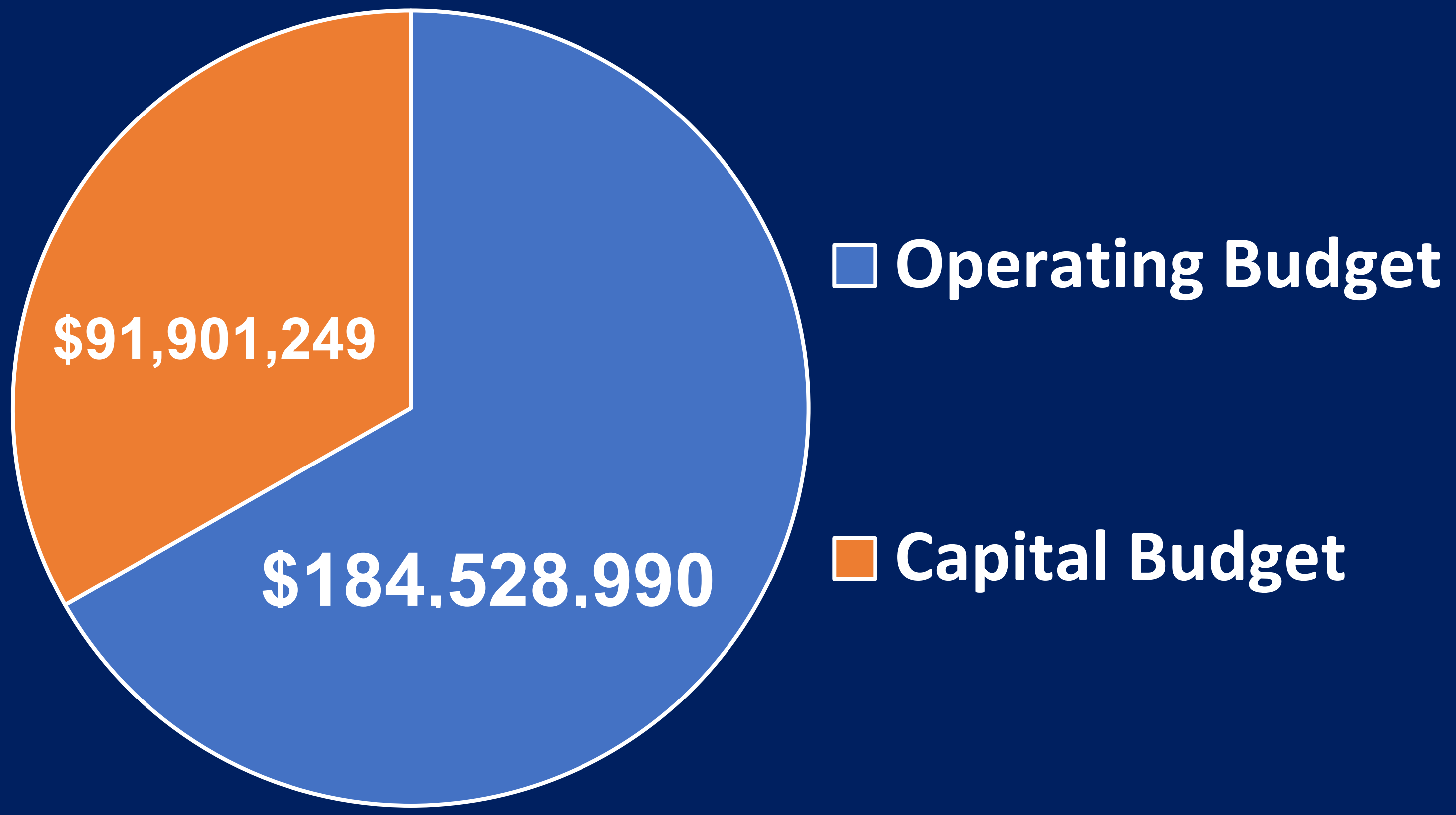

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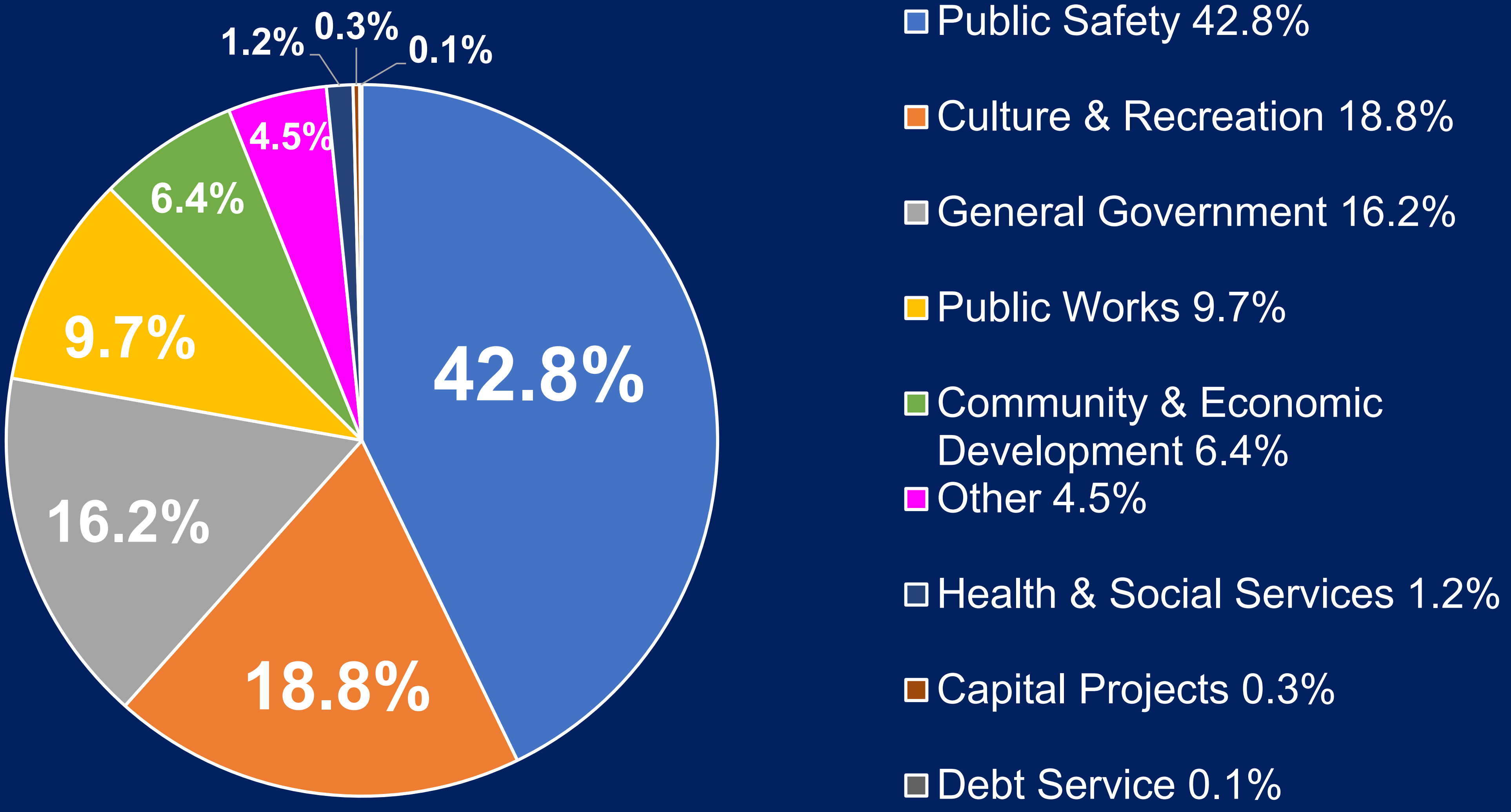

City Property Tax Rate: FY2022 – FY2025

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	Tax Rate Change	Cost Change for Avg. Homeowner
FY2022	-2.5%	0%
FY2023	-1.74%	+3%
FY2024	+1.96%	+3%
FY2025	+0.25%	+5%

Proposed FY2026 City Property Tax Levy

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	FY2025	Proposed FY2026	% Change
Total Tax Levy	$28,233,757	$29,861,901	5.77%
Tax Rate	$9.92638	$10.06372	1.38%

Proposed Property Tax Levy

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	% Change from FY25	$ Change from FY25
Property Tax Rate	1.38%	$0.14
Property Tax Asking	5.77%	$1,628,144
Avg. Residential Property	3.90%	$33.38
Avg. Commercial Property	1.78%	$74.26
Avg. Industrial Property	1.71%	$85.68

Impact Across Property Types

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Property Type	FY25 City Property Tax Payment	FY26 City Property Tax Payment	Cost Change	Percent Change	No. of Properties
Residential: Avg. value = $196,508	$855.82	$889.20	+$33.38	+3.9%	-
Commercial: $150,000 value and below	$690.02	$716	+$25.98	+3.8%	648
Commercial: $150,001 - $300,000 value	$2,030.08	$2,074.61	+$44.53	+2.2%	265
Commercial: $301,000 - $450,000 value	$3,370.14	$3,433.21	+$63.07	+1.9%	149
Commercial: Avg. value = $540,594	$4,179.41	$4,253.75	+$74.25	+1.8%	66
Industrial: Avg. value = $632,952	$5,004.59	$5,090.27	+$85.67	+1.7%	-

City Property Tax Rate Comparison

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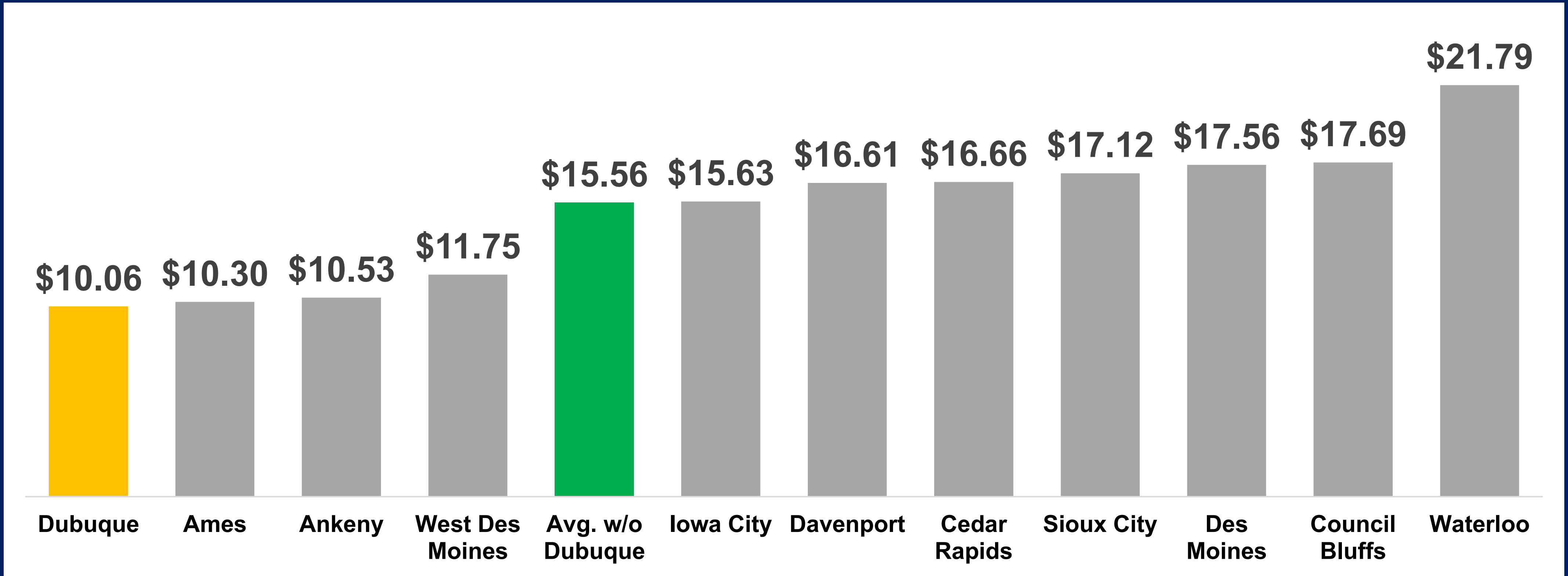

Dubuque has the LOWEST property tax rate of the 11 largest cities in the state. The highest rate (Waterloo) is 116% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 55% higher than Dubuque's rate.

Taxable Value per Capita Comparison

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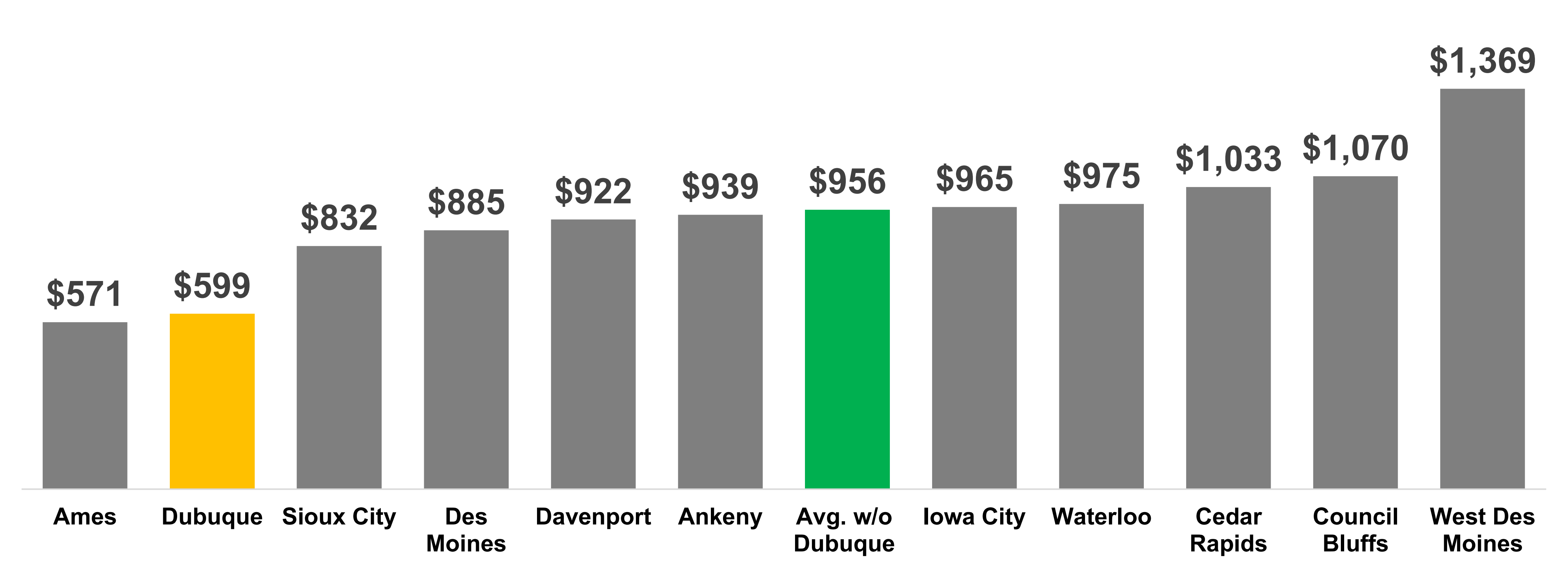

Dubuque is the SECOND LOWEST taxes per capita as compared to the 11 largest cities in the state. The highest (West Des Moines) is 128% higher than Dubuque's taxes per capita, and the average is 67% higher than Dubuque.

Average Annual Increase: 1989-2026

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- Since 1989, the average homeowner has averaged an annual increase in costs in the City portion of their property taxes of +1.45%, or about +$9.28 a year.
- If the State had been fully funding the Homestead Tax Credit, the increase would have averaged about +$6.62 a year.

Enterprise Funds

Recommended FY 2026 Rates & Fees

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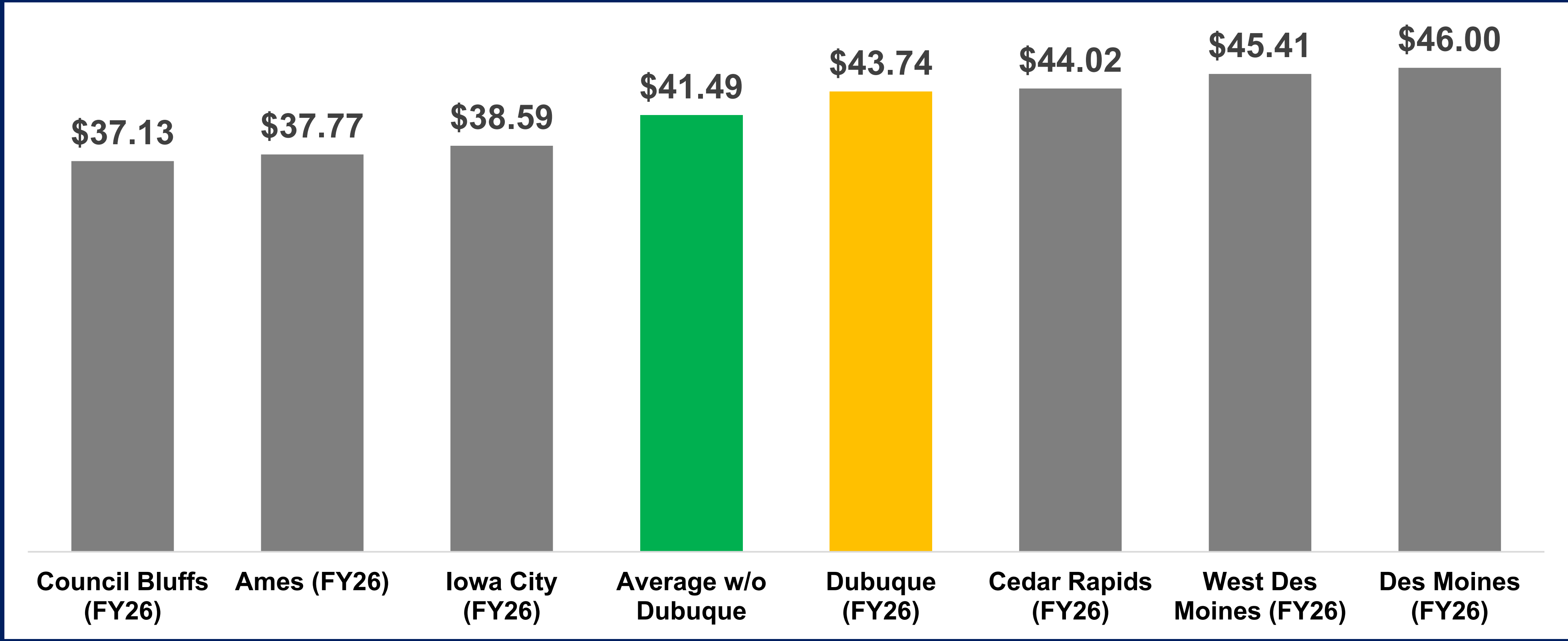
	FY2025 Rate	Recommended FY2026 Rate	% Change	Avg. Monthly Cost Change
Water	$40.14	$43.74	9%	+$3.60
Sanitary Sewer	$54.78	$59.70	9%	+$4.92
Curbside Collection	$17.25	$18.11	5%	+$0.86
Stormwater	$10.50	$11.03	5%	$0.53

Average monthly cost for City utilities would increase by $9.91.

The City offers income-qualified residential customers a base fee reduction for all four utilities of up to 50%.

Water Rate Comparison



The highest rate (Des Moines) is 5.2% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 5.2% lower than Dubuque.

Water Cost for Lower Consumption Households

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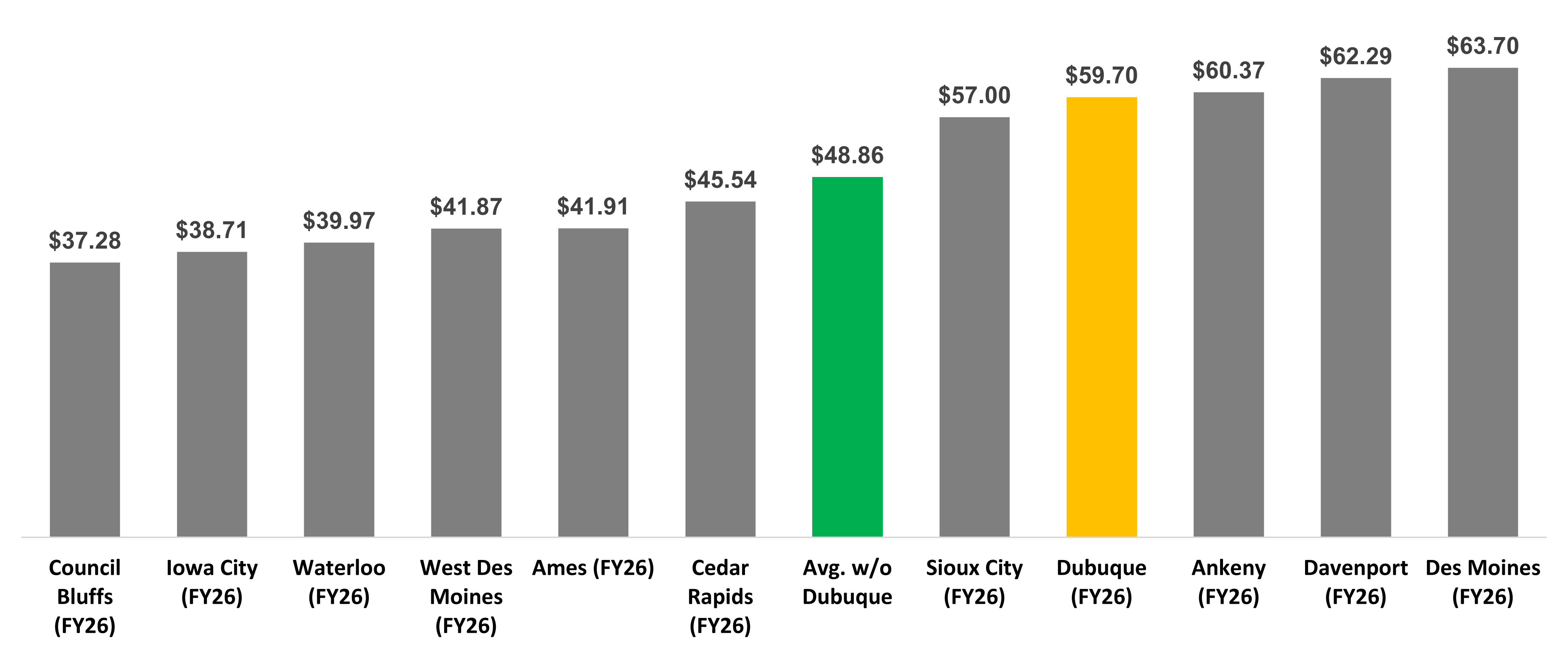
Customers only pay for the water they use.

The average monthly water use is 6,000 gallons per month, but smaller households may only use 3,000 gallons.

Monthly FY2026 water cost estimate for lower consumption households = $29.87 (a $1.80 per month increase over FY2025)

Sewer Rate Comparison



The highest rate (Des Moines) is 6.7% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 18.2% lower than Dubuque.

Sewer Cost for Lower Consumption Households

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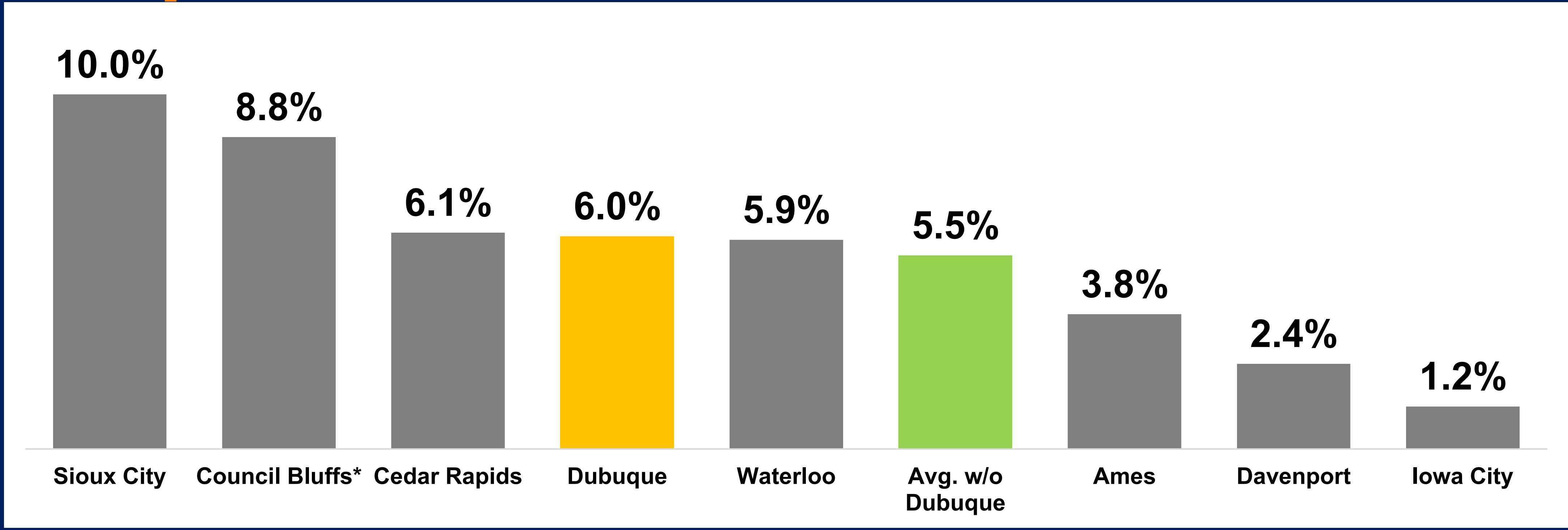
Customers only pay for the wastewater they generate.

The average monthly water use (the basis for sewer cost calculations) is 6,000 gallons per month, but smaller households may only use 3,000 gallons.

