

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, December 10, 2018, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. on the proposed Tax Levy increase. The Public Hearing will be held in the Library Meeting Room at Five Points Washington, 360 N. Wilmor Road, Washington, IL. See information below.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2018.

Patricia S. Brown
City Clerk
City of Washington

**CITY OF WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE

The regular Committee of the Whole meeting will immediately follow the
Public Hearing.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Manier and City Council
FROM: Joanie Baxter, Controller *JB*
DATE: December 6, 2018
SUBJECT: Tax Levy 2018 – Public Hearing

The public hearing for the 2018 tax levy will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The notice was in the paper and is also on our website along with an article that will be included in the newsletter later this month. In addition, social media posts have been made to provide information to the public about the tax levy and how the proposed increase translates to our residents.

I have attached a copy of the newsletter article along with an updated spreadsheet showing the chosen option.