Monthly FY2026 sewer cost estimate for lower consumption households = $21.29
(a $2.47 per month increase over FY2025)

Annual Sewer Rate Increase Comparison



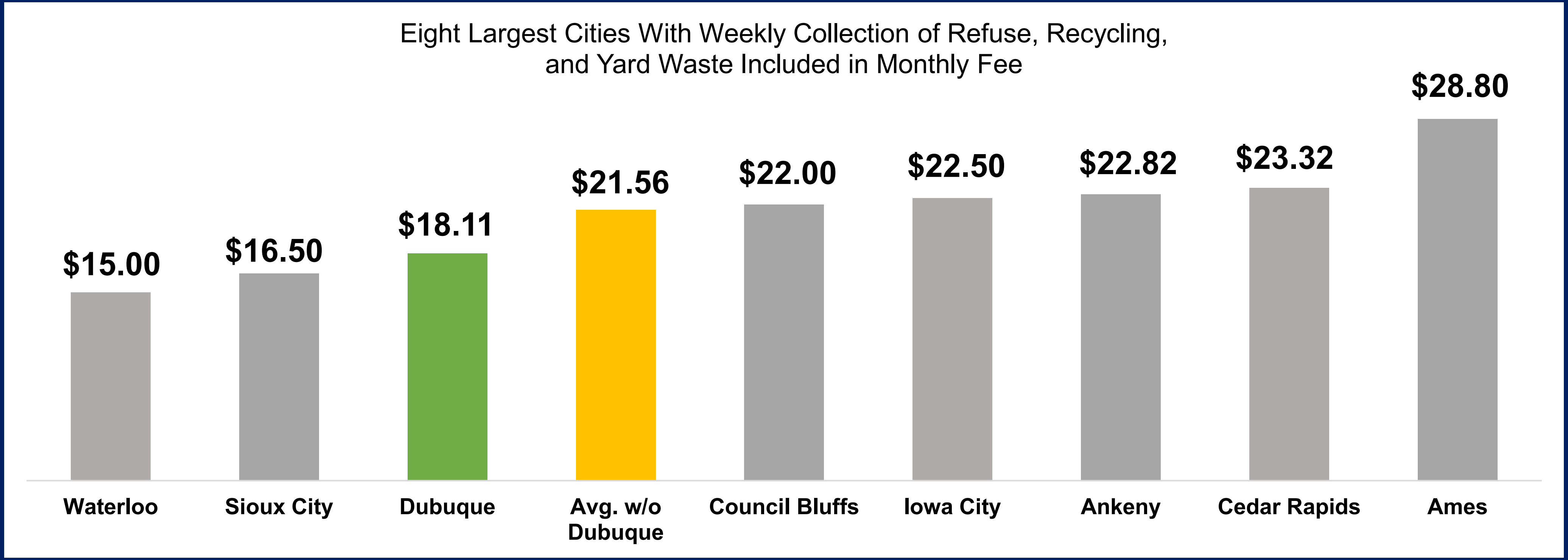
Including the recommended 9% increase for FY2026, Dubuque's average annual increase over the last 6 years is fourth highest. The average for the other large cities with wastewater treatment facilities is 5.46%, which is 9% lower than Dubuque's average.

Breakdown of Sanitary Sewer Revenue by User Class

	FY2025*
Residential	40.9%
Industrial	36.0%
Commercial	21.4%
Other	1.6%

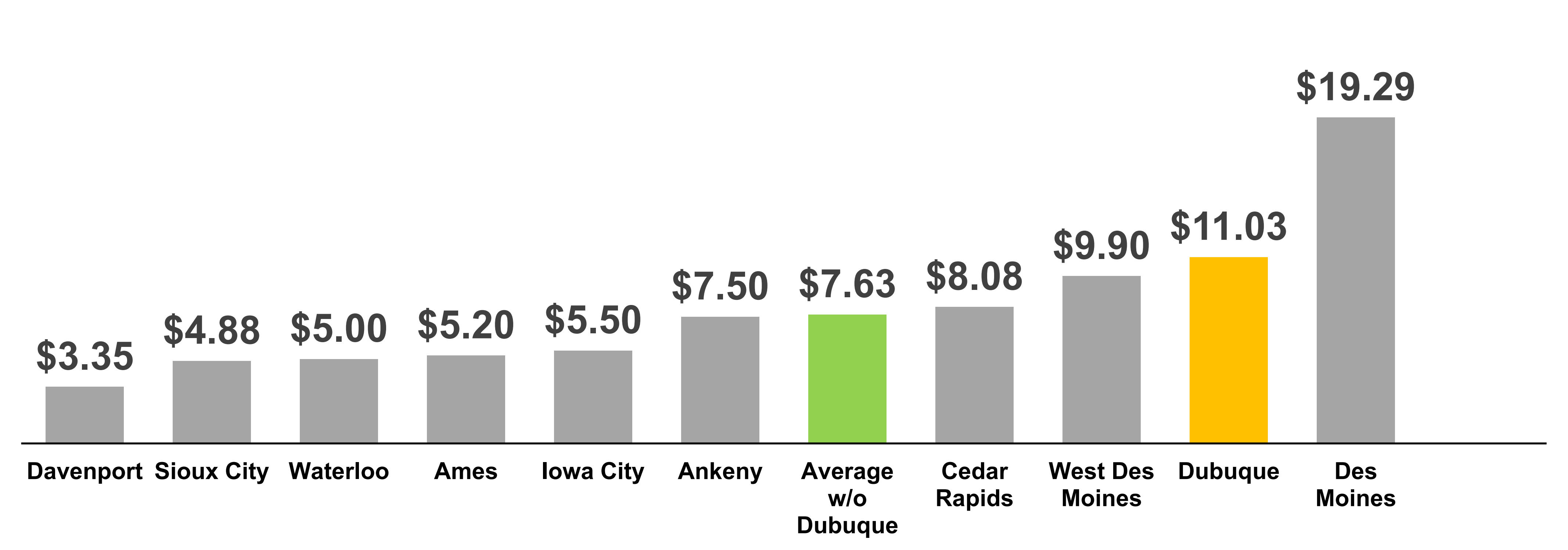
*As of March 25, 2025

Solid Waste Collection Fee Comparison



The highest rate (Ames) is 59% higher than Dubuque’s rate, and the average is 19% higher than Dubuque.

Stormwater Fee Comparison



The highest rate (Des Moines) is 75% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 31% lower than Dubuque.

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Strategic Use of Debt & General Fund Reserves

Reduction of Statutory Debt Limit Used *(FY26 Recommended)*

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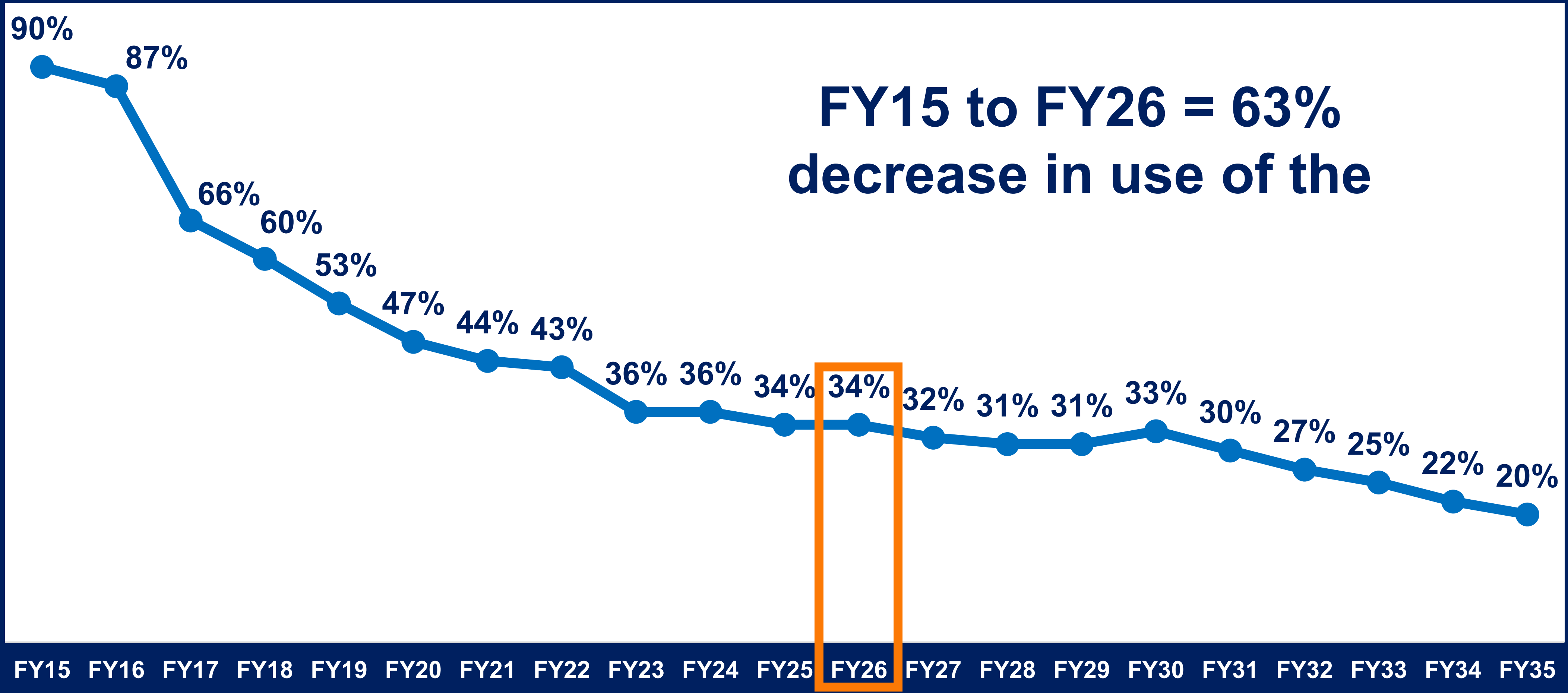
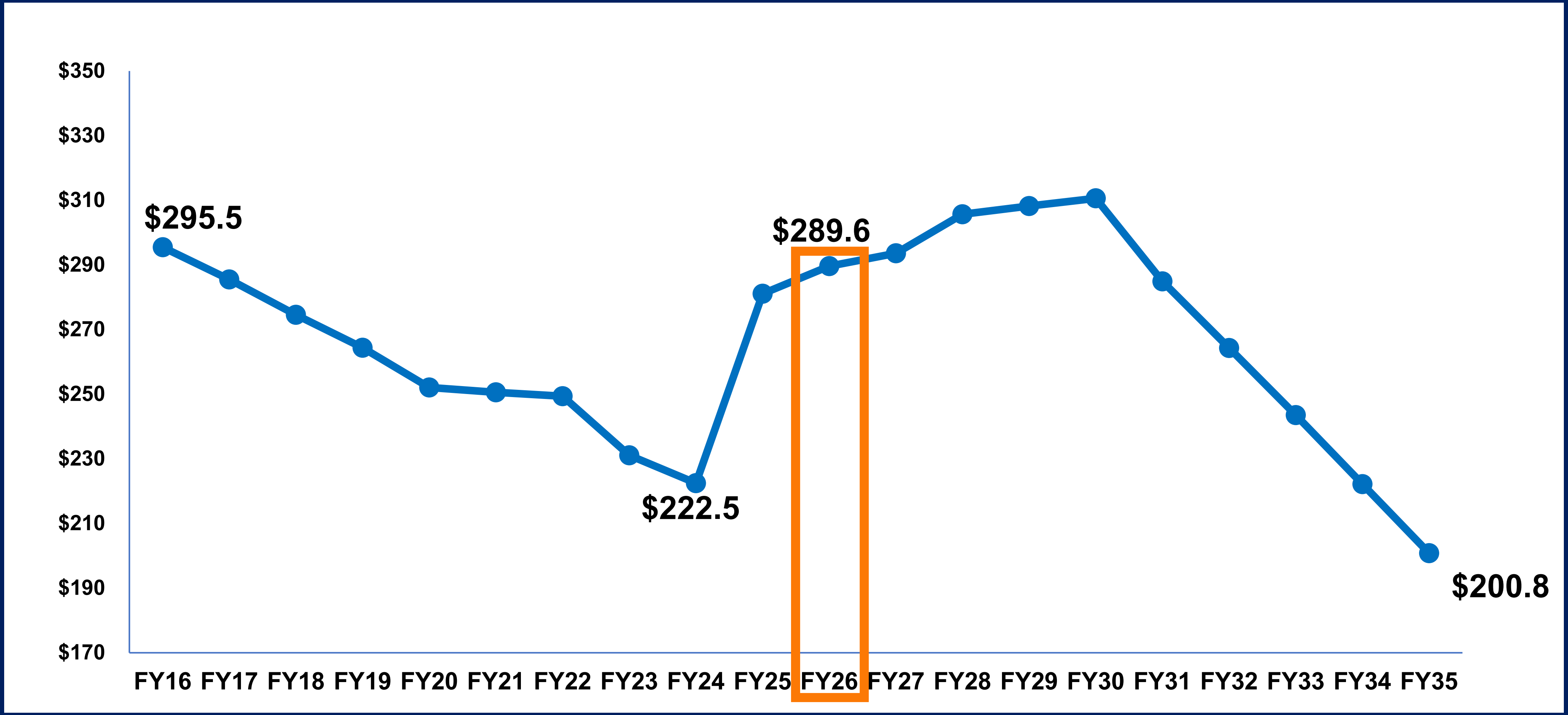


Total Debt (in Millions)



Retired Debt vs. New Debt

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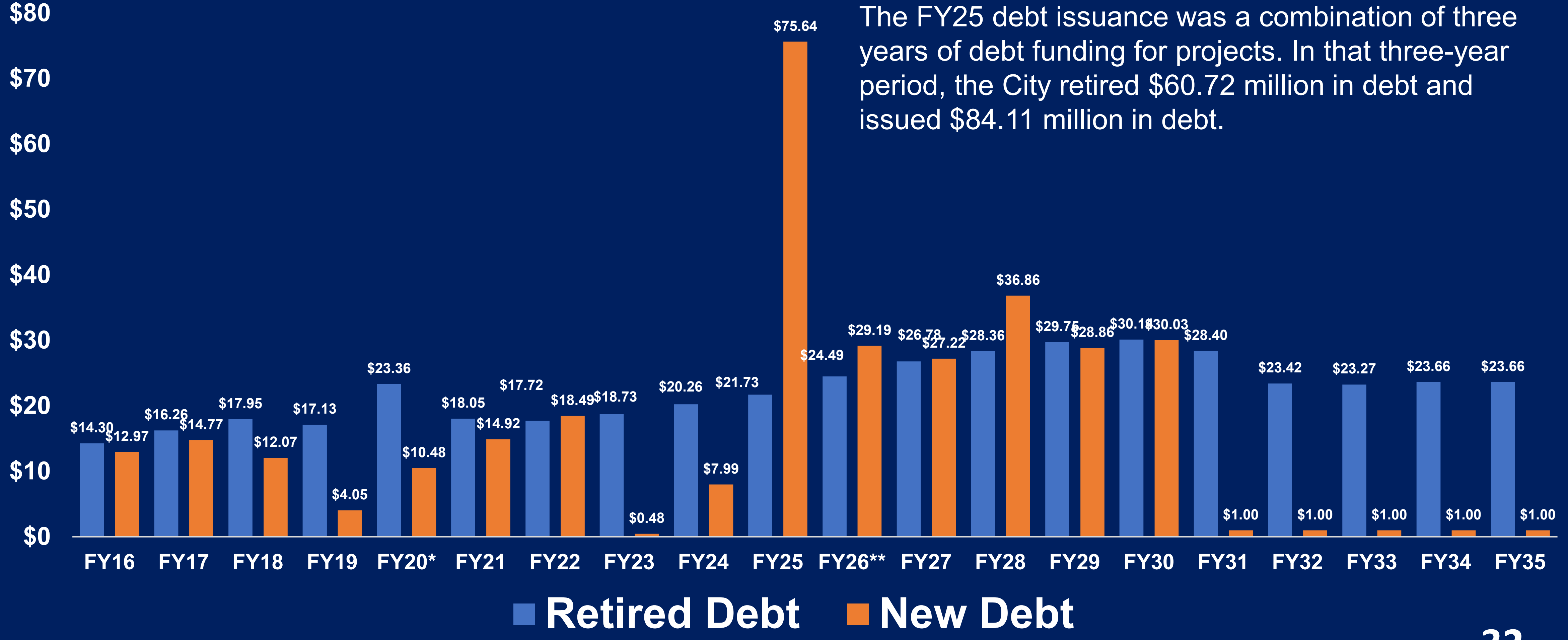
- The total City indebtedness as of June 30, 2026, is projected to be $289,568,909 (33.50% of statutory debt limit).
- The total City indebtedness as of June 30, 2015, was $295,561,181 (90% of statutory debt limit).
- The City is projected to have $8,483,725 more in debt as of June 30, 2026, as compared to 2025.

Retired Debt vs. New Debt *(in millions)*

The FY25 debt issuance was a combination of three years of debt funding for projects. In that three-year period, the City retired $60.72 million in debt and issued $84.11 million in debt.



Percentage of Legal Debt Limit Utilized

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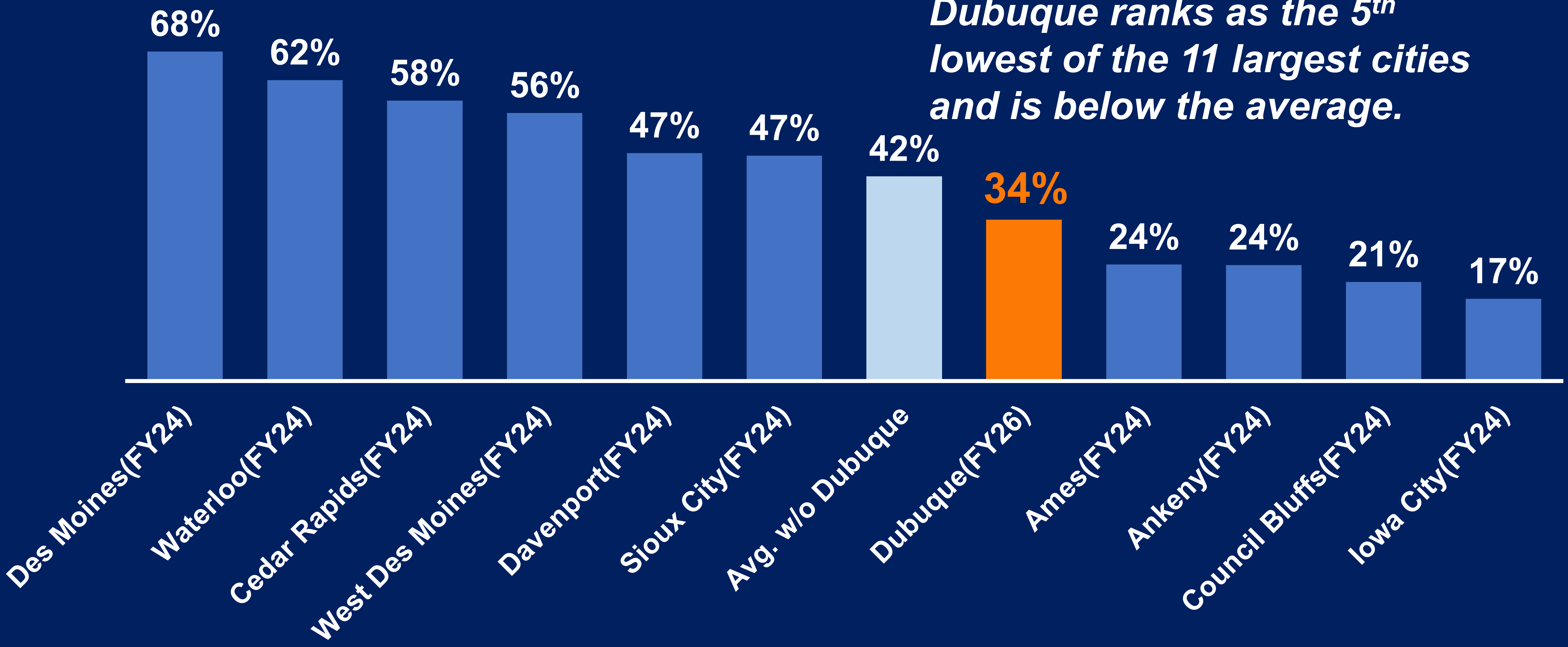
Dubuque ranks as the 5th lowest of the 11 largest cities and is below the average.



Des Moines is 104% higher and the average is 27% higher than Dubuque

Statutory Debt & Total Debt

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FY2015: Dubuque used 90% of statutory debt limit

FY2026 Budget Recommendation: use of statutory debt limit is 33.50%

By the end of the recommended 5-Year CIP budget in FY2030, the Dubuque would be at 32.90% of statutory debt limit.

Projections out 10 years to FY2035 show Dubuque at 19.66% of statutory debt limit

General Fund Reserves

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- Moody's Investor Service recommends a 35% General Fund Operating Reserve for "AA" rated cities.
- In July 2023, Moody's Investor Service upgraded the City's outstanding general obligation bonds from Aa3 to Aa2, as well as the outstanding Sales Tax Increment Revenue bonds from A2 to A1.
- In January 2025, Moody's Investor Services affirmed Dubuque's Aa2 credit rating

"…the City of Dubuque's local economy benefits from its role as a regional economic center, with solid resident income and full value per capita. Financial operations are strong and will remain so despite declines in fund balance over the next few years, as it expends funds from the pandemic. Long-term liabilities and fixed cost ratios are moderate and will remain so despite future borrowing needs."

General Fund Reserve Projections

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	City's Spendable General Fund Cash Reserve	% of Projected Revenue	Moody's New Methodology
FY2025	$38,026,193	44.41%	58.25%
FY2026	$32,226,193	37.64%	54.09%
FY2027	$32,226,193	37.64%	49.92%
FY2028	$32,226,193	37.64%	45.76%
FY2029	$26,388,917	37.64%	41.59%
FY2030	$32,226,193	37.64%	39.80%

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Recommended 5-Year Capital Improvement Program

Recommended 5-Year CIP

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Emphasis is modernization, maintenance, and extension of sanitary sewer system to accommodate growth the City is currently experiencing and anticipating

CIP Budget:

From Jan. 2025 – Dec. 2029, the City will spend over $131 million on sanitary sewer and wastewater treatment plant improvements.

Recommended 5-Year CIP

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- City will issue $152,147,710 in new debt in the recommended 5-year CIP.
- City will retire $139,519,604 of existing debt
- Increase of City debt by $12,628,106

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Strategic Use of Debt for Infrastructure Projects:

1. The older a piece of infrastructure gets and the more it is allowed to deteriorate, the more costs increase
2. The longer the wait to invest in infrastructure, the more costs are increased by inflation
3. If the investment in infrastructure is not made in this interest rate environment, it will eventually need to be made when interest rates could be potentially higher, thereby increasing costs
4. The massive amount of federal grant money that is being made available

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- **Sanitary Sewer Projects $78,399,027**
- **Five Flags Renovation $22,890,869**
- **Water Projects $15,956,673**
- **Fire Equipment & Improvements $7,159,368**
- **Central Ave Corridor $6,440,000**
- **Federal Building Renovation $5,640,000**
- **Parking Ramp Maintenance $5,240,000**
- **Airport Improvements $2,291,499**
- **Park Development $2,202,000**

Major Projects Included in 5-Year CIP

- Catfish Creek Sewershed Interceptor Sanitary Sewer Improvements: $47 million total
- Water & Resource Recovery Center High Strength Waste: $6.2 million total
- Water & Resource Recovery Center Industrial Controls Update: $3 million total
- Water & Resource Recovery Center BOD Capacity Upgrades: $1.1 million total

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- **Southwest Arterial Water Main Extension: $1.7 million total**
- **Private Lead Water Service Line Replacement Project: $5.7 million total**
- **Source Water PFAS Reduction Project: $9.5 million total**
- **Water Third Pressure Zone Connection (from Tanzanite Drive to Olympic Heights): $2 million total**

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- Kerper Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Replacement: $1.5 million ARPA Grant (Total project cost = $1.5 million)
- Bee Branch Gate & Pump Replacement: $28.2 million total ($8 million US EDA Grant)
- 14th Street Overpass: $43 million total
  - $25 million RAISE Grant
  - $9.2 million DMATS
  - Support from Dubuque Racing Association

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Northwest Arterial & US20/Dodge Street Intersection Improvements: $17.5 million total

- $12 million Iowa DOT allocation, $5.5 million City contribution

Streets

- 10 miles of asphalt overlay projects by Public Works
- 14th Street Overpass, Roundabouts, & Related Improvements: $43 million
- Central Avenue Corridor Improvements: $8.2 million of $22 million total

Improvement Packages

For FY2026 there are $2,309,628 in general fund improvement requests, of which $1,714,247 are recurring and $595,380 are non-recurring.

There is $261,720 recommended in non-recurring and $661,356 in recurring improvements.

If the City Council approves the budget recommendation, it will support continued investment in the people, businesses, and organizations that are making a difference in our community, and continued investment in the infrastructure that must exist for Dubuque to continue to thrive.

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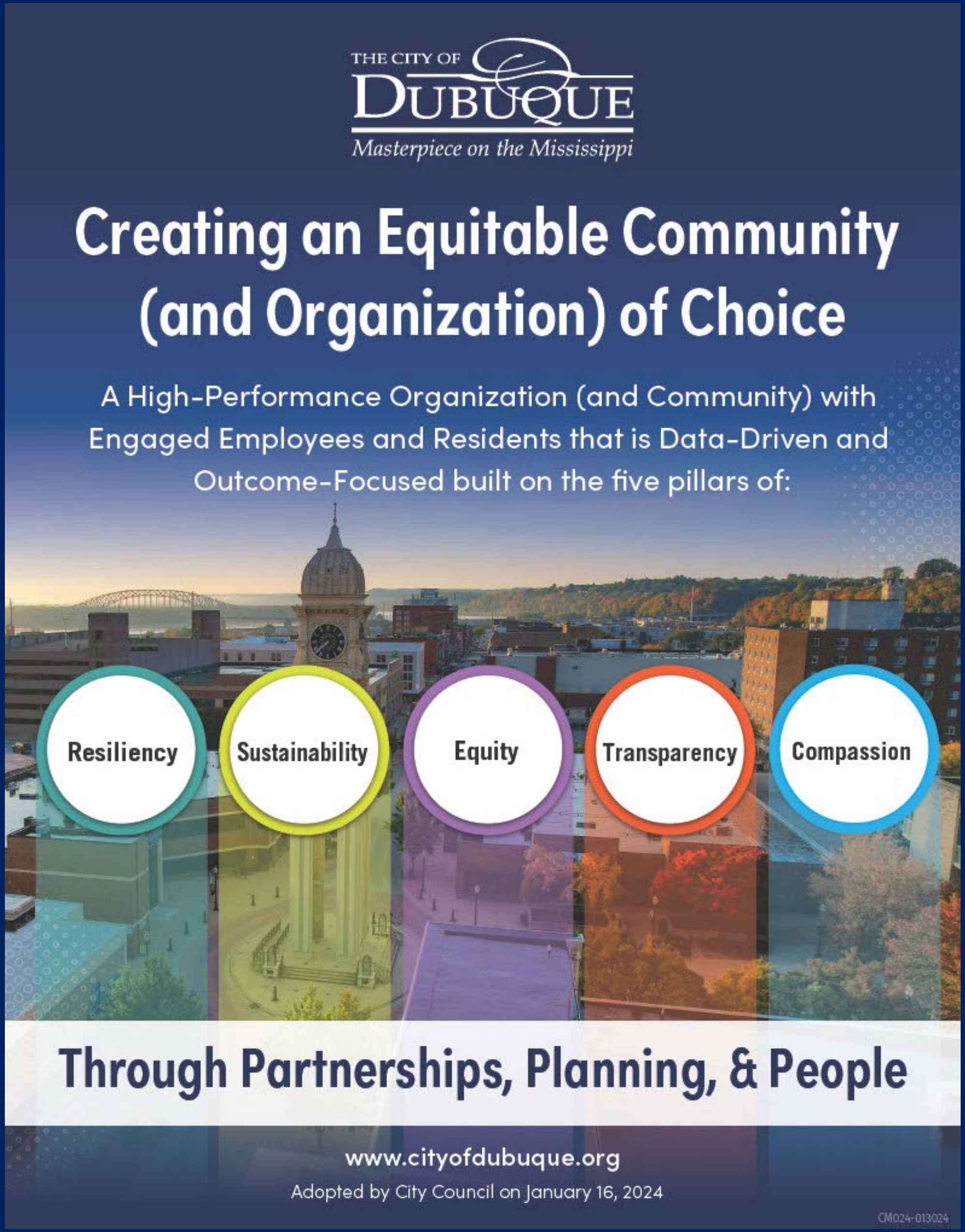

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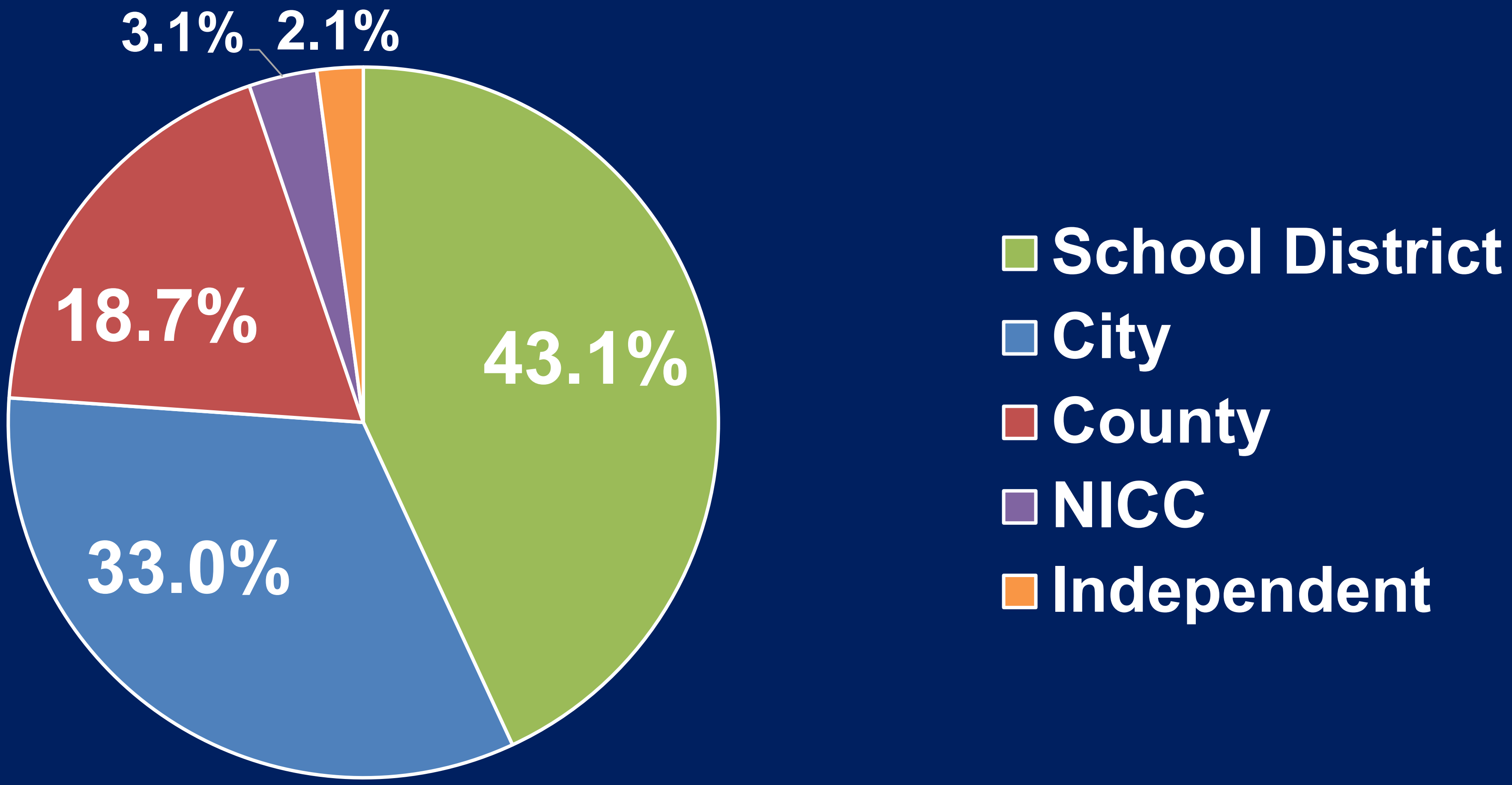
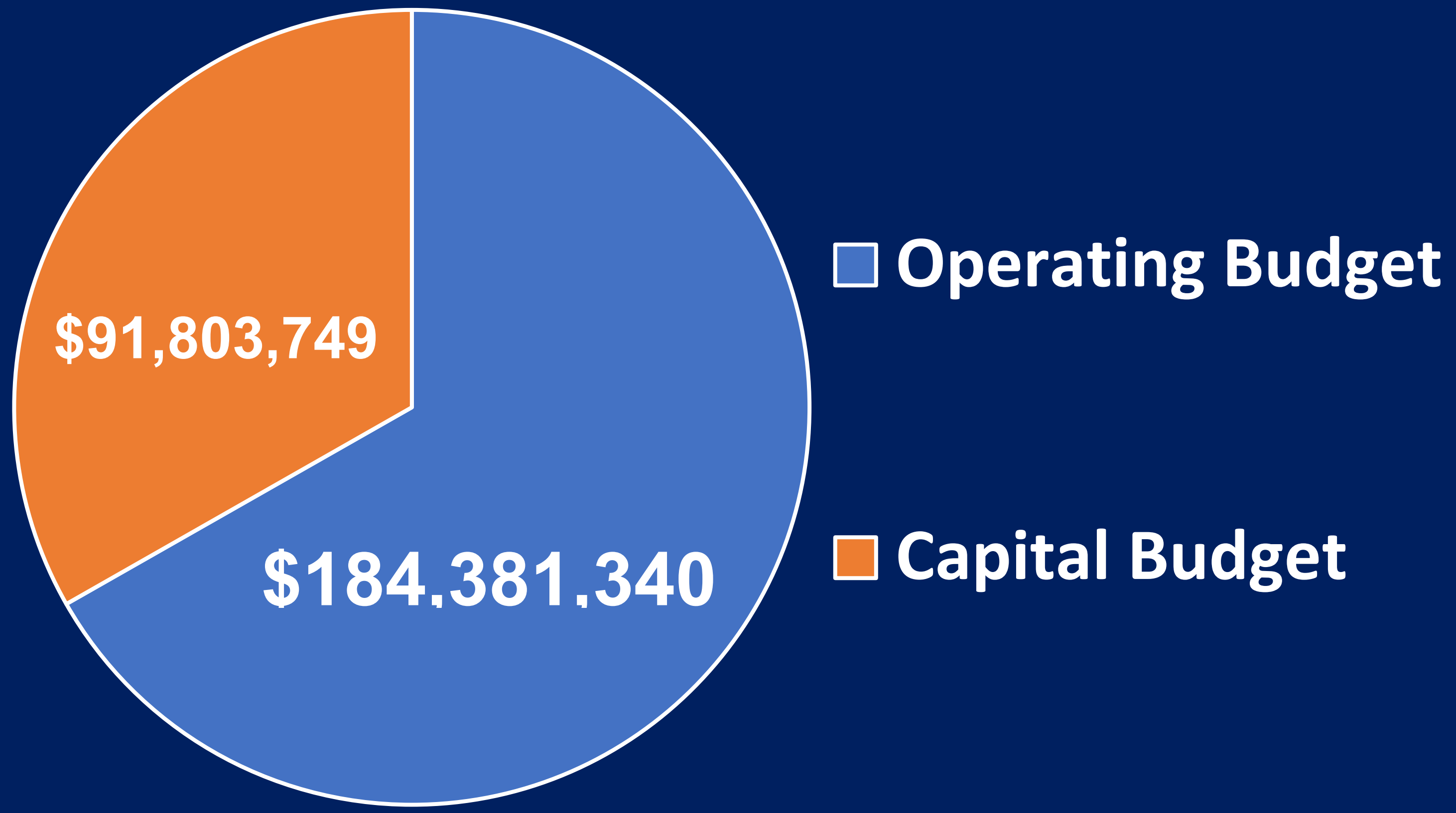


Recommended FY2026 City Budget: $276,185,089



General Fund Expenditures

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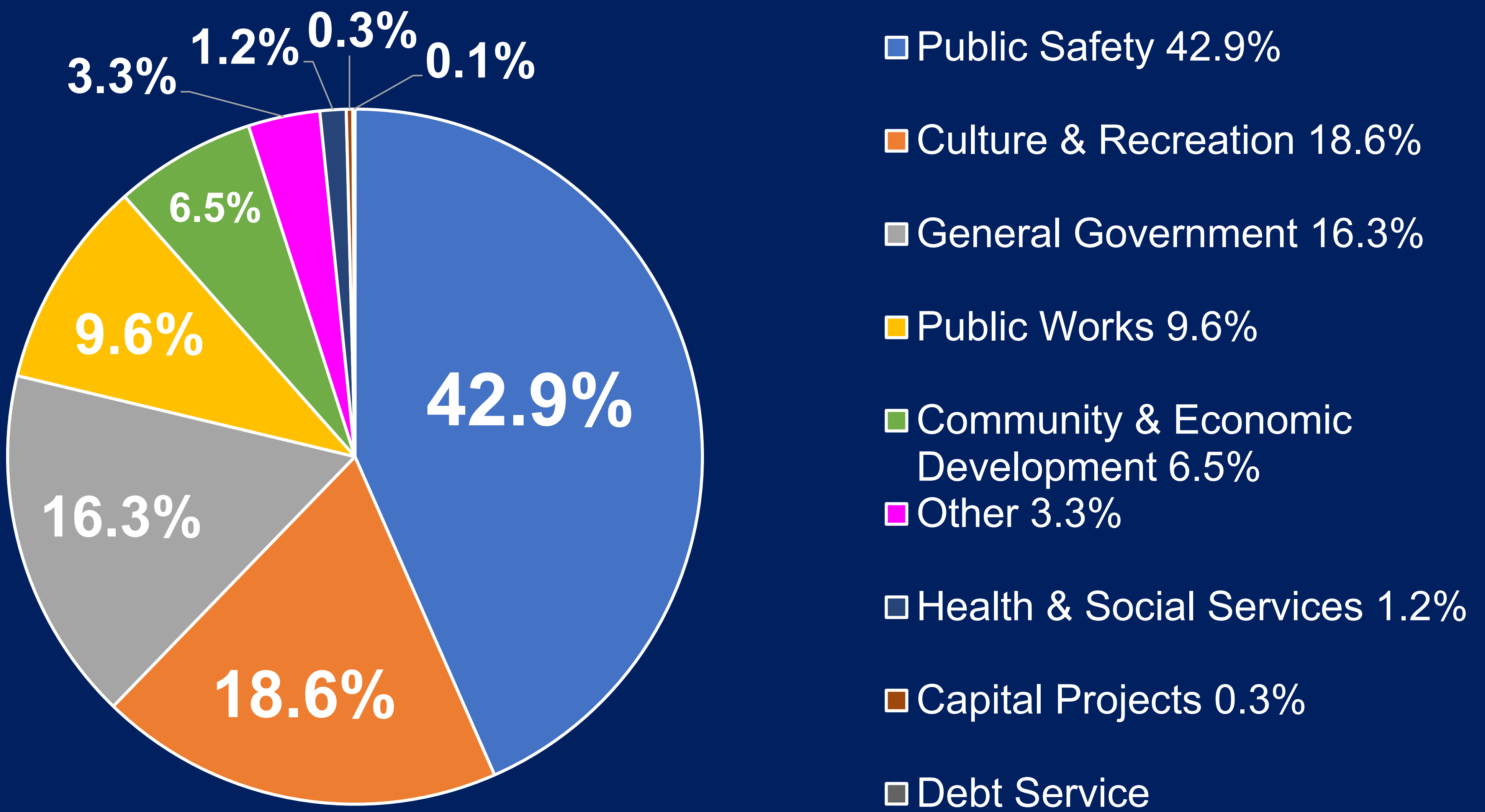

City Property Tax Rate: FY2022 – FY2025

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	Tax Rate Change	Cost Change for Avg. Homeowner
FY2022	-2.5%	0%
FY2023	-1.74%	+3%
FY2024	+1.96%	+3%
FY2025	+0.25%	+5%

Proposed FY2026 City Property Tax Levy

	FY2025	Proposed FY2026	% Change
Total Tax Levy	$28,233,757	$29,861,901	5.77%
Tax Rate	$9.92638	$10.06372	1.38%

Proposed Property Tax Levy

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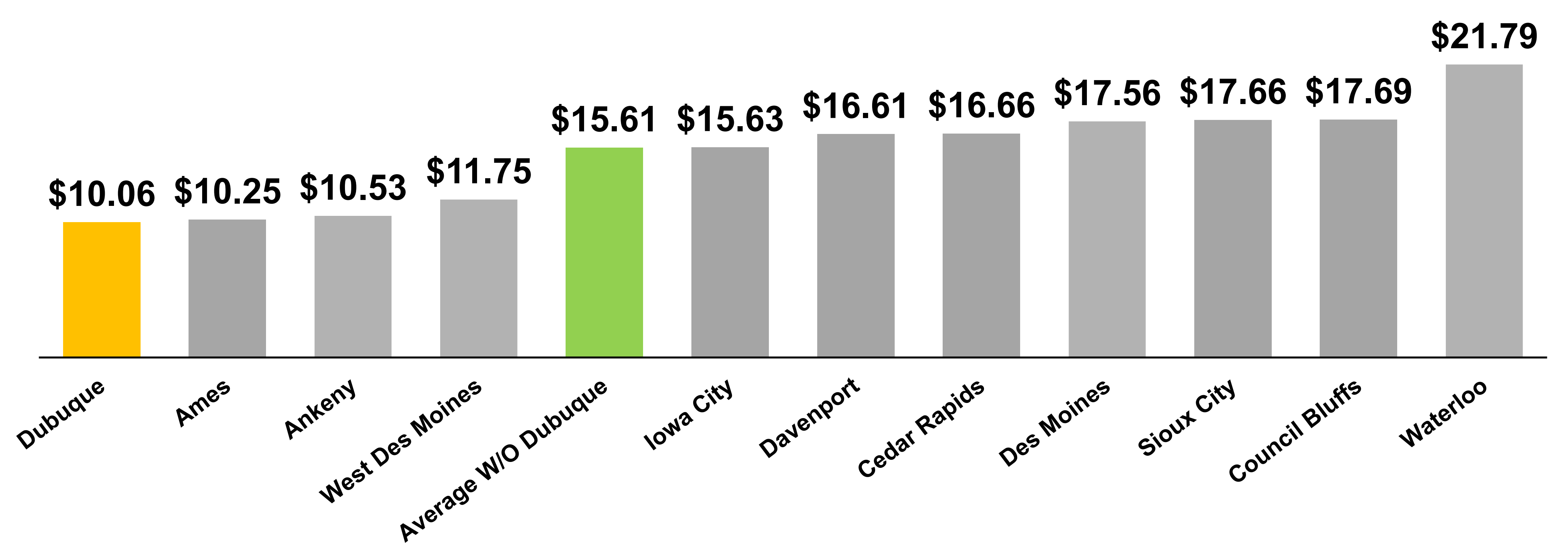
	% Change from FY25	$ Change from FY25
Property Tax Rate	1.38%	$0.14
Property Tax Asking	5.77%	$1,628,144
Avg. Residential Property	3.90%	$33.38
Avg. Commercial Property	1.78%	$74.26
Avg. Industrial Property	1.71%	$85.68

Impact Across Property Types

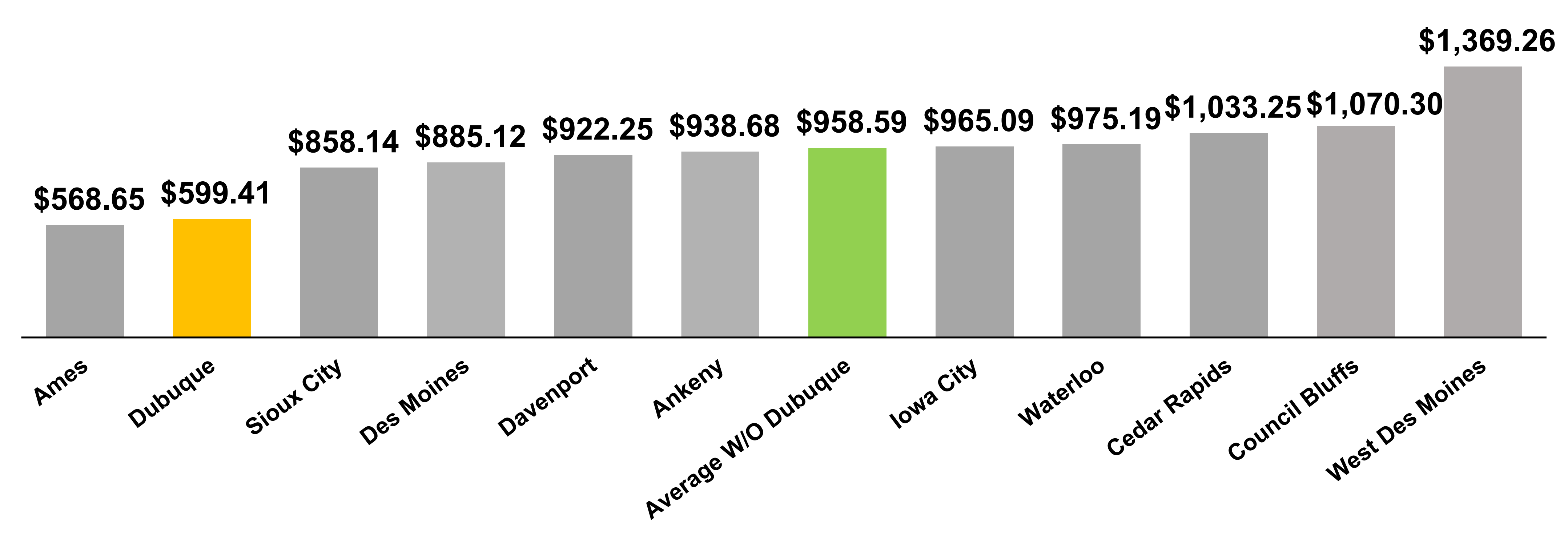
Property Type	FY25 City Property Tax Payment	FY26 City Property Tax Payment	Cost Change	Percent Change	No. of Properties
Residential: Avg. value = $196,508	$855.82	$889.20	+$33.38	+3.9%	-
Commercial: $150,000 value and below	$690.02	$716	+$25.98	+3.8%	648
Commercial: $150,001 - $300,000 value	$2,030.08	$2,074.61	+$44.53	+2.2%	265
Commercial: $301,000 - $450,000 value	$3,370.14	$3,433.21	+$63.07	+1.9%	149
Commercial: Avg. value = $540,594	$4,179.41	$4,253.75	+$74.25	+1.8%	66
Industrial: Avg. value = $632,952	$5,004.59	$5,090.27	+$85.67	+1.7%	-

City Property Tax Rate Comparison



Dubuque has the LOWEST property tax rate of the 11 largest cities in the state. The highest rate (Waterloo) is 116% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 55% higher than Dubuque's rate.

Taxable Value per Capita Comparison



Dubuque is the SECOND LOWEST taxes per capita as compared to the 11 largest cities in the state. The highest (West Des Moines) is 128% higher than Dubuque's taxes per capita, and the average is 69% higher than Dubuque.

Average Annual Increase: 1989-2026

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- Since 1989, the average homeowner has averaged an annual increase in costs in the City portion of their property taxes of +1.45%, or about +$9.28 a year.
- If the State had been fully funding the Homestead Tax Credit, the increase would have averaged about +$6.62 a year.

Enterprise Funds

Recommended FY 2026 Rates & Fees

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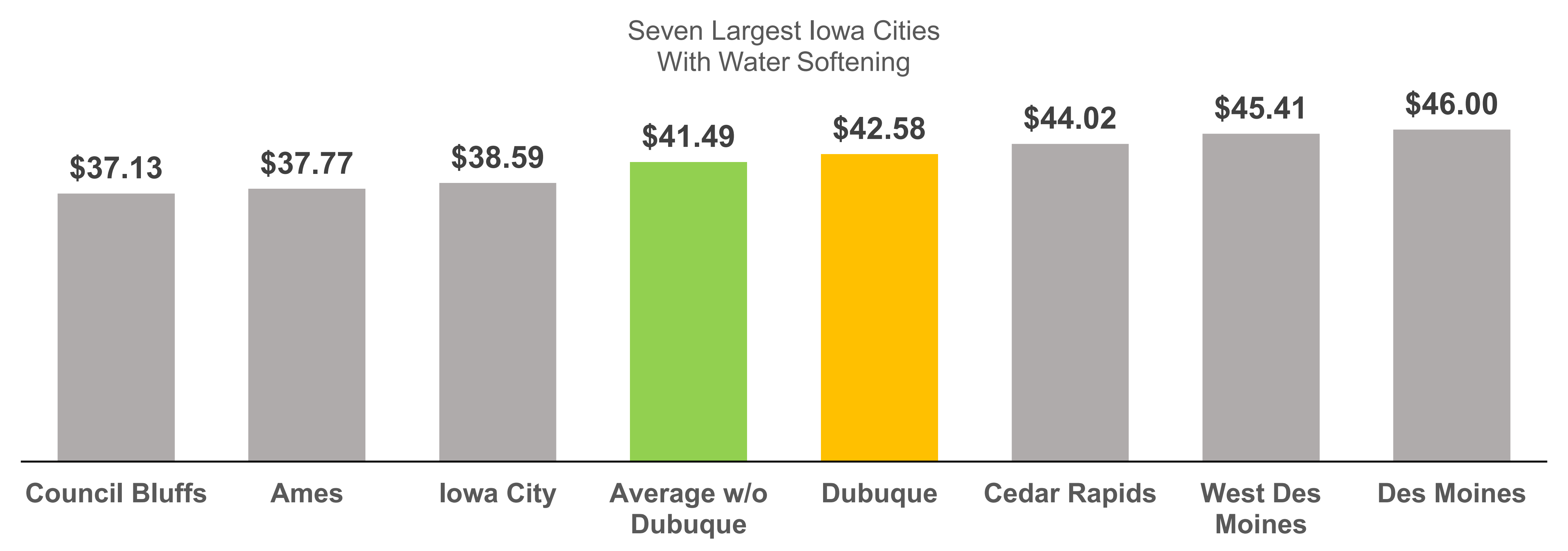
	FY2025 Rate	Recommended FY2026 Rate	% Change	Avg. Monthly Cost Change
Water	$40.14	$43.74	9%	+$3.60
Sanitary Sewer	$54.78	$59.70	9%	+$4.92
Curbside Collection	$17.25	$18.11	5%	+$0.86
Stormwater	$10.50	$11.03	5%	$0.53

Average monthly cost for City utilities would increase by $9.91.

The City offers income-qualified residential customers a base fee reduction for all four utilities of up to 50%.

Water Rate Comparison



The highest rate (Des Moines) is 8% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 2.6% lower than Dubuque.

Water Cost for Lower Consumption Households

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Customers only pay for the water they use.

The average monthly water use is 6,000 gallons per month, but smaller households may only use 3,000 gallons.

Monthly FY2026 water cost estimate for lower consumption households = $29.87 (a $1.80 per month increase over FY2025)

Sewer Rate Comparison

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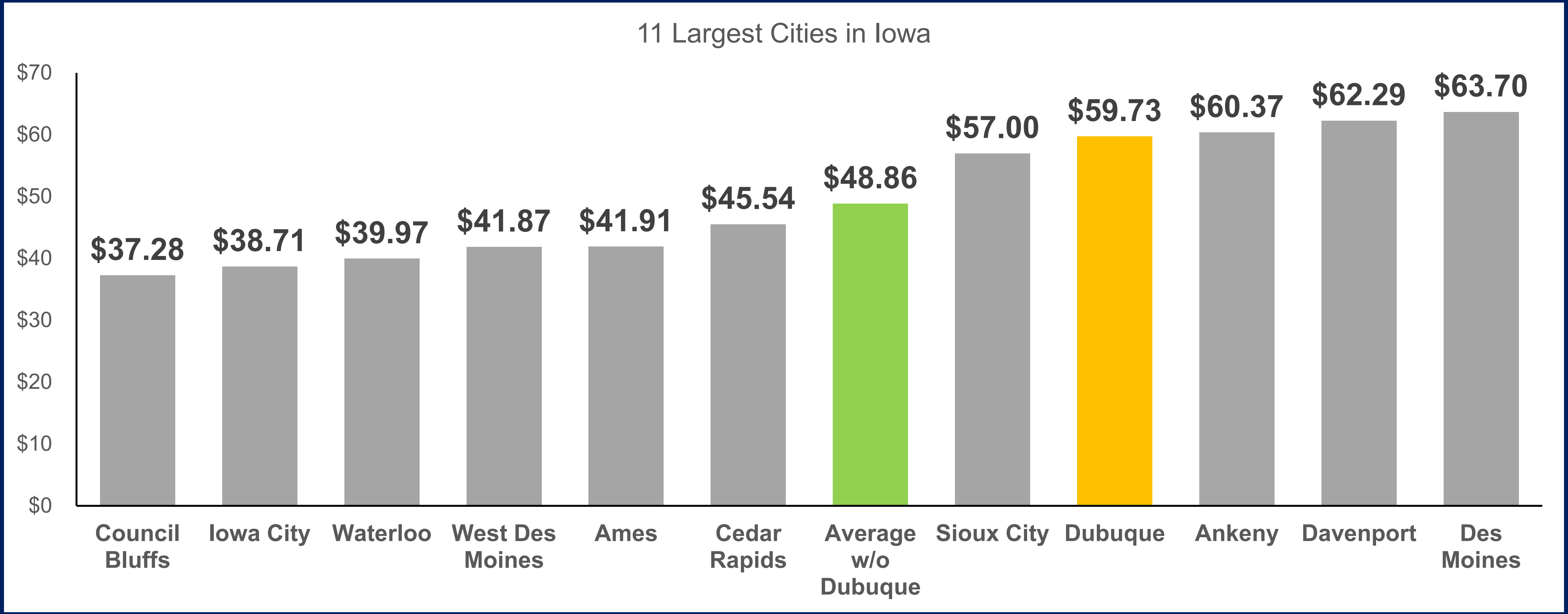

The highest rate (Des Moines) is 6.7% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 22.2% lower than Dubuque.

Sewer Cost for Lower Consumption Households

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Customers only pay for the wastewater they generate.

The average monthly water use (the basis for sewer cost calculations) is 6,000 gallons per month, but smaller households may only use 3,000 gallons.

Monthly FY2026 sewer cost estimate for lower consumption households = $21.29
(a $2.47 per month increase over FY2025)

Annual Sewer Rate Increase Comparison

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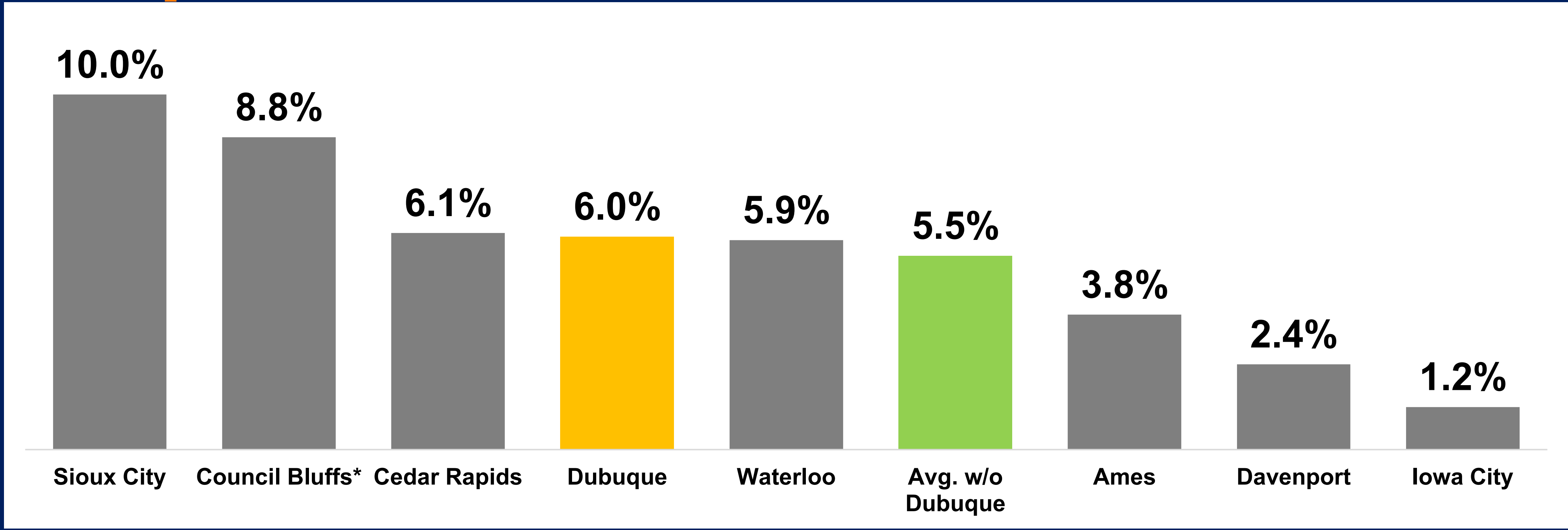

Including the recommended 9% increase for FY2026, Dubuque's average annual increase over the last 6 years is fourth highest. The average for the other large cities with wastewater treatment facilities is 5.46%, which is 9% lower than Dubuque's average.

Breakdown of Sanitary Sewer Revenue by User Class

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	FY2025*
Residential	40.9%
Industrial	36.0%
Commercial	21.4%
Other	1.6%

*As of March 25, 2025

Solid Waste Collection Fee Comparison

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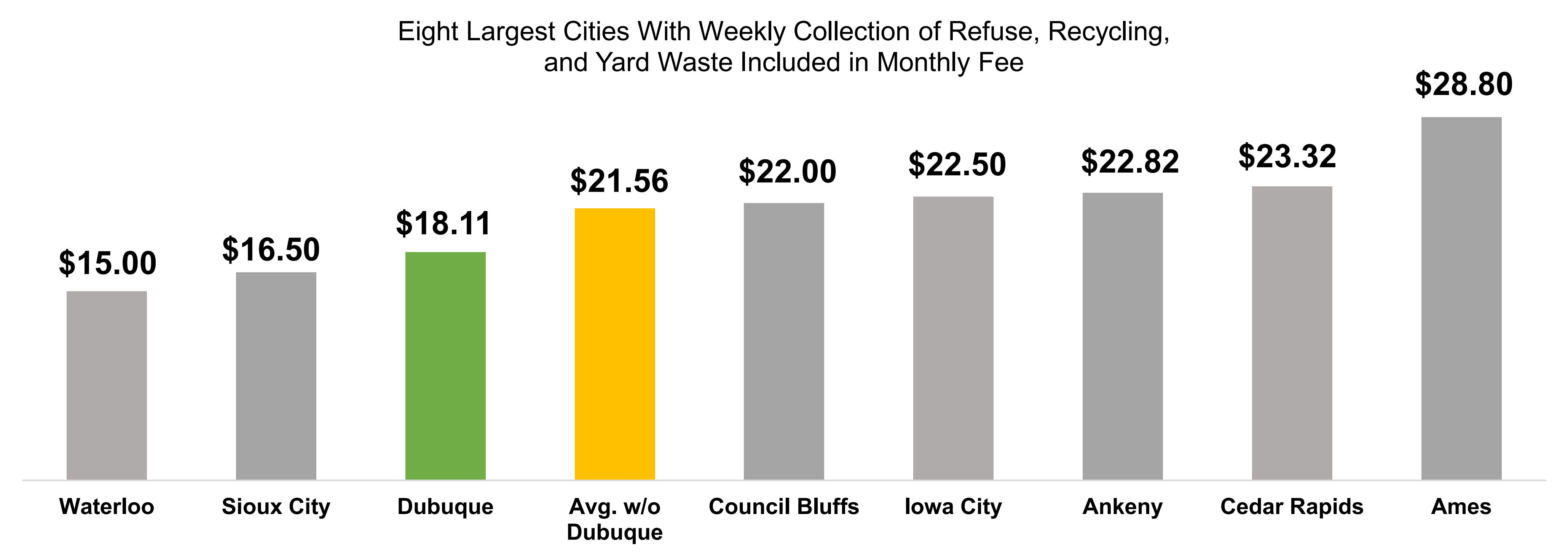
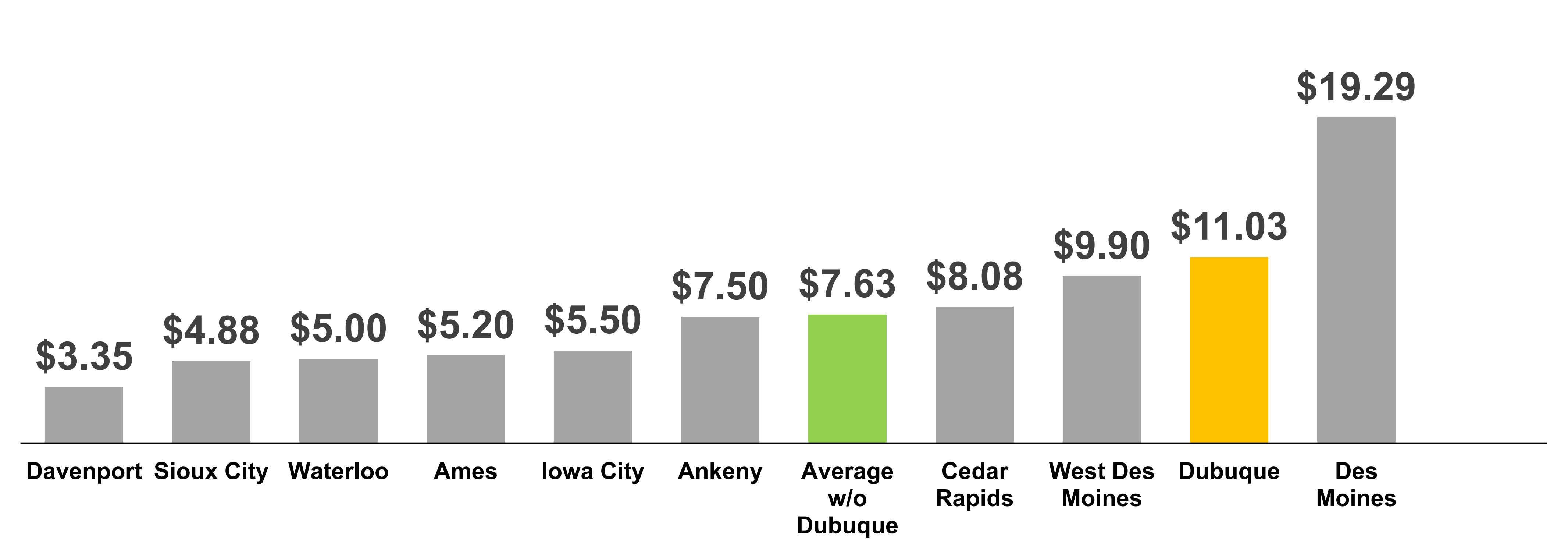


The highest rate (Ames) is 59% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 19% higher than Dubuque.

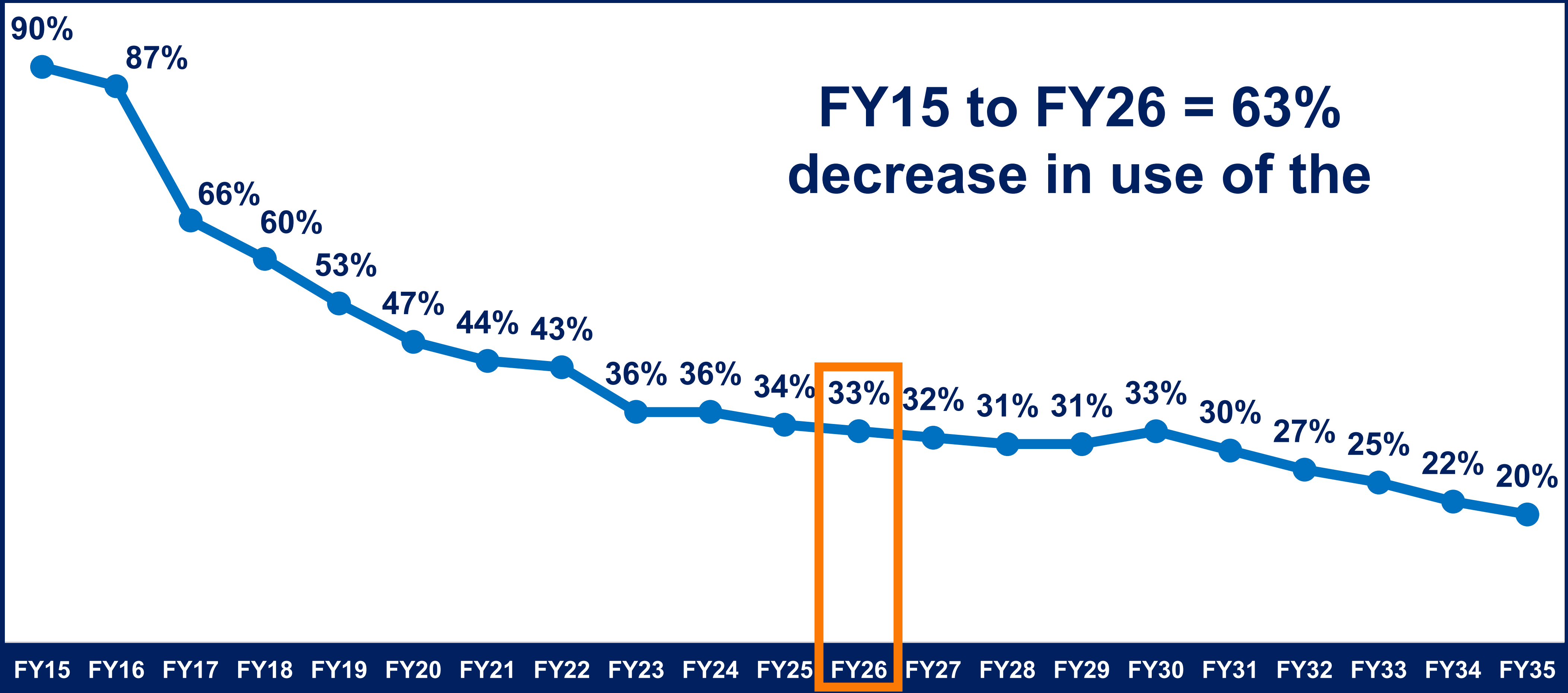
Stormwater Fee Comparison



The highest rate (Des Moines) is 75% higher than Dubuque's rate, and the average is 44% lower than Dubuque.

Strategic Use of Debt & General Fund Reserves

Reduction of Statutory Debt Limit Used *(FY26 Recommended)*



Total Debt (in Millions)

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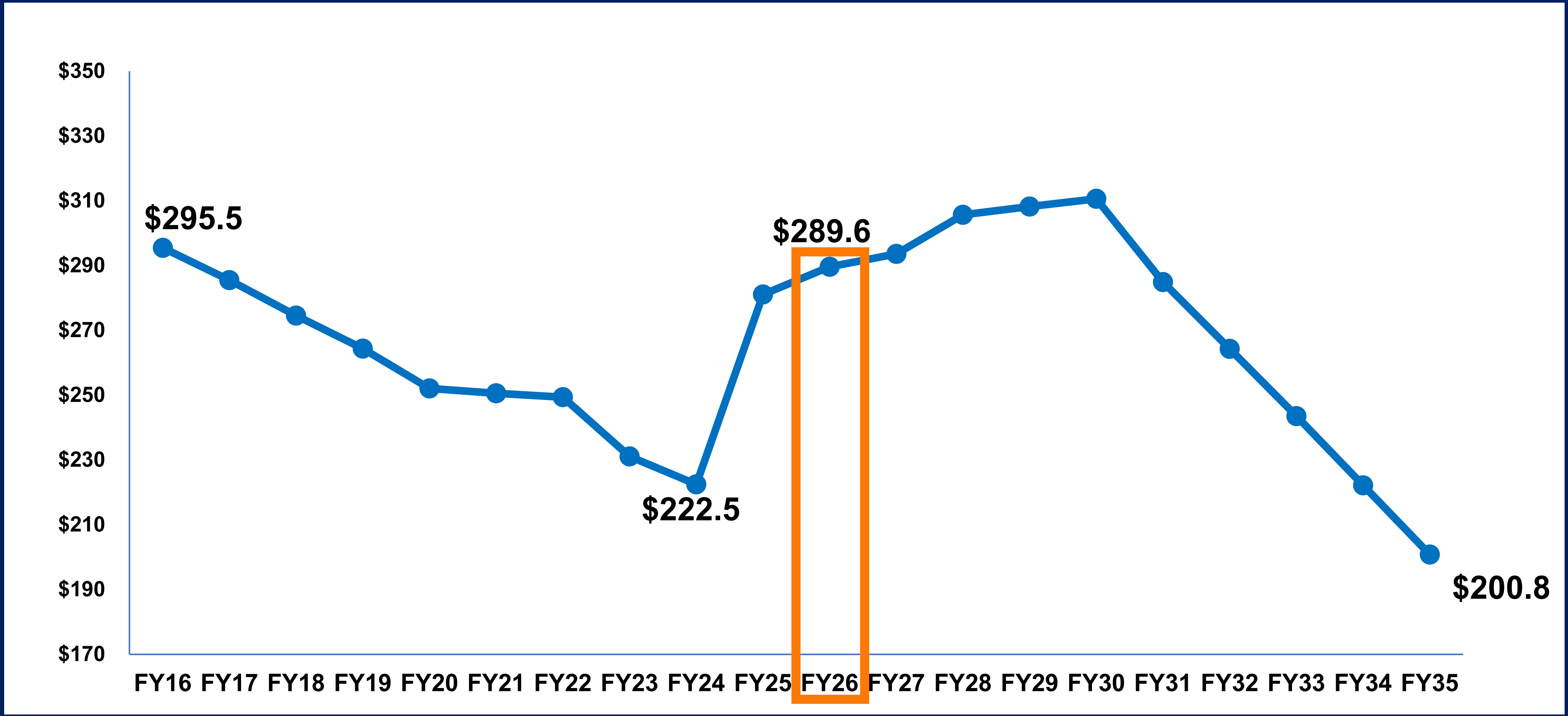

Retired Debt vs. New Debt

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- The total City indebtedness as of June 30, 2026, is projected to be $289,568,909 (33.50% of statutory debt limit).
- The total City indebtedness as of June 30, 2015, was $295,561,181 (90% of statutory debt limit).
- The City is projected to have $8,483,725 more in debt as of June 30, 2026.

Retired Debt vs. New Debt *(in millions)*

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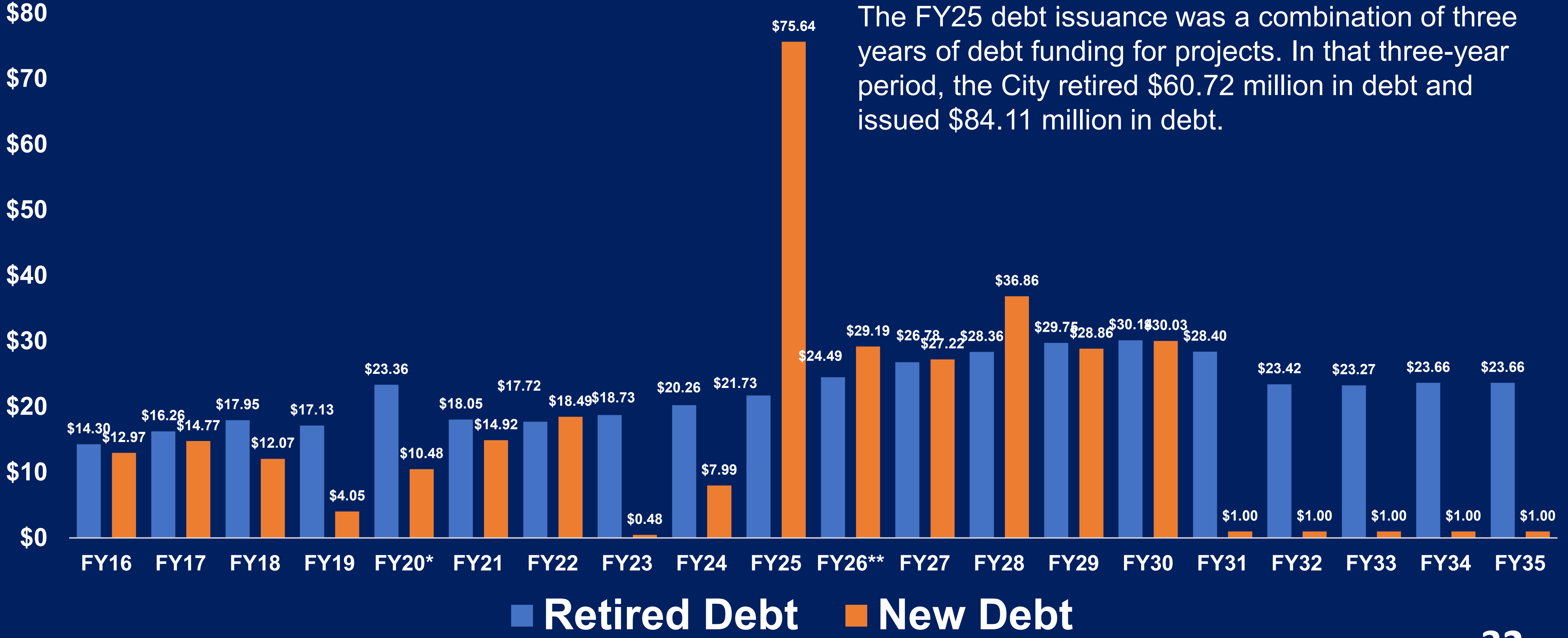
The FY25 debt issuance was a combination of three years of debt funding for projects. In that three-year period, the City retired $60.72 million in debt and issued $84.11 million in debt.



Percentage of Legal Debt Limit Utilized

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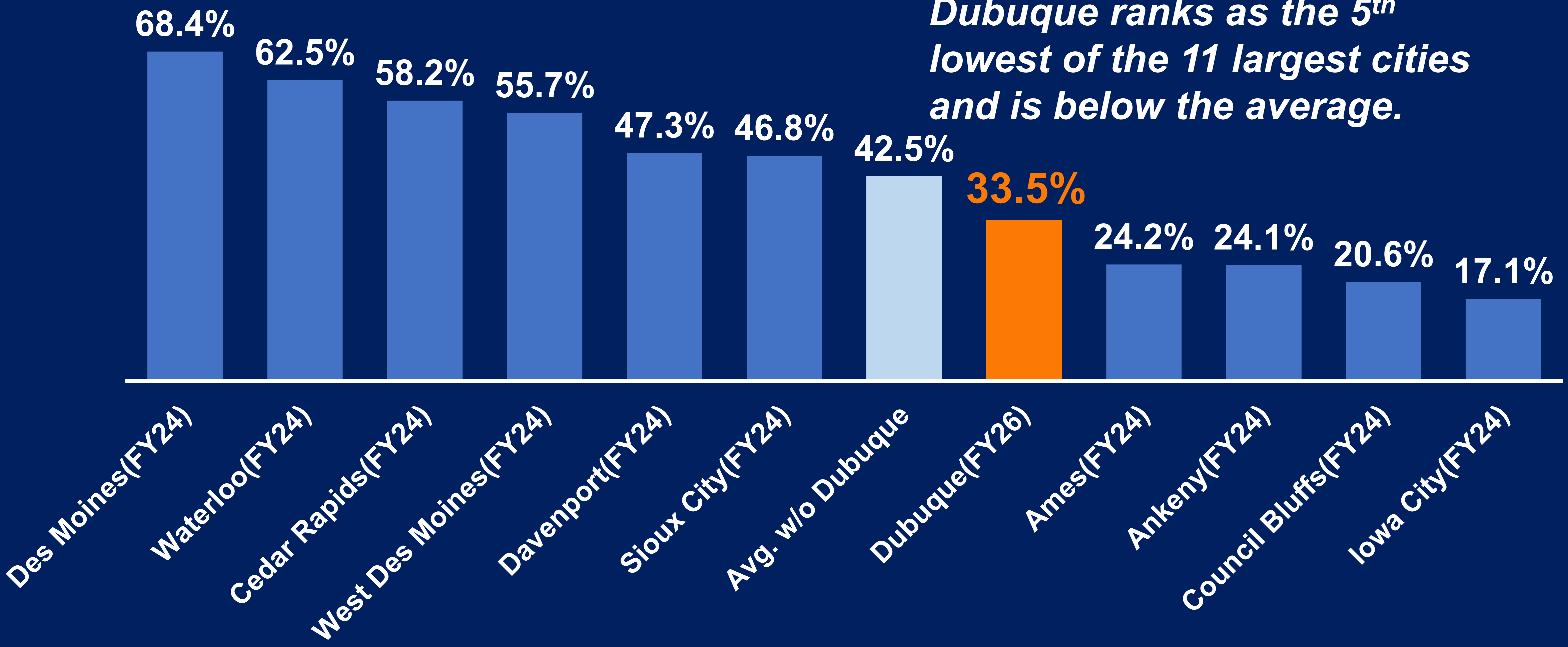
Dubuque ranks as the 5th lowest of the 11 largest cities and is below the average.



Des Moines is 104% higher and the average is 27% higher than Dubuque

Statutory Debt & Total Debt

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FY2015: Dubuque used 90% of statutory debt limit

FY2026 Budget Recommendation: use of statutory debt limit is 33.50%

By the end of the recommended 5-Year CIP budget in FY2030, the Dubuque would be at 32.90% of statutory debt limit.

Projections out 10 years to FY2035 show Dubuque at 19.66% of statutory debt limit

General Fund Reserves

- Moody's Investor Service recommends a 35% General Fund Operating Reserve for "AA" rated cities.
- In July 2023, Moody's Investor Service upgraded the City's outstanding general obligation bonds from Aa3 to Aa2, as well as the outstanding Sales Tax Increment Revenue bonds from A2 to A1.
- In January 2025, Moody's Investor Services affirmed Dubuque's Aa2 credit rating

"…the City of Dubuque's local economy benefits from its role as a regional economic center, with solid resident income and full value per capita. Financial operations are strong and will remain so despite declines in fund balance over the next few years, as it expends funds from the pandemic. Long-term liabilities and fixed cost ratios are moderate and will remain so despite future borrowing needs."

General Fund Reserve Projections

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	City's Spendable General Fund Cash Reserve	% of Projected Revenue	Moody's New Methodology
FY2025	$38,026,193	44.41%	58.25%
FY2026	$32,226,193	37.64%	54.09%
FY2027	$32,226,193	37.64%	49.92%
FY2028	$32,226,193	37.64%	45.76%
FY2029	$26,388,917	37.64%	41.59%
FY2030	$32,226,193	37.64%	39.80%

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Recommended 5-Year Capital Improvement Program

Recommended 5-Year CIP

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Emphasis is modernization, maintenance, and extension of sanitary sewer system to accommodate growth the City is currently experiencing and anticipating

CIP Budget:

From Jan. 2025 – Dec. 2029, the City will spend over $131 million on sanitary sewer and wastewater treatment plant improvements.

Recommended 5-Year CIP

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- City will issue $152,147,710 in new debt in the recommended 5-year CIP.
- City will retire $139,519,604 of existing debt
- Increase of City debt by $12,628,106

Recommended 5-Year CIP

For FY2026, the City's use of the statutory debt limit would be 33.50%.

By the end of the recommended 5-Year CIP budget in FY2030, the City would be at 32.90% of the statutory debt limit.

Recommended 5-Year CIP

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Strategic Use of Debt for Infrastructure Projects:

1. The older a piece of infrastructure gets and the more it is allowed to deteriorate, the more costs increase
2. The longer the wait to invest in infrastructure, the more costs are increased by inflation
3. If the investment in infrastructure is not made in this interest rate environment, it will eventually need to be made when interest rates could be potentially higher, thereby increasing costs
4. The massive amount of federal grant money that is being made available

Recommended 5-Year CIP

The City will issue $152,147,710 in new debt in the Recommended 5-year CIP, mostly for:

- Sanitary Sewer Projects $78,399,027
- Five Flags Renovation $22,890,869
- Water Projects $15,956,673
- Fire Equipment & Improvements $7,159,368
- Central Ave Corridor $6,440,000
- Federal Building Renovation $5,640,000
- Parking Ramp Maintenance $5,240,000
- Airport Improvements $2,291,499
- Park Development $2,202,000

Major Projects Included in 5-Year CIP

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- Catfish Creek Sewershed Interceptor Sanitary Sewer Improvements: $47 million total
- Water & Resource Recovery Center High Strength Waste: $6.2 million total
- Water & Resource Recovery Center Industrial Controls Update: $3 million total
- Water & Resource Recovery Center BOD Capacity Upgrades: $1.1 million total

Major Projects Included in 5-Year CIP

- Southwest Arterial Water Main Extension: $1.7 million total
- Private Lead Water Service Line Replacement Project: $5.7 million total
- Source Water PFAS Reduction Project: $9.5 million total
- Water Third Pressure Zone Connection (from Tanzanite Drive to Olympic Heights): $2 million total

Major Projects Included in 5-Year CIP

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- Kerper Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Replacement: $1.5 million ARPA Grant (Total project cost = $1.5 million)
- Bee Branch Gate & Pump Replacement: $28.2 million total ($8 million US EDA Grant)
- 14th Street Overpass: $43 million total
  - $25 million RAISE Grant
  - $9.2 million DMATS
  - Support from Dubuque Racing Association

Major Projects Included in 5-Year CIP

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Northwest Arterial & US20/Dodge Street Intersection Improvements: $17.5 million total

- $12 million Iowa DOT allocation, $5.5 million City contribution

Streets

- 10 miles of asphalt overlay projects by Public Works
- 14th Street Overpass, Roundabouts, & Related Improvements: $43 million
- Central Avenue Corridor Improvements: $8.2 million of $22 million total

Improvement Packages

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For FY2026 there are $2,309,628 in general fund improvement requests, of which $1,714,247 are recurring and $595,380 are non-recurring.
There is $261,720 recommended in non-recurring and $661,356 in recurring improvements.

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If the City Council approves the budget recommendation, it will support continued investment in the people, businesses, and organizations that are making a difference in our community, and continued investment in the infrastructure that must exist for Dubuque to continue to thrive.

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RECOMMENDED
FISCAL YEAR 2026

DOLLARS & CENTS

Recommended FY2026 City Property Tax Rate

- $10.06372 per thousand dollars assessed value
- Increase of 1.38% from FY2025

Property Type	FY25 City Property Tax Payment	FY26 City Property Tax Payment	Cost Change	Percent Change
Residential: Avg. value = $196,508	$855.82	$889.20	+$33.38	+3.9%
Commercial: $150,000 value and below	$690.02	$716.00	+$25.98	+3.8%
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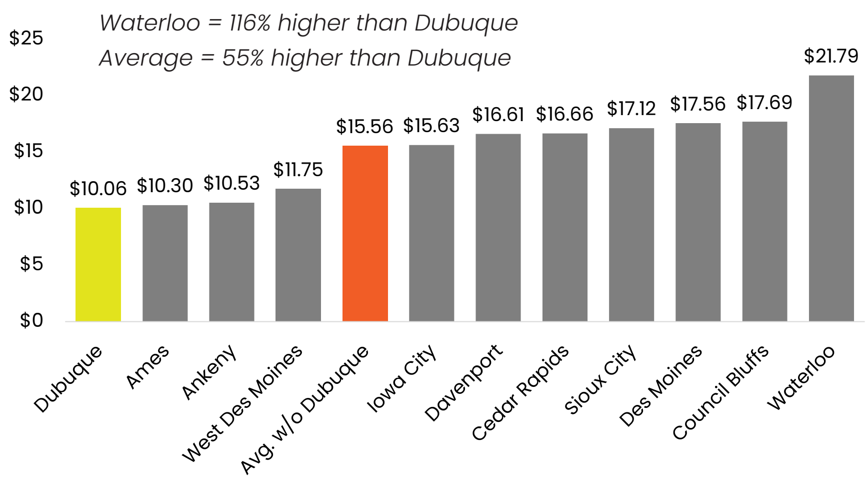
Industrial: Avg. value = $632,952	$5,004.59	$5,090.27	+$85.67	+1.7%

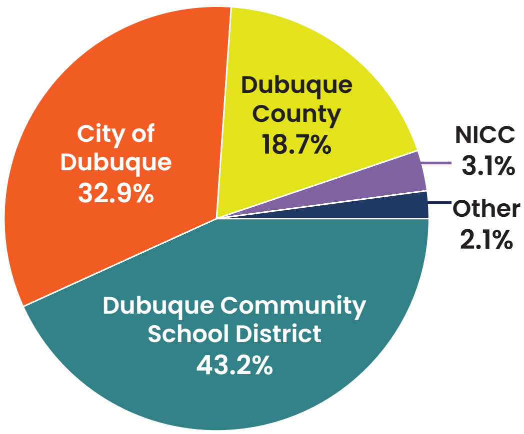
There are 541 commercial properties over the average value of $540,594.

City Property Tax Rate Comparison



Where Property Taxes Go

FY25 Consolidated Rate of $30.1238*
Not certified until May/June 2025.



Moody's Maintains Dubuque's Credit Rating

Moody's Investors Service maintained the City of Dubuque's strong bond rating of Aa2, the third highest rating possible, in January 2025 when a series of bonds were issued.

In July 2023, Moody's upgraded the City's issuer rating and outstanding general obligation unlimited tax bonds from Aa3 to Aa2. The improved rating assists the City in securing the best terms for financial products like loans, which will provide substantial savings for the City and taxpayers.

According to Moody's, **"the City has strong financial operations and ample revenue-raising flexibility, which has resulted in steadily improved available fund balance and cash. The city serves as a regional economic center and its regional economic growth rate has outpaced the nation over the past five years. The city's local economy is likely to remain strong because of its mix of commercial and industrial industries, stable population and steady tax base growth."**

CITY BUDGET

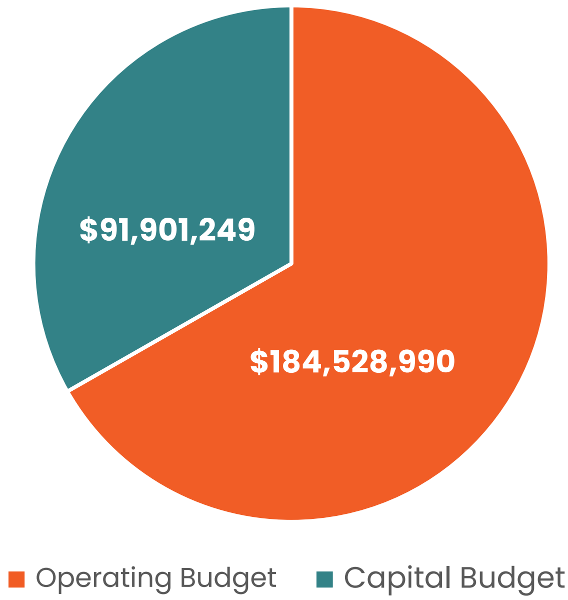
FY26 Recommended Total Budget: $276,430,239

The City of Dubuque's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget runs from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The budget has two primary components: the **operating budget** and the **capital budget**.

- The **operating budget** includes personnel costs and annual facility operating costs. It is funded primarily through local property and sales taxes.
- The **capital budget** funds major improvements to City facilities and infrastructure. The capital budget is supported through multiple funding sources, including federal and state grants.

Recommended FY26 City Budget

Major Funds	Operating	Capital
General Fund	$91,336,133	$320,814
Water Fund	$12,647,141	$3,755,780
Sanitary Sewer Fund	$17,765,445	$22,026,250
Stormwater Fund	$6,143,147	$9,927,585
Solid Waste	$5,812,550	$220,000
Parking	$3,060,958	$86,282



GENERAL FUND

The general fund is the operating fund for general City departments and their programs/services, such as public safety, culture & recreation, health & social services, and general government.

How General Fund Money Is Spent

Category	Portion of General Fund
Public Safety	**42.8%**
Culture & Recreation	18.8%
General Government	16.2%
Public Works	9.7%
Community & Economic Development	6.4%
Health & Social Services	1.2%
Capital Projects	0.3%
Debt Service	0.1%
Other	4.5%

General Fund Reserve Projections

The City maintains a general fund reserve, or working balance, to allow for unforeseen expenses that may occur. The goal is to have at least a 25% reserve.

	City's Spendable General Fund Cash Reserve Fund Balance	% of Projected Revenue
FY26	$32,266,193	37.64%
FY27	$32,266,193	37.64%
FY28	$32,266,193	37.64%
FY29	$32,266,193	37.64%
FY30	$32,266,193	37.64%

WHAT'S INCLUDED in Your Monthly Utility Bill

The rates listed below reflect average household utility costs. Keep in mind that smaller households generally use less and therefore pay less for utilities.

	Recommended FY26 Rate	Ranking Among Iowa's Largest Cities
Water	Avg. Household Rate: $43.74 / month* ($3.60 increase from FY2025)	4th Lowest Highest, Des Moines, is 5.2% higher than Dubuque, and average is 5.2% lower than Dubuque.
Sanitary Sewer	Avg. Household Rate: $59.70 / month*** ($4.92 increase from FY2025, $2.46 for low-consumption households)	4th Highest Highest, Des Moines, is 6.7% higher than Dubuque, and average is 18.2% lower than Dubuque.
Curbside Collection	Basic Rate $18.11 / month* ($0.86 increase from FY2025) Curbside collection of recycling is no extra charge.	3rd Lowest Highest, Ames, is 59% higher than Dubuque, and average is 19.1% higher than Dubuque.
Stormwater	Avg. Household Rate: $11.03 / month** ($0.53 increase from FY2025)	2nd Highest Highest, Des Moines, is 74.9% higher than Dubuque, and average is 30.8% lower than Dubuque.

**Average household rate based on 6,000 gallons per month at $0.00669 per gallon*

***Monthly rate for majority of Dubuque households based on usage of one single family unit. Stormwater fees are based on the amount of impervious ground coverage on a property. Fees collected are only used for stormwater management activities such as the construction, maintenance and operation of the public stormwater management system.*

****Average household rate based on 6,000 gallons per month at $0.00913 per gallon. The City's wastewater collection and treatment system operates as a self-supporting enterprise fund which means that it is funded with revenue from user fees, fees from extra services, and grants.*

Discounted City Utilities Program

The City offers income-qualified residential customers a reduction in monthly fees for all four City utilities (water, sanitary sewer, curbside collection, and stormwater) of up to 50% of the base rate. Customers must submit an application for consideration. Applications are renewed on an annual basis.

To learn more and apply, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/utilitybilling or call 563-589-4144.

From 2025-2029, the City will invest nearly $131 million in sanitary sewer infrastructure improvements.

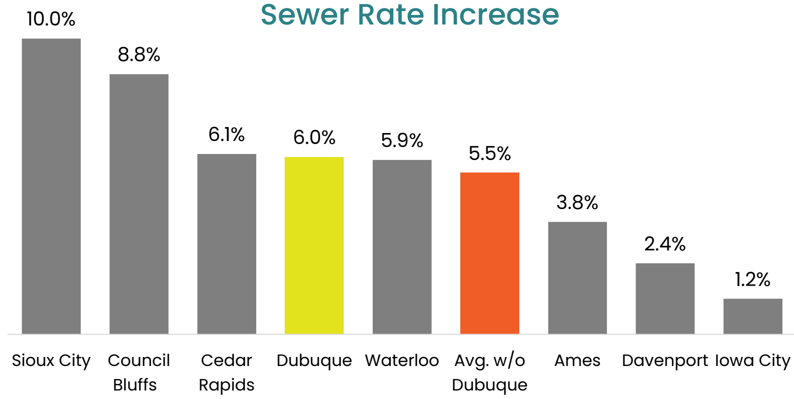
Sewer Rate Increase Comparison

Including the recommended 9% rate increase in FY2026, Dubuque's average annual rate increase of 6% over the last six years (FY2021-FY2026) is fourth highest among Iowa's largest cities with wastewater treatment facilities.

The average annual rate increase of the other cities is 5.5%, which is 9% lower than Dubuque.

Lower consumption households pay less: customers are only charged for the water they use and the wastewater they generate.

FY2021-2026 Average Annual Sewer Rate Increase

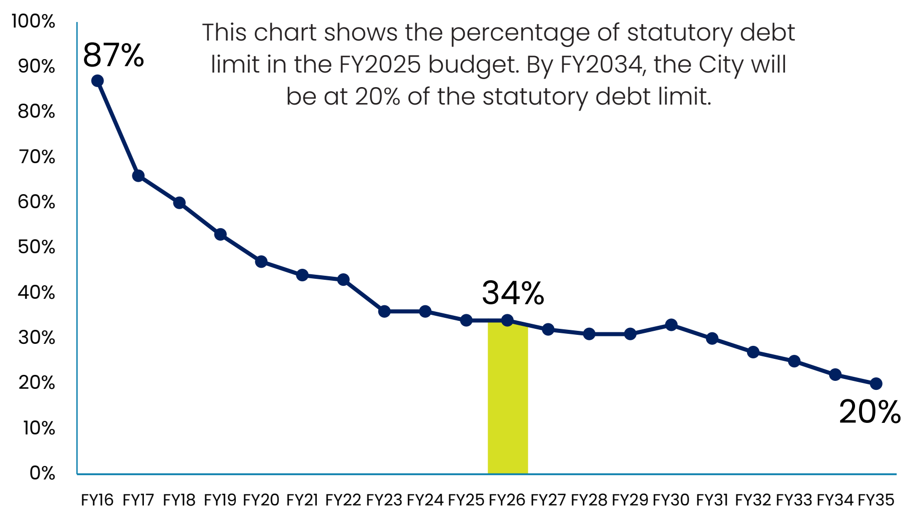


STATUTORY **DEBT**

Strategic Use of Debt for Community Investments

The City of Dubuque's use of debt can be compared to many average homeowners who borrow to buy their home. The City has borrowed money at low interest rates to invest in infrastructure. Unlike the federal government, the City does not borrow money to cover operating expenses.

FY26 Statutory Debt Limit Used



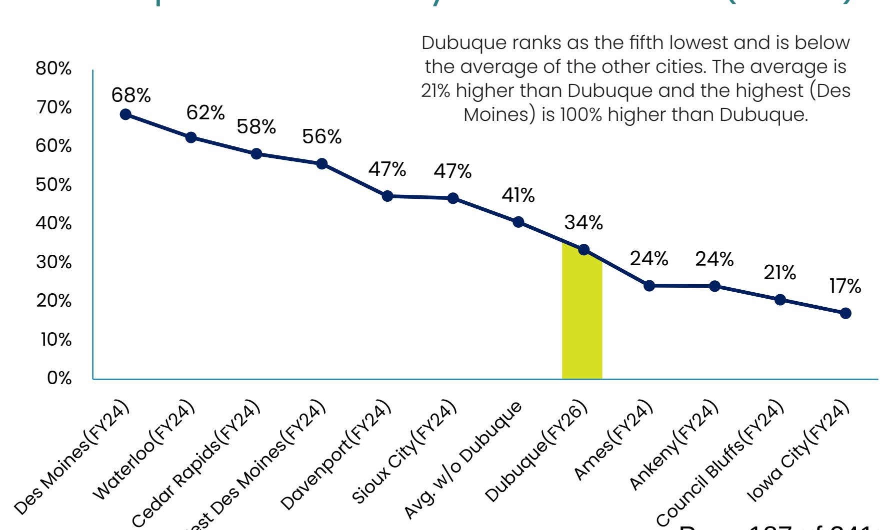
Top 10 Debt Uses
(as of June 30, 2025)

Project Description and Amount Outstanding

1	Stormwater Improvements	$57,697,798
2	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	$54,661,651
3	Water & Resource Recovery Center	$44,755,000
4	Water Improvements	$32,754,450
5	TIF Incentives/Improvements	$30,325,774
6	Parking Improvements	$18,385,109
7	Industrial Park Expansions	$9,740,738
8	Public Safety Improvements	$9,701,906
9	Park & Recreation Improvements	$5,930,290
10	TIF Rebates/Bonds to Businesses	$5,561,674
	Total	**$269,514,390**

** $180 million has been spent on street improvements from 1997-2024. 45 miles of streets have been resurfaced or reconstructed in the last 5 years.*

Comparison of Statutory Debt Limit Utilized (FY2024)



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Dubuque
All-America City
NATIONAL CIVIC LEAGUE
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TO: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

FROM: Christopher Lester, Water Department Director

SUBJECT: Establishing Water Rates under City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances Section Title 13 Public Utilities Chapter 1 Article C – Rates, Section 13-1C-1(a) Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and other uses; and Section 13-1C-2 Fire Sprinkler Service

DATE: April 1, 2025

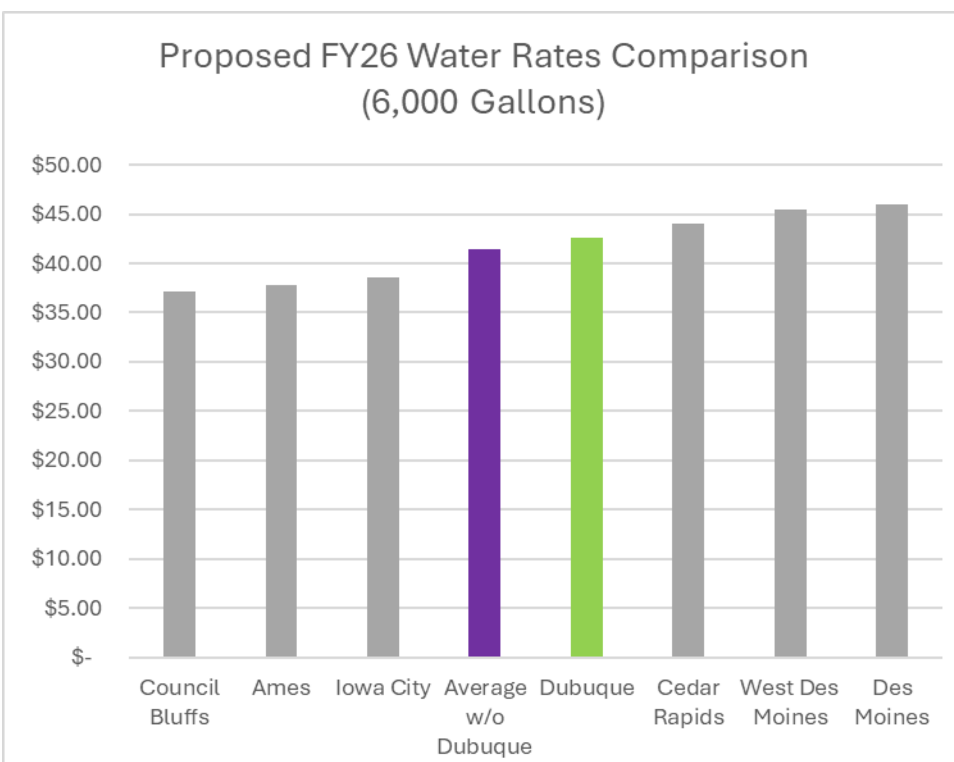
INRODUCTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide two ordinances for review and approval. These ordinances establish the FY26 City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances Title 13 Public Utilities Chapter 1 Article C, Section 13-1C-1(a) Fixing Water Rates for Residential and Industrial Use and all other uses; and Section 13-1C Fixing Water Rates for Fire Sprinkler Service.

DISCUSSION

It is recommended in the Water Department's budget request for FY26 that a 9% rate increase be implemented. It is also recommended that the Minimum Monthly Water Charge be increased to $9.70, which also reflects a 9% rate increase.

Proposed and approved rate structures of comparable Iowa communities with lime softening treatment similar to Dubuque, are compared in the following table. The calculation is based on the average residential usage of 6,000 gallons per month.



Rank, Highest to Lowest	City	Proposed FY25 Water Cost for 6,000 Gallons
1	Des Moines	$ 46.00
2	West Des Moines	$ 45.41
3	Cedar Rapids	$ 44.02
4	**Dubuque**	**$ 42.58**
5	Iowa City	$ 38.59
6	Ames	$ 37.77
7	Council Bluffs	$ 37.13

The proposed rate increase of 9% would place Dubuque as having the **fourth** lowest water rate. The highest rate (Des Moines) is 8.03% higher than Dubuque's rate. The average without Dubuque is 2.20% higher than Dubuque's proposed rate.

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended the attached proposed ordinances be submitted to the City Council for adoption during the FY26 Budget Hearings with an effective date of July 1, 2025.

cc: Crenna Brumwell, City Attorney
Jenny Larson, Chief Financial Officer
Adrienne Breitfelder, City Clerk
Randy Gehl, Public Information Officer

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City of Dubuque

Water Utility Fiscal Year

Rate Comparison

FY2025 to FY2026

Rates based on units of one-hundred cubic feet (748 gallons)

Monthly Consumption (CCF)		Actual FY25 12.00%	Proposed FY26 9.00%
First	30	$ 4.91	$ 5.35
Next	120	$ 3.99	$ 4.35
Next	350	$ 3.71	$ 4.04
Next	500	$ 3.27	$ 3.56
Over	1,000	$ 2.90	$ 3.16

Monthly Consumption (Gals)		FY25 12.00%	FY26 9.00%
First	22,440	$ 0.00651	$ 0.00710
Next	89,760	$ 0.00534	$ 0.00582
Next	261,800	$ 0.00497	$ 0.00542
Next	374,000	$ 0.00439	$ 0.00479
Over	748,000	$ 0.00384	$ 0.00419

Rates shall be subject to the following minimum monthly charge according to the size of the meter:

Meter Size	Cubic Feet	Gallons	Actual FY25 12.00%	Proposed FY26 9.00%
5/8	2	1,496	$ 9.74	$ 10.62
3/4	5	3,740	$ 24.36	$ 26.55
1	8	5,984	$ 38.96	$ 42.49
1 1/2	26	19,448	$ 126.61	$ 138.08
2	46	34,408	$ 209.99	$ 244.30
3	106	79,288	$ 449.65	$ 562.94
4	168	125,664	$ 692.32	$ 892.21
6	368	275,264	$ 1,435.83	$ 1,954.37
8	625	467,500	$ 2,337.01	$ 3,319.25

a) For users outside the city limits, an additional charge equal to 50% of the above rates will be made
b) A **$9.70** minimum monthly charge shall be assessed for meters not in service, this reflects the 9% rate increase.

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Fire Sprinkler Rate Comparison

FY2025 to FY2026

	Actual FY25 12.00%	Proposed FY26 9.00%
Up to 200 (minimum)	$ 29.85	$ 32.54
200-299	$ 35.83	$ 39.05
300-399	$ 41.72	$ 45.47
400-599	$ 47.76	$ 52.06
600-799	$ 53.67	$ 58.50
800-999	$ 59.68	$ 65.05
1,000 - 1,199	$ 65.67	$ 71.58
1,200 - 1,399	$ 71.57	$ 78.01
1,400 - 1,599	$ 77.55	$ 84.53
1,600 - 1,799	$ 83.53	$ 91.05
1,800 - 1,999	$ 89.44	$ 97.49
2,000 - 2,199	$ 95.44	$ 104.03
2,200 - 2,399	$ 101.40	$ 110.53
2,400 - 2,599	$ 107.39	$ 117.06
2,600 - 2,799	$ 113.34	$ 123.54
2,800 - 2,900	$ 119.46	$ 130.21
3,000 - 3,499	$ 125.26	$ 136.53
Over 3,500*	$ 5.95	$ 6.49

*(for each additional 500 heads or fraction thereof)

ORDINANCE NO. _____-25

ESTABLISHING CITY OF DUBUQUE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 13 PUBLIC UTILITIES, CHAPTER 1 WATER USE AND SERVICE, ARTICLE C RATES, SECTION 13-1C-1(A) FIXING WATER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND ALL OTHER USES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA:

Section 1. Section 13-1C-1(A) of the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances, is hereby unchanged, and shall read as follows:

Section 13-1C-1A: Residential, Commercial, Industrial and All Other Uses.

A. Rates Established: The rates to be charged for water for residential, commercial, industrial and all other uses and purposes by any person, firm or corporation within the city shall be based on units of one hundred cubic feet (748 gallons) or per gallon as follows:

Monthly Consumption (in Hundreds of Cubic Feet)	Charge per Hundred Cubic Feet
First 30	$5.35
Next 120	$4.35
Next 350	$4.04
Next 500	$3.56
Over 1,000	$3.16

Monthly Consumption (in Gallons)	Charge per Gallon
First 22,440	$0.00710
Next 89,760	$0.00582
Next 261,800	$0.00542
Next 374,000	$0.00479
Over 748,000	$0.00419

Rates shall be subject to the following minimum monthly charge according to the size of the meter:

Meter Size Inches	Monthly Consumption (In Hundreds of Cubic Feet)	Monthly Consumption (In Gallons)	Minimum Charge
5/8	2	1,496	$10.62
3/4	5	3,740	$26.55
1	8	5,984	$42.49
1 1/2	26	19,448	$138.08
2	46	34,408	$244.30
3	106	79,288	$562.94
4	168	125,664	$892.21
6	368	275,264	$1,954.37
8	625	467,500	$3,319.25

A property owner shall pay a $50.00 disconnect fee for water service that is disconnected by the city for a meter not in service. When a tenant account is subject to disconnection due to delinquency, the tenant shall pay the $50.00 disconnect fee.

A $50.00 service call fee shall be changed to property owners or tenant account for those service calls that are determined to be related to customer negligence.

A $9.70 minimum monthly charge shall be assessed for meters not in service.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Passed, approved and adopted this ____ day of ______________, 2025.

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Brad M. Cavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

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Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. _____-25

ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF DUBUQUE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 13 PUBLIC UTILITIES CHAPTER 1 WATER USE AND SERVICE, ARTICLE C RATES SECTION 13-1C-2 FIXING WATER RATES FOR FIRE SPRINKLER SERVICE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA:

Section 1. Section 13-1C-2 of the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances is hereby unchanged, and shall read as follows:

Section 13-1C-2: Fire Sprinkler Service.

Customers who have fire sprinkler service shall be billed for this service on a monthly basis. The monthly charge shall be as follows:

CURRENT NUMBER OF HEADS	MONTHLY CHARGES
Up to 200 (minimum)…………………..	$32.54
200-299 ………………………………..	$39.05
300-399 ………………………………..	$45.47
400-599 ………………………………..	$52.06
600-799 ………………………………..	$58.50
800 -999 ………………………………..	$65.05
1,000 - 1,199 …………..……….....…..	$71.58
1,200 - 1,399 …..…………….…....…..	$78.01
1,400 - 1,599 ……..…………….....…..	$84.53
1,600 - 1,799 ………..…………....…..	$91.05
1,800 - 1,999 …………..……….....…..	$97.49
2,000 - 2,199 ……………...……....…..	$104.03
2,200 - 2,399 ………………..…....…..	$110.53
2,400 - 2,599 …………………......…..	$117.06
2,600 - 2,799 ……………….........…..	$123.54
2,800 - 2,900 ……………….........…..	$130.21
3,000 - 3,499 ……………….........…..	$136.53
Over 3,500*...…..……………………….	$6.49

*(for each additional 500 heads or fraction thereof)

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Passed, approved and adopted this ____ day of _________________, 2025.

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Brad M. Cavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

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Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk

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TO: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

FROM: Deron Muehring, Water & Resource Recovery Center Director

SUBJECT: Sanitary Sewer Rate Changes for Fiscal Year 2026

DATE: April 24, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this memo is to recommend modification of Sections 13-2C-3(B) and 13-2C-3(C)(7) of the Code of Ordinances, thereby adjusting the sanitary sewer rates as proposed with the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed FY26 sanitary sewer rate increase will fund essential operations, maintenance, and long-term capital improvements that ensure the reliability, safety, and environmental compliance of Dubuque's wastewater system. This includes continued operation of the Water & Resource Recovery Center (WRRC), where wastewater from homes, businesses, and industries is treated before being safely returned to the environment. It also supports the upkeep of all 21 lift stations across the city and powers key treatment processes like digestion, disinfection, and odor control. The fee will also fund Public Works activities to maintain over 325 miles of sewer mains—cleaning, televising, and repairing the system to prevent backups and overflows. Importantly, the rate increase enables the City to move forward with over $131 million in planned capital improvements between 2025 and 2029. These projects include an $83.8 million investment in the Catfish Creek sewershed, provide capacity for private investments on Kerper Bpoulevard and Schmitt Island. They provide for replacing aging infrastructure. They will allow for responsible growth to continue. Every dollar from the sewer fee is reinvested directly into this system—supporting the health, safety, and economic future of Dubuque.

The proposed 9% increase for FY26 will result in a $4.91 increase in the monthly sanitary sewer fee for the average household in Dubuque, based on typical usage of 6,000 gallons of water per month. As a user fee, it is based on the amount of water used and corresponding wastewater generated. For lower consumption households, those that might only use 3,000 gallons per month, the current fee would be $27.40 per month. This would increase by $2.47 to $29.87 per month as proposed in FY2026 as outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Monthly fee comparison for a household that uses 3,000 gallons of water per month.

	FY25 (Current)	FY26 (Proposed)	$ Increase	% Increase
Monthly Cost	$27.40	$29.87	$2.47	9%

To ensure rates remain aligned with peer communities across Iowa, the proposed rates are routinely benchmarked against the largest cities in the state that own and operate their own wastewater treatment facilities. A comparison of average annual rate increases from FY20 to FY26, Dubuque's proposed 9% increase will result in an average annual rate increase of 6.0% over the period—ranking it fourth highest (or fifth lowest) among the peer cities analyzed as reflected in Table 2 below. While slightly above the group average of 5.5%, the increase reflects the scope and scale of the planned infrastructure improvements, some of which are already under construction.

Table 2. Comparison of average annual rate increase from the largest cities in Iowa that own and operate a wastewater facility.

Rank	City	Average Annual Increase
1	Sioux City	10.0%
2	Council Bluffs*	8.8%
3	Cedar Rapids	6.1%
4	Dubuque	6.0%
5	Waterloo	5.9%
6	Ames	3.8%
7	Davenport	2.4%
8	Iowa City	1.2%
	Average without Dubuque	5.5%

Additionally, the composition of sewer revenue by user class can vary significantly from city to city. In Dubuque, residential users account for approximately 41% of sanitary sewer revenue, while industrial users contribute about 36%. In some peer communities, industrial users may represent a larger share of the overall revenue, which can help offset costs and reduce the financial burden on residential ratepayers. The breakdown is shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3. Breakdown of sanitary sewer fee revenue by customer classification for FY2025 through March 25, 2025.

Customer Classification	Percent Revenue Contribution
Residential	40.9%
Industrial	36.0%
Commercial	21.4%
Other	1.6%

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend amending the City Code of Ordinances to increase the sanitary sewer fees by 9% in support of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

ACTION REQUESTED

I respectfully request passing the attached ordinance, amending Sections 13-2C-3(B) and 13-2C-3(C)(7) of the Code of Ordinances to increase the sanitary sewer fees by 9% in support of the proposed with the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Attach.

Cc: Crenna Brumwell, City Attorney
Jennifer Larson, Chief Financial Officer
Adrienne Breitfelder, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. _____-25

CITY OF DUBUQUE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 13 PUBLIC UTILITIES, CHAPTER 2 SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, ARTICLE C RATES, SECTION 13-2C-3 RATES ESTABLISHED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA:

Section 1. Section 13-2C-3 of the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances reads as follows:

13-2C-3: RATES ESTABLISHED:

Contributors whose property lies within the corporate limits of the city, except as otherwise provided in this article, shall pay to the city at the same time payment for water services is made, a sewer service charge computed on water consumption on the following rates:

. . . .

B. Schedule Of Rates:

Rate per each 100 cubic feet	$7.44
Rate per each gallon	0.00995

C. Service Charge:

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7. Where the quantity of water consumed is such that the minimum of service is charged, the minimum sewer service charge, according to the size of the meter, shall be as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)	**Minimum Charge**	**Allowance (Cubic Feet)**	**Allowance (Gallons)**
5/8	$14.90	200	1,496
3/4	$37.23	500	3,740
1 or larger	$59.58	800	5,984

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of July, 2025.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 28th day of April 2025.

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Brad M. Cavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

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Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk

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TO: Michael C Van Milligen, City Manager

FROM: Arielle Swift, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to Section 13-6 of the Codes of Ordinance

DATE: April 24, 2025

INTRODUCTION
The purpose of this memorandum is to submit a proposed ordinance for your review and approval.

DISCUSSION
Title 13 of the Cods of Ordinance is entitled “Public Utilities”. Chapter 6 of Title 13 is titled “Solid Waste”.

I recommend the revision of paragraph D of Section 13-6-6 titled “Hazardous and Prohibited Wastes Regulated”. Changes would add language for clarification on building materials that are not collected.

I recommend the revision of paragraph C of Section 13-6A-3 titled “Refuse Collection Service”. Changes would remove container language for clarification.

I recommend the revision of paragraph D of Section 13-6A-5 titled “Organic Waste Collection Service”. Changes would add language for clarification on meat and dairies now allowed in residential collection.

I recommend the revision of paragraph 1, 2, and 4 of Section 13-6A-10 titled “Rates and Charges Established; Exceptions”, subsection A titled “Refuse” and revisions to the rate table embedded in Section 13-6A-10 titled “Rates and Charges Established; Exceptions”. Changes would modify language to include the recommended FY2026 rate increase.

Attached are the recommended ordinance and Effect of Amendment detailing the changes proposed for Sections aforementioned.

ACTION STEP
The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend the proposed ordinance be approved by the City Manager and the City Council.

Prepared by: Arielle Swift, Public Works, 925 Kerper Court, Dubuque, IA 52001 563 589-4250

ORDINANCE NO.______- 24

AMENDING CITY OF DUBUQUE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 13 PUBLIC UTILITIES, CHAPTER 6 SOLID WASTE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA:

Section 1. Title 13, Chapter 6 of the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

13-6-1 : DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:

BUILDING MATERIALS:	Any material such as lumber, floor coverings, brick, plaster, sheet metal or any other substances accumulated as a result of repairs or additions to existing buildings, construction of new buildings or demolition of existing structures.
BULKY ITEM(S)	Any items that do not fit into a city-issued refuse cart and that are larger than three feet by two feet or weigh more than 40 pounds.
CLASS I PREMISES:	Shall mean and include the following properties in the City of Dubuque: Single-family dwellings. Multiple-family dwellings up to and including six (6) dwelling units. Dwelling units in business or commercial premises. Where two (2) or more laterally connected or joined dwelling units, including condominiums, townhouses, and row houses, in which each dwelling unit has separate access and utility service, each dwelling unit shall constitute a single-family dwelling.
CLASS II PREMISES:	Residential premises other than Class I residential premises, located in the City of Dubuque, including: Dwellings in trailer courts;

	Schools, colleges, churches, convents, nursing homes, rooming houses and other semiprivate institutions; and Multiple-family dwellings exceeding six (6) dwelling units.
CLASS III PREMISES:	All business and commercial premises located in the City of Dubuque, including that part of a residential premises with a business or commercial use.
DWELLING:	Shall mean and include any building or portion thereof containing one or more dwelling units.
DWELLING UNIT:	Shall mean and include one or more connected rooms having complete kitchen facilities and arranged, designed, or used as living quarters for one family only.
FOOD SCRAPS:	Solid, semisolid, and liquid animal and vegetable residuals resulting from the handling, preparing, cooking, storing, serving and consuming of food.
GARBAGE:	All solid and semisolid, putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparing, cooking, storing, serving and consuming of food or of material intended for use as food, and all offal, excluding useful industrial byproducts, and shall include all such substances from all public and private establishments and from all residences.
HAZARDOUS WASTES:	Waste materials, including, but not limited to, poisons, pesticides, herbicides, acids, caustics, biohazardous wastes, flammable or explosive materials and similar harmful wastes which require special handling, and which must be disposed of in such a manner as to conserve the environment and protect the public health and safety.
ORGANIC WASTE:	Any biodegradable waste material originating from plants, animals, or other natural sources that can be decomposed or broken down into simpler organic compounds through biological processes. This includes but is not limited to food scraps, yard waste, paper products, and other biodegradable materials. Organic waste does not include materials such as plastics, metals, or glass which do not readily decompose under natural conditions.
OWNER:	In addition to the record titleholder, any person residing in, renting, leasing, occupying, operating, or transacting business in any premises and as between such parties, the duties, responsibilities, liabilities, and obligations hereafter imposed shall be joint and several.
PREMISES:	A building or part of a building and its grounds located in the City of Dubuque.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS:	Materials, as designated by the City of Dubuque and set out in this chapter, which would otherwise become solid waste that can be source separated, collected, processed, and returned to the economic stream in the form of raw materials or products.
REFUSE:	All landfilled material generated by occupiers of land within the City of Dubuque corporate limits, whether recyclable or nonrecyclable material.
SOLID WASTE:	Garbage, refuse, rubbish, recyclable materials, organic waste, and other similar discarded solid or semisolid materials, including, but not limited to, such materials resulting from industrial, commercial, agricultural, and domestic activities. Solid waste does not include toxic or hazardous materials.
YARD WASTE:	Organic materials generated from routine maintenance and landscaping activities within residential, commercial, or public properties. This includes grass clippings, leaves, branches, shrub trimmings, and other vegetative matter originating from the maintenance of lawns, gardens, and outdoor landscapes. Yard waste does not include materials such as soil, rocks, or construction debris.

13-6-2 : DEPOSITS ON OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY:

A. Prohibition: No person shall throw, rake, deposit, dump, drop, spill or store (other than the placement of containers for collection as provided herein) any solid waste or toxic and hazardous wastes upon the streets, sidewalks, rights of way or any public or private property within the city.

B. Exception: This section shall not apply to junk dealers, auto salvage dealers, pawnbrokers or secondhand dealers licensed under title 4, chapter 6 of this code.

13-6-3 : WRAPPING AND DRAINING OF CERTAIN SOLID WASTES:

All solid waste consisting of waste animal and vegetable matter which may attract flies, dogs, cats, rodents, and other animals shall be drained of all excess liquid, wrapped in paper or disposable containers, and placed or stored, until collected, in covered suitable containers.

13-6-4 : UNLAWFUL ACCUMULATIONS:

A. Health Or Sanitation Hazard: It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to accumulate on any premises, improved or vacant, or on any public place in the city, such quantities of solid waste, either in containers or not, that shall constitute a health or sanitation hazard.

B. Storage Within Or Close To Buildings: It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate quantities of refuse, papers, garbage, ashes or other solid waste within or close to any building in the city, unless the same is stored in containers in such a manner as not to create a health or fire hazard.

13-6-5 : STORAGE AND ACCUMULATION RESTRICTED:

A. Within the corporate limits of the city, all garbage or refuse consisting of waste animal or vegetable matter upon which rats may feed, and all small dead animals, shall be placed and stored until collected in covered metal containers of a type prescribed by the health officer.

B. Dumping On Premises Or Waterways Prohibited: It is unlawful for any person to dump or place on any premises, land or waterway, any dead animals, or any waste vegetable or animal matter of any kind.

C. Providing Harborage For Rats: It shall be unlawful for any person to place, leave, dump, or permit to accumulate any garbage, rubbish or trash in any building or on any premises, improved or vacant, or on any open lot or alley in the city so that the same shall or may afford food or harborage for rats.

D. Lumber And Boxes Placed On Elevated Racks: It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to accumulate on any premises, improved or vacant, or on any open lot or alley in the city any lumber, boxes, barrels, bottles, cans, containers or similar material that may be permitted to remain thereon unless same shall be placed on open racks that are elevated not less than eighteen inches (18") above the ground, and evenly piled or stacked.

13-6-6 : HAZARDOUS AND PROHIBITED WASTES REGULATED:

A. Deposits Prohibited Except For Special Collection: No person shall deposit in a solid waste container or otherwise offer for city collection any hazardous wastes or prohibited wastes, except when a special collection is established by the city manager.

B. Transportation By Owner: Hazardous wastes and prohibited wastes shall be transported by the owner to a sanitary disposal project licensed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to accept such wastes.

C. Prohibited Wastes Described: "Prohibited wastes" includes, but is not limited to, waste oils, lead acid batteries and tires.

D. The City of Dubuque solid waste collection service will not collect, including but not limited to, the following materials: Industrial waste; oil soaked rags, solvents, liquid paints, acids, chemicals, or other explosive or highly combustible or flammable or hazardous materials; caustics, poisons, pesticides or herbicides; radioactive or toxic waste, biomedical waste; liquids, including motor oil; gaseous waste; septage, raw sewage, sludge and industrial process sludge; manure contaminated hay and straw or animal feces unless properly bagged; carcasses, viscera, or entrails of animals, unless properly contained, wrapped, or packaged; hot ashes; and building materials that are not bagged.

13-6-7 : VEHICLES HAULING SOLID WASTE:

A. Dropping, Sifting Or Leaking Of Load: No person shall haul any solid waste upon the streets, alleys or public places of the city unless the vehicle used for such purpose is so constructed or loaded or the load securely covered as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping or its load covering from dropping from the vehicle, except that materials may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be applied on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway.

B. Sanitary Condition: All vehicles, containers and dumpsters used for the collection and removal of solid waste shall be kept in a clean, inoffensive, and sanitary condition. All solid waste shall be handled in such a way as to prevent the scattering, spilling or leakage of same.

13-6-8 : USE OF STATE APPROVED DUMP SITE OR DISPOSAL PROJECT:

A. State Licensed Project: No person shall haul or cause to be hauled any solid waste to any sanitary disposal project, dump site or any other area unless such disposal project, dump site or other area is licensed by and in full compliance with all regulations in the state in which it is located.

B. Filling Or Excavating; Permit Required: No person shall use dirt, stone, brick, concrete or similar inorganic material for fill, landscaping, excavation or grading without first obtaining a building permit, if required by other provisions of this code, and only in conformance with all provisions of the zoning and subdivision ordinances of this code.

ARTICLE A. CITY OR PRIVATE COLLECTION SERVICE

13-6A-1: CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORITY GENERALLY:

The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to employ City owned vehicles and equipment and the necessary operating personnel to collect refuse, recyclable materials, organic waste, and bulky items and to collect fees and administer the program as provided for in this article in the City, upon the terms and conditions of this article.

13-6A-2: AVAILABILITY OF COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. Collection service is provided within to City residents and businesses as described in this Chapter. The City Manager may consider requests for service outside of city limits, at the City Manager's sole discretion.

B. Class I Premises: City solid waste collection services shall be mandatory.

C. Class II Premises: Class II premises not serviced by City solid waste collection services may apply to the City Manager for such collection services.

D. Class III Premises: Class III premises not serviced by City solid waste collection services may apply to the City Manager for such collection services.

E. Recycling Services: Class II premises not serviced by City solid waste collection services and Class III premises may apply to the City Manager for such recycling services.

F. Refusal Of Service: The City Manager may refuse solid waste collection services or recycling services because of quantities or characteristics beyond the capacity or capability to be handled efficiently or safely by City personnel and equipment.

13-6A-3: REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. All City of Dubuque solid waste customers shall use a city-issued cart for collection. The base rate gives access to a 35-gallon tipper cart for weekly refuse collection.

B. In cases where a customer may choose multiple refuse carts or a cart larger than the base rate 35-gallon cart, the customer may choose from three additional cart sizes of forty-eight (48), sixty-four (64), or ninety-six (96) gallons.

C. Excess Refuse: Official City of Dubuque single-use refuse stickers shall be applied to each additional standard 35-gallon bag or small item (not exceeding 3 feet by 2 feet or heavier than 40 pounds) which does not fit in the subscribed cart.

D. Electronics or items larger than 3 feet by 2 feet or heavier than 40 pounds must be scheduled as a bulky item pick-up.

E. The City Manager may require additional cart capacity if the subscribed cart is insufficient. The City shall notify the applicable account holder in writing of the additional capacity requirement, deliver the larger cart, and adjust the monthly bill.

F. All refuse placed into City-issued carts must be in tied bags.

G. Except for Class II premises, biomedical waste shall be placed in suitable containers separately from all other solid waste. Sharp objects, such as hypodermic needles, syringes, and lancets, shall be securely contained in hard plastic or metal disposable containers with screw-on or tightly secured lids for collection. Other biomedical waste, such as soiled bandages, disposable sheets, and medical gloves, shall be placed in thick disposable plastic bags or shall be double-bagged.

H. Glass and similar materials shall be placed in puncture-resistant boxes and securely closed.

13-6A-4: RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. One City owned curbside recycling container shall be provided by the City to each dwelling for the collection of recyclable materials. If additional recycling capacity is needed, a second container may be issued.

B. The following types of solid waste are curbside recyclable materials: Rigid plastics with a recycling symbol between #1 – 5, Paper/cardboard/newspaper, and metal materials (such as cans, clean foil, pans).

C. When a customer's recycling container is frequently contaminated with nonrecyclable material and violations persist, the City may remove the container and stop the weekly collection.

13-6A-5: ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. All organic waste shall be separated from all other solid waste and shall be composted on the premises or placed in organic collection containers for collection.

B. Any premises composting on site shall maintain all compost piles in accordance with Title 6, Chapter 4 of this Code.

C. Organic waste shall be collected according to the schedule established by the City Manager.

D. The following materials may be collected curbside: branches and tree limbs - less than 5 feet long (must be bundled), flowers and potted plants (no pots), food scraps - fruit and vegetables, peels, pits, coffee grounds, eggshells, bread and grain products, grass clippings, leaves, plants, weeds, brush, natural Christmas trees, bones, dairy products, meat, poultry, fish, and non-wax coated paper products.

E. Preparation Of Organic Waste: Organic waste collected by the City shall be placed in biodegradable paper bags no more than 35-gallons, bundled branches, privately owned 35-gallon containers, subscribed city-issued 64-gallon organic waste carts, or subscribed city issued 13-gallon organic waste carts.

F. Organic waste set-out in a biodegradable paper bag requires single use stickers. The bags shall be no more than 35-gallon capacity, minimum two-ply weatherized material, and designed for yard waste collection capacity.

G. Disposable organic waste bags shall not exceed 40 pounds without tearing or falling apart. Cardboard boxes or plastic bags shall not be used for organic waste collection.

H. Organic waste set out in privately owned 35-gallon cans require a single-use yard waste sticker or an annual decal.

13-6A-6: BULKY ITEM COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. No person shall place bulky items that are larger than 3 feet by 2 feet in diameter or weigh over 40 pounds out for collection except in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

B. Premises receiving City solid waste collection service are eligible to set out bulky items for collection provided the customer schedules in advance of their collection. Items which are placed out for collection which have not been previously scheduled for collection will not be collected and the property owner shall be responsible for their removal.

13-6A-7: FREQUENCY, TIME, AND AREAS OF COLLECTION:

A. Frequency And Time Of Collection: Collections shall be made not more than once weekly at such time and in such areas of the City as shall be determined and set out in schedules prepared by the City Manager in accordance with the provisions of this article. All collections shall be made between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.

B. Collection Schedule: The collection schedule shall not include official City holidays unless otherwise determined by the City Manager. However, a Saturday may be substituted as the collection day to replace the collection which would otherwise be made on the day of the week the holiday occurs.

C. Authority To Change Schedule: The City Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to change or amend the collection schedules from time to time as the City Manager may deem necessary.

13-6A-8: STORAGE, CONTAINMENT, AND SET-OUT LOCATIONS OF SOLID WASTE:

A. Alleys: Where collections are made from alleys, solid waste containers shall be placed in one location for each dwelling, in clear view and at the owner's property line abutting the alley and on the days designated.

B. Streets: Where collections are made from the street, solid waste containers shall be placed in one location for each dwelling, in clear view and in the street right-of-way on the owner's property side of the curb and on the days designated in said schedule. Such containers shall be placed so as not to interfere with vehicular and pedestrian traffic and when emptied shall be promptly removed by the owner.

C. Time Limit For Placement Of Containers On Streets: No person shall place solid waste or recycling at the street for collection more than 24 hours before the scheduled collection day. No person shall leave solid waste containers or recycling containers at the street for more than 24 hours after the scheduled collection day.

All solid waste shall be placed at the designated collection location for City collection by 6:00 A.M. on the scheduled collection day.

D. Duty When Solid Waste Not Collected: Any solid waste not in compliance with this chapter shall not be collected by the City and shall be removed by the owner within 24 hours after the scheduled collection day and stored in such a manner as not to create a health, safety, or fire hazard.

E. Solid waste collection containers stored in the right-of-way for longer than 24 hours after the scheduled collection day may be subject to removal at the property owner's expense.

F. The City may make exceptions for the storage and set out of solid waste containers for elderly or disabled persons upon application to the Public Works Department.

G. On collection days, solid waste containers shall be placed in plain view at a point within two feet of the curb or alley line.

H. If a customer would like to change the location of the normal set-out for collection, it must be approved by the City.

I. Containers must have a two-foot radius around each container, and the lid of the container must open toward the street or alley.

J. Material not intended for collection shall not be kept on or near the curb or alley line. The city shall not be responsible for any material so placed which is collected for disposal.

13-6A-9: OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS; UNAUTHORIZED COLLECTING PROHIBITED:

From the time of placement for collection as provided in section 13-6A-8 of this article, all solid waste and recyclable materials and recycling containers which meet the requirements of this chapter placed for collection by the City shall become and be the property of the City and it shall be a violation of this section for any person other than authorized personnel of the City to collect, pick up, or cause to be collected or picked up, any such materials.

13-6A-10: RATES AND CHARGES ESTABLISHED; EXCEPTIONS:

A. Refuse.

1. Base Fee and Conditions: A fee of $18.11 per dwelling unit per month shall be paid to the City by the account holder for solid waste collection services. The fee shall be in payment for collection and disposal of one (1) 35-gallon City owned cart per month per cart.

2. Optional Carts: The fee for a 48-gallon solid waste cart shall be $20.28per month. The fee for a 64-gallon solid waste cart is $24.32per month per cart. The fee for a 96-gallon solid waste cart is $34.16per month per cart.

3. Alley Cart Fees: The fee for a 48-gallon solid waste cart is $18.11 per month per cart. The fee for a 64-gallon solid waste cart is $19.60 per month per cart. The fee for a 96-gallon solid waste cart is $28.27 per month per cart.

4. Shared Carts: In multifamily dwellings, where the property owner is the account holder, the owner can opt to using shared 96-gallon carts. Each unit will be billed the basic service, and the number of units will share one or more 96-gallon carts.

5. Single-use Refuse stickers: The fee for a single use refuse sticker shall be $2.00 and shall be applied to each additional standard solid waste container, bag, or small item.

6. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City for each removal of refuse containers from the curb.

B. Recycling.

1. For Class II premises not serviced by City solid waste collection services for recycling collection, upon approval of an application for City recycling collection a fee of $7.00 per month per 96-gallon container (or volume equivalence) shall be paid to the City by the property owner of each.

2. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City for each removal of recycling containers from the curb.

C. Organic Waste.

1. The fee for single-use brush-tie shall be $1.50 each.

2. The fee for single use stickers shall be $1.50 each.

3. The fee paid to the City by a customer of record with the City for an annual yard waste decal for a privately-owned rigid 35-gallon container shall be $40.00 each. A decal shall only be used by the customer of record with the City who purchased it.

4. The fee paid to the City for subscription to a 64-gallon City-issued organic waste cart shall be $10.00 per cart per month.

5. The minimum fee paid to the City for collection of a scheduled leaf rake out is $20.00 for a forty (40) standard leaf bag equivalent pile of leaves in the parking lane at the curb.

3. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City for each removal of organic waste containers from the curb.

D. Bulky Waste.

1. A fee of $13.00 shall be paid by the owner for each time the service is provided for up to the equivalent of three (3) cubic yards of solid waste.

2. An additional fee of $13.00 shall be paid for each additional three (3) cubic yards of solid waste.

3. A fee of $6.00 shall be paid to the City for each tire.

4. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City by the owner for each appliance collected in the service (such as stoves, microwaves, dishwashers, refrigerators, and dehumidifiers).

5. A fee of $6.00 shall be paid to the City for metal material that is larger than 2 feet by 3 feet and or heavier than 40 pounds (such as grills, bed rails, exercise bikes).

6. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City for each collection of a TV or monitor.

7. A fee of $6.00 shall be paid to the City for the collection of items with a plug in/chord per pick-up (such as VCR's, computer tower, or computer printer), Excluding TVs and monitors.

8. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City for each collection requested by the for service on a day not receiving weekly collection at the service address in which the collection crew is not in that service area or is not a current weekly solid waste customer of the City.

Service Type		**FY25 Rates**
Refuse	35-Gallon Cart	$18.11
	48-Gallon Cart	$20.28
	64-Gallon Cart	$24.32
	96-Gallon Cart	$34.16
	48-Gallon - ALLEY CART	$18.11
	64-Gallon - ALLEY CART	$19.60
	96-Gallon - ALLEY CART	$28.27
	Shared Cart Fee Per Unit	$18.11
	Single-Use Trash Sticker	$2.00
	Discount for Income Eligible Customers (see Paragraph F of Section 13-6A-F)	($9.06)
Organic Waste	Annual Yard Waste Decal	$40.00

	64-Gallon Cart	$10.00
	13-Gallon Cart	$1.00
	Leaf Rake-Out	$20.00
	Yard Waste Brush Ties	$1.50
	Single-Use Yard Waste Sticker	$1.50
Recycling	Recycling Only - Residential & Commercial	$7.00
Bulky Items	1 Hopper - 3 Cubic Yd of Refuse	$13.00
	Tire	$6.00
	Large Metal Material Pick-Up	$6.00
	Appliance	$20.00
	TV and Monitors	$20.00
	Electronic Pick-Up	$6.00
Miscellaneous	Off-Route/Non-Customer Fee	$20.00
	Right-Of-Way Removal Fee	$20.00

13-6A-11: CHARGES; BILLING AND COLLECTION:

A. City Billing: The City Manager is authorized to bill tenants upon the written request of the property owner and according to a procedure to be established by the City Manager. The property owner in such cases shall provide any information on each tenant's mailing address to aid in the collection of fees for City services. In all cases, the property owner shall remain liable for the payment of all charges required by this chapter.

B. Monthly Billing: All accounts shall be billed monthly. The payment of bills is subject to the terms of section 13-1C-4 of this title.

C. Unpaid Billing For Class I Premises: The collection of solid waste provided Class I premises and the maintenance of the availability of such service, whether or not such service is used regularly or not at all by the owner of such Class I premises, is hereby declared a benefit to said premises at least equal to the monthly charges specified, and in case of failure to pay the monthly charge when billed as heretofore provided, then the monthly charge shall become a lien against the property benefited or served and shall be collected in the same manner as general Property Taxes.

D. Certify Delinquent Accounts To County Treasurer: It is the duty of the City Treasurer to certify the actual rates and fees plus the costs of administration to the County Treasurer as provided in section 13-1C-4 of this title and all such costs will constitute a lien against said property and be collected with and in the same manner as general Property Taxes on said property.

E. In cases of extreme financial hardship, the City may make adjustments in the monthly collection charges as deemed appropriate. In such cases, the City may require proof of financial status or extreme hardship, as the City may deem necessary.

F. When resident(s) of a Class I premises meets the HUD "Section 8" guidelines for the size of the household may, upon application to the City Manager or designee, be exempted from one-half (1/2) the established 35-gallon refuse collection service rate. After the initial application, annual review is required.

13-6 A-12: PRIVATE COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. License Required: No person shall engage in the business of removing or hauling solid waste from the premises of another person without a license to do so from the City Manager. The issuance of such license shall be in the manner prescribed and subject to the terms of title 4, chapter 1 of this Code.

B. Application For License; Fee: Application for such license shall specify the type of equipment and vehicles to be used, the routes to be traveled, the places to be served and the name and residence of the applicant. Such persons shall pay, at the Office of the City Treasurer, an annual license fee of $25.00 per year for each vehicle engaged in such business.

C. Display Of License Number On Vehicle: No person shall operate a vehicle licensed under this section unless the license number is prominently displayed on the lower portion of the driver's side of the windshield in clear view. Such license number shall be affixed to the vehicle not less than five (5) days after the day of issue.

D. Separability Of Provisions: It is the intention of the City Council that each subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, and provision of this section is separable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this section nor any part thereof other than that affected by such decision.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Passed, approved, and adopted this ____ day of ________________, 2024.

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Brad Cavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

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Adrienne Breitfelder, City Clerk

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT

13-6-1 : DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:

BUILDING MATERIALS:	Any material such as lumber, floor coverings, brick, plaster, sheet metal or any other substances accumulated as a result of repairs or additions to existing buildings, construction of new buildings or demolition of existing structures.
BULKY ITEM(S)	Any items that do not fit into a city-issued refuse cart and that are larger than three feet by two feet or weigh more than 40 pounds.
CLASS I PREMISES:	Shall mean and include the following properties in the City of Dubuque: A. Single-family dwellings. B. Multiple-family dwellings up to and including six (6) dwelling units. C. Dwelling units in business or commercial premises. Where two (2) or more laterally connected or joined dwelling units, including condominiums, townhouses, and row houses, in which each dwelling unit has separate access and utility service, each dwelling unit shall constitute a single-family dwelling.
CLASS II PREMISES:	Residential premises other than Class I residential premises, located in the City of Dubuque, including: A. Dwellings in trailer courts; B. Schools, colleges, churches, convents, nursing homes, rooming houses and other semiprivate institutions; and C. Multiple-family dwellings exceeding six (6) dwelling units.
CLASS III PREMISES:	All business and commercial premises located in the City of Dubuque, including that part of a residential premises with a business or commercial use.
DWELLING:	Shall mean and include any building or portion thereof containing one or more dwelling units.

DWELLING UNIT:	Shall mean and include one or more connected rooms having complete kitchen facilities and arranged, designed, or used as living quarters for one family only.
FOOD SCRAPS:	Solid, semisolid, and liquid animal and vegetable residuals resulting from the handling, preparing, cooking, storing, serving and consuming of food.
GARBAGE:	All solid and semisolid, putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparing, cooking, storing, serving and consuming of food or of material intended for use as food, and all offal, excluding useful industrial byproducts, and shall include all such substances from all public and private establishments and from all residences.
HAZARDOUS WASTES:	Waste materials, including, but not limited to, poisons, pesticides, herbicides, acids, caustics, biohazardous wastes, flammable or explosive materials and similar harmful wastes which require special handling, and which must be disposed of in such a manner as to conserve the environment and protect the public health and safety.
ORGANIC WASTE:	Any biodegradable waste material originating from plants, animals, or other natural sources that can be decomposed or broken down into simpler organic compounds through biological processes. This includes but is not limited to food scraps, yard waste, paper products, and other biodegradable materials. Organic waste does not include materials such as plastics, metals, or glass which do not readily decompose under natural conditions.
OWNER:	In addition to the record titleholder, any person residing in, renting, leasing, occupying, operating, or transacting business in any premises and as between such parties, the duties, responsibilities, liabilities, and obligations hereafter imposed shall be joint and several.
PREMISES:	A building or part of a building and its grounds located in the City of Dubuque.
RECYCLABLE MATERIALS:	Materials, as designated by the City of Dubuque and set out in this chapter, which would otherwise become solid waste that can be source separated, collected, processed, and returned to the economic stream in the form of raw materials or products.
REFUSE:	All landfilled material generated by occupiers of land within the City of Dubuque corporate limits, whether recyclable or nonrecyclable material.
SOLID WASTE:	Garbage, refuse, rubbish, recyclable materials, organic waste, and other similar discarded solid or semisolid materials, including, but not limited to, such materials

	resulting from industrial, commercial, agricultural, and domestic activities. Solid waste does not include toxic or hazardous materials.
YARD WASTE:	Organic materials generated from routine maintenance and landscaping activities within residential, commercial, or public properties. This includes grass clippings, leaves, branches, shrub trimmings, and other vegetative matter originating from the maintenance of lawns, gardens, and outdoor landscapes. Yard waste does not include materials such as soil, rocks, or construction debris.

13-6-2 : DEPOSITS ON OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY:

A. Prohibition: No person shall throw, rake, deposit, dump, drop, spill or store (other than the placement of containers for collection as provided herein) any solid waste or toxic and hazardous wastes upon the streets, sidewalks, rights of way or any public or private property within the city.

B. Exception: This section shall not apply to junk dealers, auto salvage dealers, pawnbrokers or secondhand dealers licensed under title 4, chapter 6 of this code.

13-6-3 : WRAPPING AND DRAINING OF CERTAIN SOLID WASTES:

All solid waste consisting of waste animal and vegetable matter which may attract flies, dogs, cats, rodents, and other animals shall be drained of all excess liquid, wrapped in paper or disposable containers, and placed or stored, until collected, in covered suitable containers.

13-6-4 : UNLAWFUL ACCUMULATIONS:

A. Health Or Sanitation Hazard: It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to accumulate on any premises, improved or vacant, or on any public place in the city, such quantities of solid waste, either in containers or not, that shall constitute a health or sanitation hazard.

B. Storage Within Or Close To Buildings: It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate quantities of refuse, papers, garbage, ashes or other solid waste within or close to any building in the city, unless the same is stored in containers in such a manner as not to create a health or fire hazard.

13-6-5 : STORAGE AND ACCUMULATION RESTRICTED:

A. Within the corporate limits of the city, all garbage or refuse consisting of waste animal or vegetable matter upon which rats may feed, and all small dead animals, shall be placed and stored until collected in covered metal containers of a type prescribed by the health officer.

B. Dumping On Premises Or Waterways Prohibited: It is unlawful for any person to dump or place on any premises, land or waterway, any dead animals, or any waste vegetable or animal matter of any kind.

C. Providing Harborage For Rats: It shall be unlawful for any person to place, leave, dump, or permit to accumulate any garbage, rubbish or trash in any building or on any premises, improved or vacant, or on any open lot or alley in the city so that the same shall or may afford food or harborage for rats.

D. Lumber And Boxes Placed On Elevated Racks: It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to accumulate on any premises, improved or vacant, or on any open lot or alley in the city any lumber, boxes, barrels, bottles, cans, containers or similar material that may be permitted to remain thereon unless same shall be placed on open racks that are elevated not less than eighteen inches (18") above the ground, and evenly piled or stacked.

13-6-6 : HAZARDOUS AND PROHIBITED WASTES REGULATED:

A. Deposits Prohibited Except For Special Collection: No person shall deposit in a solid waste container or otherwise offer for city collection any hazardous wastes or prohibited wastes, except when a special collection is established by the city manager.

B. Transportation By Owner: Hazardous wastes and prohibited wastes shall be transported by the owner to a sanitary disposal project licensed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to accept such wastes.

C. Prohibited Wastes Described: "Prohibited wastes" includes, but is not limited to, waste oils, lead acid batteries and tires.

D. The City of Dubuque solid waste collection service will not collect, including but not limited to, the following materials: Industrial waste; oil soaked rags, solvents, liquid paints, acids, chemicals, or other explosive or highly combustible or flammable or hazardous materials; caustics, poisons, pesticides or herbicides; radioactive or toxic waste, biomedical waste; liquids, including motor oil; gaseous waste; septage, raw sewage, sludge and industrial process sludge; manure contaminated hay and straw or animal feces unless properly bagged; carcasses, viscera, or entrails of animals, unless properly contained, wrapped, or packaged; hot ashes; and building materials that are not bagged.

13-6-7 : VEHICLES HAULING SOLID WASTE:

A. Dropping, Sifting Or Leaking Of Load: No person shall haul any solid waste upon the streets, alleys or public places of the city unless the vehicle used for such purpose is so constructed or loaded or the load securely covered as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping or its load covering from dropping from the vehicle, except that materials may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be applied on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway.

B. Sanitary Condition: All vehicles, containers and dumpsters used for the collection and removal of solid waste shall be kept in a clean, inoffensive, and sanitary condition. All solid waste shall be handled in such a way as to prevent the scattering, spilling or leakage of same.

13-6-8 : USE OF STATE APPROVED DUMP SITE OR DISPOSAL PROJECT:

A. State Licensed Project: No person shall haul or cause to be hauled any solid waste to any sanitary disposal project, dump site or any other area unless such disposal project, dump site or other area is licensed by and in full compliance with all regulations in the state in which it is located.

B. Filling Or Excavating; Permit Required: No person shall use dirt, stone, brick, concrete or similar inorganic material for fill, landscaping, excavation or grading without first obtaining a building permit, if required by other provisions of this code, and only in conformance with all provisions of the zoning and subdivision ordinances of this code.

ARTICLE A. CITY OR PRIVATE COLLECTION SERVICE

13-6A-1: CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORITY GENERALLY:

The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to employ City owned vehicles and equipment and the necessary operating personnel to collect refuse, recyclable materials, organic waste, and bulky items and to collect fees and administer the program as provided for in this article in the City, upon the terms and conditions of this article.

13-6A-2: AVAILABILITY OF COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. Collection service is provided within to City residents and businesses as described in this Chapter. The City Manager may consider requests for service outside of city limits, at the City Manager's sole discretion.

B. Class I Premises: City solid waste collection services shall be mandatory.

C. Class II Premises: Class II premises not serviced by City solid waste collection services may apply to the City Manager for such collection services.

D. Class III Premises: Class III premises not serviced by City solid waste collection services may apply to the City Manager for such collection services.

E. Recycling Services: Class II premises not serviced by City solid waste collection services and Class III premises may apply to the City Manager for such recycling services.

F. Refusal Of Service: The City Manager may refuse solid waste collection services or recycling services because of quantities or characteristics beyond the capacity or capability to be handled efficiently or safely by City personnel and equipment.

13-6A-3: REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. All City of Dubuque solid waste customers shall use a city-issued cart for collection. The base rate gives access to a 35-gallon tipper cart for weekly refuse collection.

B. In cases where a customer may choose multiple refuse carts or a cart larger than the base rate 35-gallon cart, the customer may choose from three additional cart sizes of forty-eight (48), sixty-four (64), or ninety-six (96) gallons.

C. Excess Refuse: Official City of Dubuque single-use refuse stickers shall be applied to each additional standard 35-gallon ~~solid waste container,~~ bag~~,~~ or small item (not exceeding 3 feet by 2 feet or heavier than 40 pounds) which does not fit in the subscribed cart.

D. Electronics or items larger than 3 feet by 2 feet or heavier than 40 pounds must be scheduled as a bulky item pick-up.

E. The City Manager may require additional cart capacity if the subscribed cart is insufficient. The City shall notify the applicable account holder in writing of the additional capacity requirement, deliver the larger cart, and adjust the monthly bill.

F. All refuse placed into City-issued carts must be in tied bags.

G. Except for Class II premises, biomedical waste shall be placed in suitable containers separately from all other solid waste. Sharp objects, such as hypodermic needles, syringes, and lancets, shall be securely contained in hard plastic or metal disposable containers with screw-on or tightly secured lids for collection. Other biomedical waste, such as soiled bandages, disposable sheets, and medical gloves, shall be placed in thick disposable plastic bags or shall be double-bagged.

H. Glass and similar materials shall be placed in puncture-resistant boxes and securely closed.

13-6A-4: RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. One City owned curbside recycling container shall be provided by the City to each dwelling for the collection of recyclable materials. If additional recycling capacity is needed, a second container may be issued.

B. The following types of solid waste are curbside recyclable materials: Rigid plastics with a recycling symbol between #1 – 5, Paper/cardboard/newspaper, and metal materials (such as cans, clean foil, pans).

C. When a customer's recycling container is frequently contaminated with nonrecyclable material and violations persist, the City may remove the container and stop the weekly collection.

13-6A-5: ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. All organic waste shall be separated from all other solid waste and shall be composted on the premises or placed in yard waste collection containers for collection.

B. Any premises composting on site shall maintain all compost piles in accordance with Title 6, Chapter 4 of this Code.

C. Organic waste shall be collected according to the schedule established by the City Manager.

D. The following materials may be collected curbside: branches and tree limbs - less than 5 feet long (must be bundled), flowers and potted plants (no pots), food scraps - fruit and vegetables, peels, pits, coffee grounds, eggshells, bread~~,~~ and grain products, grass clippings, leaves, plants, weeds, brush, natural Christmas trees, bones, dairy products, meat, poultry, fish, and non-wax coated paper products.

E. Preparation Of Organic Waste: Organic waste collected by the City shall be placed in biodegradable paper bags no more than 35-gallons, bundled branches, privately owned 35-gallon containers, subscribed city-issued 64-gallon organic waste carts, or subscribed city issued 13-gallon organic waste carts.

F. Organic waste set-out in a biodegradable paper bag requires single use stickers. The bags shall be no more than 35-gallon capacity, minimum two-ply weatherized material, and designed for yard waste collection capacity.

G. Disposable organic waste bags shall not exceed 40 pounds without tearing or falling apart. Cardboard boxes or plastic bags shall not be used for organic waste collection.

H. Organic waste set out in privately owned 35-gallon cans require a single-use yard waste sticker or an annual decal.

13-6A-6: BULKY ITEM COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. No person shall place bulky items that are larger than 3 feet by 2 feet in diameter or weigh over 40 pounds out for collection except in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

B. Premises receiving City solid waste collection service are eligible to set out bulky items for collection provided the customer schedules in advance of their collection. Items which are placed out for collection which have not been previously scheduled for collection will not be collected and the property owner shall be responsible for their removal.

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A. Frequency And Time Of Collection: Collections shall be made not more than once weekly at such time and in such areas of the City as shall be determined and set out in schedules prepared by the City Manager in accordance with the provisions of this article. All collections shall be made between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.

B. Collection Schedule: The collection schedule shall not include official City holidays unless otherwise determined by the City Manager. However, a Saturday may be substituted as the collection day to replace the collection which would otherwise be made on the day of the week the holiday occurs.

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A. Alleys: Where collections are made from alleys, solid waste containers shall be placed in one location for each dwelling, in clear view and at the owner's property line abutting the alley and on the days designated.

B. Streets: Where collections are made from the street, solid waste containers shall be placed in one location for each dwelling, in clear view and in the street right-of-way on the owner's property side of the curb and on the days designated in said schedule. Such containers shall be placed so as not to interfere with vehicular and pedestrian traffic and when emptied shall be promptly removed by the owner.

C. Time Limit For Placement Of Containers On Streets: No person shall place solid waste or recycling at the street for collection more than 24 hours before the scheduled collection day. No person shall leave solid waste containers or recycling containers at the street for more than 24 hours after the scheduled collection day.

All solid waste shall be placed at the designated collection location for City collection by 6:00 A.M. on the scheduled collection day.

D. Duty When Solid Waste Not Collected: Any solid waste not in compliance with this chapter shall not be collected by the City and shall be removed by the owner within 24 hours after the scheduled collection day and stored in such a manner as not to create a health, safety, or fire hazard.

E. Solid waste collection containers stored in the right-of-way for longer than 24 hours after the scheduled collection day may be subject to removal at the property owner's expense.

F. The City may make exceptions for the storage and set out of solid waste containers for elderly or disabled persons upon application to the Public Works Department.

G. On collection days, solid waste containers shall be placed in plain view at a point within two feet of the curb or alley line.

H. If a customer would like to change the location of the normal set-out for collection, it must be approved by the City.

I. Containers must have a two-foot radius around each container, and the lid of the container must open toward the street or alley.

J. Material not intended for collection shall not be kept on or near the curb or alley line. The city shall not be responsible for any material so placed which is collected for disposal.

13-6A-9: OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS; UNAUTHORIZED COLLECTING PROHIBITED:

From the time of placement for collection as provided in section 13-6A-8 of this article, all solid waste and recyclable materials and recycling containers which meet the requirements of this chapter placed for collection by the City shall become and be the property of the City and it shall be a violation of this section for any person other than authorized personnel of the City to collect, pick up, or cause to be collected or picked up, any such materials.

13-6A-10: RATES AND CHARGES ESTABLISHED; EXCEPTIONS:

A. Refuse.

1. Base Fee and Conditions: A fee of $~~17.25~~18.11 per dwelling unit per month shall be paid to the City by the account holder for solid waste collection services. The fee shall be in payment for collection and disposal of one (1) 35-gallon City owned cart per month per cart.

2. Optional Carts: The fee for a 48-gallon solid waste cart shall be $~~19.31~~20.28 per month. The fee for a 64-gallon solid waste cart is $~~23.16~~24.32 per month per cart. The fee for a 96-gallon solid waste cart is $~~32.53~~34.16 per month per cart.

3. Alley Cart Fees: The fee for a 48-gallon solid waste cart is $~~17.25~~18.11 per month per cart. The fee for a 64-gallon solid waste cart is $~~18.76~~19.60 per month per cart. The fee for a 96-gallon solid waste cart is $~~26.92~~28.27 per month per cart.

4. Shared Carts: In multifamily dwellings, where the property owner is the account holder, the owner can opt to using shared 96-gallon carts. Each unit will be

billed the basic service, and the number of units will share one or more 96-gallon carts.

5. Single-use Refuse stickers: The fee for a single use refuse sticker shall be $2.00 and shall be applied to each additional standard solid waste container, bag, or small item.

6. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City for each removal of refuse containers from the curb.

B. Recycling.

1. For Class II premises not serviced by City solid waste collection services for recycling collection, upon approval of an application for City recycling collection a fee of $7.00 per month per 96-gallon container (or volume equivalence) shall be paid to the City by the property owner of each.

2. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City for each removal of recycling containers from the curb.

C. Organic Waste.

1. The fee for single-use brush-tie shall be $1.50 each.

2. The fee for single use stickers shall be $1.50 each.

3. The fee paid to the City by a customer of record with the City for an annual yard waste decal for a privately-owned rigid 35-gallon container shall be $40.00 each. A decal shall only be used by the customer of record with the City who purchased it.

4. The fee paid to the City for subscription to a 64-gallon City-issued organic waste cart shall be $10.00 per cart per month.

5. The minimum fee paid to the City for collection of a scheduled leaf rake out is $20.00 for a forty (40) standard leaf bag equivalent pile of leaves in the parking lane at the curb.

3. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City for each removal of organic waste containers from the curb.

D. Bulky Waste.

1. A fee of $13.00 shall be paid by the owner for each time the service is provided for up to the equivalent of three (3) cubic yards of solid waste.

2. An additional fee of $13.00 shall be paid for each additional three (3) cubic yards of solid waste.

3. A fee of $6.00 shall be paid to the City for each tire.

4. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City by the owner for each appliance collected in the service (such as stoves, microwaves, dishwashers, refrigerators, and dehumidifiers).

5. A fee of $6.00 shall be paid to the City for metal material that is larger than 2 feet by 3 feet and or heavier than 40 pounds (such as grills, bed rails, exercise bikes).

6. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City for each collection of a TV or monitor.

7. A fee of $6.00 shall be paid to the City for the collection of items with a plug in/chord per pick-up (such as VCR's, computer tower, or computer printer), Excluding TVs and monitors.

8. A fee of $20.00 shall be paid to the City for each collection requested by the for service on a day not receiving weekly collection at the service address in which the collection crew is not in that service area or is not a current weekly solid waste customer of the City.

Service Type		**FY25 Rates**
Refuse	35-Gallon Cart	$~~17.25~~18.11
	48-Gallon Cart	$~~19.31~~20.28
	64-Gallon Cart	$~~23.16~~24.32
	96-Gallon Cart	$~~32.53~~34.16
	48-Gallon - ALLEY CART	$~~17.25~~18.11
	64-Gallon - ALLEY CART	$~~18.67~~19.60
	96-Gallon - ALLEY CART	$~~26.92~~28.27
	Shared Cart Fee Per Unit	$~~17.25~~18.11
	Single-Use Trash Sticker	$2.00
	Discount for Income Eligible Customers (see Paragraph F of Section 13-6A-F)	($~~8.63~~9.06)
Organic Waste	Annual Yard Waste Decal	$40.00
	64-Gallon Cart	$10.00
	13-Gallon Cart	$1.00
	Leaf Rake-Out	$20.00
	Yard Waste Brush Ties	$1.50

	Single-Use Yard Waste Sticker	$1.50
Recycling	Recycling Only - Residential & Commercial	$7.00
Bulky Items	1 Hopper - 3 Cubic Yd of Refuse	$13.00
	Tire	$6.00
	Large Metal Material Pick-Up	$6.00
	Appliance	$20.00
	TV and Monitors	$20.00
	Electronic Pick-Up	$6.00
Miscellaneous	Off-Route/Non-Customer Fee	$20.00
	Right-Of-Way Removal Fee	$20.00

13-6A-11: CHARGES; BILLING AND COLLECTION:

A. City Billing: The City Manager is authorized to bill tenants upon the written request of the property owner and according to a procedure to be established by the City Manager. The property owner in such cases shall provide any information on each tenant's mailing address to aid in the collection of fees for City services. In all cases, the property owner shall remain liable for the payment of all charges required by this chapter.

B. Monthly Billing: All accounts shall be billed monthly. The payment of bills is subject to the terms of section 13-1C-4 of this title.

C. Unpaid Billing For Class I Premises: The collection of solid waste provided Class I premises and the maintenance of the availability of such service, whether or not such service is used regularly or not at all by the owner of such Class I premises, is hereby declared a benefit to said premises at least equal to the monthly charges specified, and in case of failure to pay the monthly charge when billed as heretofore provided, then the monthly charge shall become a lien against the property benefited or served and shall be collected in the same manner as general Property Taxes.

D. Certify Delinquent Accounts To County Treasurer: It is the duty of the City Treasurer to certify the actual rates and fees plus the costs of administration to the County Treasurer as provided in section 13-1C-4 of this title and all such costs will constitute a lien against said property and be collected with and in the same manner as general Property Taxes on said property.

E. In cases of extreme financial hardship, the City may make adjustments in the monthly collection charges as deemed appropriate. In such cases, the City may require proof of financial status or extreme hardship, as the City may deem necessary.

F. When resident(s) of a Class I premises meets the HUD "Section 8" guidelines for the size of the household may, upon application to the City Manager or designee, be exempted from one-half (1/2) the established 35-gallon refuse collection service rate. After the initial application, annual review is required.

13-6A-12: PRIVATE COLLECTION SERVICE:

A. License Required: No person shall engage in the business of removing or hauling solid waste from the premises of another person without a license to do so from the City Manager. The issuance of such license shall be in the manner prescribed and subject to the terms of title 4, chapter 1 of this Code.

B. Application For License; Fee: Application for such license shall specify the type of equipment and vehicles to be used, the routes to be traveled, the places to be served and the name and residence of the applicant. Such persons shall pay, at the Office of the City Treasurer, an annual license fee of $25.00 per year for each vehicle engaged in such business.

C. Display Of License Number On Vehicle: No person shall operate a vehicle licensed under this section unless the license number is prominently displayed on the lower portion of the driver's side of the windshield in clear view. Such license number shall be affixed to the vehicle not less than five (5) days after the day of issue.

D. Separability Of Provisions: It is the intention of the City Council that each subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, and provision of this section is separable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this section nor any part thereof other than that affected by such decision.

TO: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

FROM: Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer

DATE: April 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Stormwater Management Utility Fee Rate Change

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memo is to outline a recommendation to modify Section 13-4-5 (D) of the Code of Ordinances, thereby adjusting the stormwater utility fee rate as proposed with the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

BACKGROUND

In February of 2003, Ordinance 7-03 was passed establishing a Stormwater Management Utility and established the associated user fee. Even after establishing the stormwater utility fee, stormwater management activities were funded from several sources: 15% from the stormwater utility fee, 22% from property taxes, 5% from sales tax, and 58% from DRA distribution funds. Beginning with the adoption of the FY2009 budget, the Stormwater Management Utility has been a self-supporting enterprise fund – all stormwater management activities have been funded exclusively by the stormwater management utility and permit fees.

The Stormwater Utility was formed on July 1, 2003, to update and expand the City's aging infrastructure, comply with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, and implement the various elements of the 2001 Drainage Basin Master Plan Stormwater Management Plan (amended in 2013), which outlined improvements in both the Catfish Creek and Bee Branch watersheds. The flood mitigation improvements in the Catfish Creek Watershed have been completed. The improvements in the Bee Branch Watershed are part of the multi-phased, fiscally responsible, holistic Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project which will mitigate flooding, improve water quality, stimulate investment, and enhance the quality of life. The City's has been able to garner support from local, state, and federal partners with over $169 million in outside funding to help offset the cost of the overall $250 million project. Since 2001, the City has made steady progress on the various phases of the project.

The phases of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project are as follows:

Phase	Description	Status
1	Carter Road Detention Basin	Complete
2	West 32nd Street Detention Basin	Complete
3	Historic Millwork District	Complete
4	Lower Bee Branch Creek Restoration	Complete
5	Flood Mitigation Gate & Pump Replacement	Under Contract
6	Impervious Surface Reduction	1/3 of alleys converted to “Green Alleys”
7	Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration/Railroad Culverts	Complete
8	22nd Street Storm Sewer Improvements	Complete from Elm Street to N. Main
9	Flood Mitigation Maintenance Facility	Site Cleanup/Preparation
10	North End Storm Sewer Improvements	Initiate Design in 2028
11	Water Plant Flood Protection	Initiate Design in 2024
12	17th Street Storm Sewer Improvements	Complete from Elm St. to Heeb St.

Each of the 12 phases provides some incremental benefit. But the risk of flash flooding remains until all improvements are implemented. But it is also true that with the completion of each subsequent phase, the threat of flash flood damage is lessened, and the resulting damage will be mitigated. When complete, it is expected to prevent an estimated $582 million in damage over its 100-year design life.

The City has been able to provide stormwater management services within the rate structure established by Ordinance 16-14.

DISCUSSION

The recommended Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program Budget also includes $13,696,697 for the $28.4 million Flood Mitigation Gate & Pump Replacement Project (Phase 5 of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project). The funding for the project comes from multiple sources, including $16,390,000 in state and federal grants and $8,254,445 in state sales tax increment funding through the State Flood Mitigation Program. The funding for the project is as follows:

Fund Description	Fund Amount
Federal EDA Grant	$ 7,700,000
FEMA Grant (Federal)	7,900,000
FEMA Grant (State)	790,000
State Sales Tax Increment	8,254,445
Stormwater User Fees	1,664,964
DRA Distribution	784,052
State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan	1,452,643
Total Project Funding	**$ 28,546,104**

The recommended Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program Budget also includes $3,556,000 for construction in Fiscal Year 2028 for the Flood Control Maintenance Facility as part of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project (Phase 9 of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project). Additional funding was provided for the project design in the Fiscal Years 2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

In addition, the recommended Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program Budget includes $1,120,000 for the North End Storm Sewer Improvements as part of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project (Phase 10 of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project).

Fiscal Year 2026 will be the nineteenth fiscal year that the Stormwater Fund is recommended to be fully funded by stormwater user fees. The General Fund will continue to provide funding for the stormwater fee subsidies that provide a 50% subsidy for the stormwater fee charged to property tax exempt properties, low-to-moderate income residents, and a 75% subsidy for the stormwater fee charged to residential farms. The FY 2026 Stormwater User Fee is proposed to increase from $10.50 per SFU to $11.03 per SFU, a 5.00% increase.

	Rate Per Single Family Unit (SFU)
Fiscal Year 2021 - Adopted Per Ordinance 21-20	$8.29
Fiscal Year 2022 - Adopted Per Ordinance 10-21	$8.85
Fiscal Year 2023 - Adopted Per Ordinance 13-22	$9.00
Fiscal Year 2024 - Adopted Per Ordinance 14-23	$10.00
Fiscal Year 2025 - Adopted Per Ordinance 14-24	$10.50

Fiscal Year 2026 - Recommended	$11.03

RECOMMENDATION
I recommend amending the City Code of Ordinances to establish the Stormwater Utility Fee rate for FY26 at $11.03.

BUDGET IMPACT
The proposed rate increases to $11.03 per month for the average homeowner in FY26.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN
I respectfully request passing the attached ordinance amending Section 13-4-5 (D) of the City Code of Ordinances to establish the stormwater management utility fee rate at $11.03 starting July 1, 2025.

cc: Jenny Larson, Chief Financial Officer
Crenna Brumwell, City Attorney
Max O'Brien, PE, Civil Engineer II

ORDINANCE NO.

AMENDING CITY OF DUBUQUE CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 13-4-5 (D) SFU RATE, CHARGES; UTILITY REVENUES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA:

Section 1. That City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances Section 13-4-5 is amended to read as follows:

(D) The SFU rate to be applied to residential and nonresidential properties shall be $11.03 per SFU.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of July, 2025.

Passed, approved and adopted this 28th day of April 2025.

Brad M. Cavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

Adrienne Breitfelder, CMC City Clerk

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TO: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

FROM: Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer

DATE: April 23, 2025

RE: Five-Year Street Construction Program for Fiscal Years 2026 - 2030

INTRODUCTION

The enclosed resolution provides for the City Council approval of the Annual Five-Year Street Construction Program for Fiscal Years 2026 - 2030.

DISCUSSION

The Five-Year Street Construction Program for Fiscal Years 2026 - 2030, which is part of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Projects, includes the estimated costs for the street construction work and the anticipated year during which each project will be undertaken. The Five-Year Street Construction Program is considered annually by the City Council as part of the budget process.

When the One Percent (1%) Local Option Sales Tax referendum was passed in 1988, 30% of the sales tax revenue is designated for street-related improvements. The City is estimated to receive $20,948,902 for Fiscal Years 2026-2030, of which $20,948,902 is programmed for street-related improvements.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the City Council accept the Annual Five-Year Construction Program for Fiscal Years 2026 - 2030.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

The City Council is requested to approve this resolution for the acceptance of the Five-Year Construction Program for Fiscal Years 2026 - 2030.

cc: Jenny Larson, Chief Financial Officer

Prepared by Kerry Bradley City of Dubuque Engineering 50 W. 13th St. Dubuque, IA 52001 (563)589-4270
Return to Adrienne N. Breitfelder City Clerk City of Dubuque, 50 W. 13th St. Dubuque, IA 52001 (563)589-4100

RESOLUTION NO. -25

ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR STREET CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 - 2030

WHEREAS, a recommended Five-Year Street Construction Program for the Fiscal Year 2026 - 2030 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030, for the City of Dubuque has been prepared and submitted to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Five-Year Street Construction Program: 1) describes specific capital improvement projects; 2) provides estimated costs for those projects; 3) proposes sources of funding; and 4) schedules the fiscal/calendar year during which each project will be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the capital improvement projects for the first year of such five-year program are included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Five-Year Street Construction Program is a prudent measure to provide continuity of programs and is in the best interest of the City of Dubuque.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA:

SSECTION 1. That the Five-Year Street Construction Program for Fiscal Years 2026 – 2030 beginning July 1, 2025, set out in the Fiscal Years 2026 – 2030 recommended Capital Improvement Budget, is hereby approved and adopted as the proposed allocation of City resources for capital improvements as scheduled in the years shown, subject to annual review and revision.

Passed, adopted and approved this 28th day of April 2025.

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Brad M. Cavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

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Adrienne N. Breitfelder, CMC City Clerk

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STREET CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM 2026-2030 SUMMARY
CALENDAR YEAR 2026 / 2027
FISCAL YEAR 2026

Street	From	To	Construction Type	Cost Estimate	Funding Assistance	
14th Street Overpass Bridge	Washington Street	Sycamore Street	Design	$ 2,976,000	RAISE Grant, Fed STBG	$ 2,583,892
Wildwood Drive Bridge Replacement	Wildwood Drive	at 32nd Street	Bridge Construction	$ 375,000		
Central / White Corridor Complete Street Improvements	11th Street	22nd Street	Design and Construction	$ 1,400,000		
East - West Corridor Capacity Improvements	University / Pennsylvania	University / Delhi	Design and Property Acquisition	$ 1,010,000		
7th Street Extension to Pine Street	Kerper Blvd	7th / Commercial Street	Design and Property Acquisition	$ 900,000		
	Preliminary Cost Estimate - Annual Street Construction Program			$ 6,661,000	**Total:**	$ 2,583,892

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2026		**$ 6,661,000**
PROGRAM FINANCING:	CITY ANNUAL STREET PROGAM	$ 4,077,108
	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	
	FEDERAL STBG FUNDS	$ 690,145
	FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS	$ 1,893,747
	STATE GRANT	
	PRIVATE PARTICIPATION	
	TOTAL STREET PROGRAM FINANCING:	**$ 6,661,000**

ADDITIONAL STREET RELATED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Street	From	To	Construction Type	Cost Estimate	Funding Assistance	
Street Construction General Repairs			General Repairs	$ 120,000		
Concrete Street Section Repair Program			General Repairs	$ 25,000		
Asphalt Milling Program			HMA Resurfacing Program	$ 146,379		
Bridge Repairs/Maintenance			General Repairs	$ 50,000		
Pavement Marking Project			Pavement Markings	$ 250,000	Iowa DOT Funding	$ 25,000
		TOTAL ADDITIONAL STREET RELATED COSTS:		**$ 591,379**		
		TOTAL STREET RELATED IMPROVEMENT COSTS:		**$ 7,252,379**		

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STREET CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM 2026-2030 SUMMARY
CALENDAR YEAR 2027 / 2028
FISCAL YEAR 2027

Street	From	To	Construction Type	Cost Estimate	Funding Assistance	
14th Street Overpass Bridge	Washington Street	Sycamore Street	Bridge / Street Construction	$ 3,876,000	RAISE Grant, Fed STBG	$ 3,323,892
7th Street Extension to Pine Street	7th Street	Pine Street	Design and Construction	$ 400,000		
Central / White Corridor Complete Street Improvements	11th Street	22nd Street	Design and Construction	$ 330,000		
	Preliminary Cost Estimate - Annual Street Construction Program			$ 4,606,000	**Total:**	$ 3,323,892

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2027 — **$ 4,606,000**

PROGRAM FINANCING:	
CITY ANNUAL STREET PROGAM	$ 1,282,108
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	
FEDERAL STBG FUNDS	$ 890,145
FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS	$ 2,433,747
STATE GRANT	
PRIVATE PARTICIPATION	
TOTAL STREET PROGRAM FINANCING:	**$ 4,606,000**

ADDITIONAL STREET RELATED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Street	From	To	Construction Type	Cost Estimate	Funding Assistance	
Street Construction General Repairs			General Repairs	$ 130,000		
Concrete Street Section Repair Program			General Repairs	$ 15,000		
Asphalt Milling Program			HMA Resurfacing Program	$ 142,360		
Bridge Repairs/Maintenance			General Repairs	$ 100,000		
Pavement Marking Project			Pavement Markings	$ 260,000	Iowa DOT Funding	$ 25,000

TOTAL ADDITIONAL STREET RELATED COSTS: **$ 647,360**

TOTAL STREET RELATED IMPROVEMENT COSTS: **$ 5,253,360**

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STREET CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM 2026-2030 SUMMARY
CALENDAR YEAR 2028 / 2029
FISCAL YEAR 2028

Street	From	To	Construction Type	Cost Estimate	Funding Assistance	
14th Street Overpass Bridge	Washington Street	Sycamore Street	Bridge / Street Construction	$ 9,118,000	RAISE Grant, Fed STBG	$ 7,539,946
7th Street Extension to Pine Street	7th Street	Pine Street	Street Construction	$ 700,000		
Central / White Corridor Complete Street Improvements	11th Street	22nd Street	Design and Construction	$ 1,760,000		
	Preliminary Cost Estimate - Annual Street Construction Program			$ 11,578,000	**Total:**	$ 7,539,946

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2028 — **$ 11,578,000**

PROGRAM FINANCING:		
	CITY ANNUAL STREET PROGAM	$ 4,038,054
	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	
	FEDERAL STBG FUNDS	$ 2,045,072
	FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS	$ 5,494,874
	STATE GRANT	
	PRIVATE PARTICIPATION	
	TOTAL STREET PROGRAM FINANCING:	**$ 11,578,000**

ADDITIONAL STREET RELATED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Street	From	To	Construction Type	Cost Estimate	Funding Assistance	
Street Construction General Repairs			General Repairs	$ 135,000		
Concrete Street Section Repair Program			General Repairs	$ 25,000		
Asphalt Milling Program			HMA Resurfacing Program	$ 145,431		
Bridge Repairs/Maintenance			General Repairs	$ 200,000		
Pavement Marking Project			Pavement Markings	$ 260,000	Iowa DOT Funding	$ 25,000
		TOTAL ADDITIONAL STREET RELATED COSTS:		**$ 765,431**		
		TOTAL STREET RELATED IMPROVEMENT COSTS:		**$ 12,343,431**		

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STREET CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM 2026-2030 SUMMARY
CALENDAR YEAR 2029 / 2030
FISCAL YEAR 2029

Street	From	To	Construction Type	Cost Estimate	Funding Assistance	
14th Street Overpass Bridge	Washington Street	Sycamore Street	Bridge / Street Construction	$ 23,150,000	RAISE Grant, Fed STBG	$ 21,708,869
US20 - NW Arterial Intersection Improvements	Old Highway Intersection	Cresent Ridge Intersection	Highway Corridor / Intersection Improvements	$ 2,097,000	Federal STBG, ICAAP	$ 2,097,000
Central / White Corridor Complete Street Improvements	11th Street	22nd Street	Design and Construction	$ 1,780,000		
	Preliminary Cost Estimate - Annual Street Construction Program			$ 27,027,000	Total:	$ 23,805,869

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2029 **$ 27,027,000**

PROGRAM FINANCING:		
	CITY ANNUAL STREET PROGAM	$ 3,221,131
	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	
	FEDERAL STBG FUNDS	$ 7,628,236
	FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS	$ 15,177,633
	STATE GRANT	
	PRIVATE PARTICIPATION	$ 1,000,000

TOTAL STREET PROGRAM FINANCING: **$ 27,027,000**

ADDITIONAL STREET RELATED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Street	From	To	Construction Type	Cost Estimate	Funding Assistance	
Street Construction General Repairs			General Repairs	$ 140,000		
Concrete Street Section Repair Program			General Repairs	$ 25,000		
Asphalt Milling Program			HMA Resurfacing Program	$ 148,594		
Bridge Repairs/Maintenance			General Repairs	$ 250,000		
Pavement Marking Project			Pavement Markings	$ 260,000	Iowa DOT Funding	$ 25,000

TOTAL ADDITIONAL STREET RELATED COSTS: **$ 823,594**

TOTAL STREET RELATED IMPROVEMENT COSTS: **$ 27,850,594**

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STREET CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM 2026-2030 SUMMARY
CALENDAR YEAR 2030 / 2031
FISCAL YEAR 2030

Street	***From***	***To***	***Construction Type***	***Cost Estimate***	***Funding Assistance***	
US20 - NW Arterial Intersection Improvements	Old Highway Intersection	Cresent Ridge Intersection	Highway Corridor / Intersection Improvements	$ 3,400,000	Federal STBG, ICAAP	$ 3,400,000
Central / White Corridor Complete Street Improvements	11th Street	22nd Street	Design and Construction	$ 2,900,000		

Preliminary Cost Estimate - Annual Street Construction Program $ 6,300,000 **Total:** $ 3,400,000

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2030 **$ 6,300,000**

PROGRAM FINANCING:		
	CITY ANNUAL STREET PROGAM	$ 2,900,000
	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	
	FEDERAL STBG FUNDS	$ 2,400,000
	FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS	
	STATE GRANT	$ 1,000,000
	PRIVATE PARTICIPATION	
	TOTAL STREET PROGRAM FINANCING:	**$ 6,300,000**

ADDITIONAL STREET RELATED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Street	***From***	***To***	***Construction Type***	***Cost Estimate***	***Funding Assistance***	
Street Construction General Repairs			General Repairs	$ 140,000		
Concrete Street Section Repair Program			General Repairs	$ 25,000		
Asphalt Milling Program			HMA Resurfacing Program	$ 156,852		
Bridge Repairs/Maintenance			General Repairs	$ 250,000		
Pavement Marking Project			Pavement Markings	$ 270,000	Iowa DOT Funding	$ 25,000

TOTAL ADDITIONAL STREET RELATED COSTS: **$ 841,852**

TOTAL STREET RELATED IMPROVEMENT COSTS: **$ 7,141,852**

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TO: Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

FROM: Wally Wernimont, Planning Services Director

RE: **FY2026 Planning Services Department – Increased Fees**

DATE: April 24, 2025

INTRODUCTION
This memo transmits for City Council review and approval, a resolution supporting documentation for an increase for FY2026 Planning Services Department fees.

DISCUSSION
As part of the FY2026 budget process, the Planning Services Department reviewed the application fees charged for applications that are processed for the Zoning Advisory Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment, Historic Preservation Commission, and or reviewed by Department Services staff. A detailed analysis was conducted of all Planning Services Department fees. Planning Services Department fees are based on the cost to process applications. This involves application intake, staff coordination, applicant coordination, putting together a staff report along with supporting documentation, public posting, packet preparation, mailing notices and packets, etc.

Unified Development Code Chapter 16-3-12 Fees, requires that applications for action taken under the UDC shall be submitted along with the required fee, as established by resolution of the city council.

Attachment A is a list of proposed fees beginning July 1, 2025.

BUDGET IMPACT
Based on assumptions from previous years for the number of applications the Planning Services Department receives, it is anticipated that the increase in fees would potentially generate an additional $1,533 in revenue.

RECOMMENDATION
I recommend the attached Planning Services Department Fee Schedule be approved.

Let me know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you!
Attachment

PLANNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

City Hall, 50 W. 13th Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001 (563) 589-4210

FEE SCHEDULE

Effective July 1, 2025

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES APPLICATIONS

Billboard Inspection Fee per sign/year	$ 62
Electronic Message Sign Inspection Fee per sign/year	$ 62
Extension of Subdivision Bonding	$ 42
Flood Plain Permit	$ 190
Flood Way Permit	$ 763
Limited Setback Waiver	$ 153
Freestanding Solar Array Waiver	$ 153
Sign Permit Reviews	$ 46
Site Plan: Simple	$ 230
Site Plan: Minor	$ 410
Site Plan: Major	$ 470
Simple Subdivision (Staff Review)	$ 77
Simple Subdivision (Council Action Required)	$ 510
Temporary Use Permit	$ 184

OTHER PLANNING SERVICES FEES

Copies	$0.25/page *
Maps, Reports & Ordinances	$15 to $51/document
Verification Letter, Report (i.e. Zoning, IDOT)	$ 77

ZONING ADVISORY COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Planned District, NEW (PUD) (ID)	$ 920+ $2/notice
Planned District, AMENDED (PUD) (ID)	$ 765 + $2/notice
Plat: Minor Subdivision	$ 460 + $20/Lot
Plat (FINAL): Major Subdivision	$ 663
Plat (PRELIMINARY): Major Subdivision	$ 663+ $20 /Lot
Rezoning	$ 663 + $2/notice
Text Amendment	$ 510
Waiver from Site Design Standards	$ 460

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS

Appeal	$ 255
Conditional Use Permit	$ 561+ $2/notice
Special Exception	$ 200
Variance	$ 561+ $2/notice

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Design Review (including Economic Non-Viability & Demolition)	$ 200

*Fees higher for oversized/color copies

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RESOLUTION NO. - 25

RESOLUTION RESCINDING NO. 101-24, ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FEES, AND ADOPTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FEES AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 16 OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE CODE OF ORDINANCES, UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Dubuque, Iowa establishes by resolution certain fees for development services pursuant to the Unified Development Code, pursuant to the attached schedule of Development Services Fees for the Planning Services Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA:

Section 1. Resolution No. 101-24 and its Schedule of Fees is hereby rescinded effective July 1, 2025.

Section 2. That the attached Fee Schedule for the Planning Services Department is hereby approved.

Section 3. That the attached Fee Schedule shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

Passed, approved and adopted this day of 2025.

Brad M. Cavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk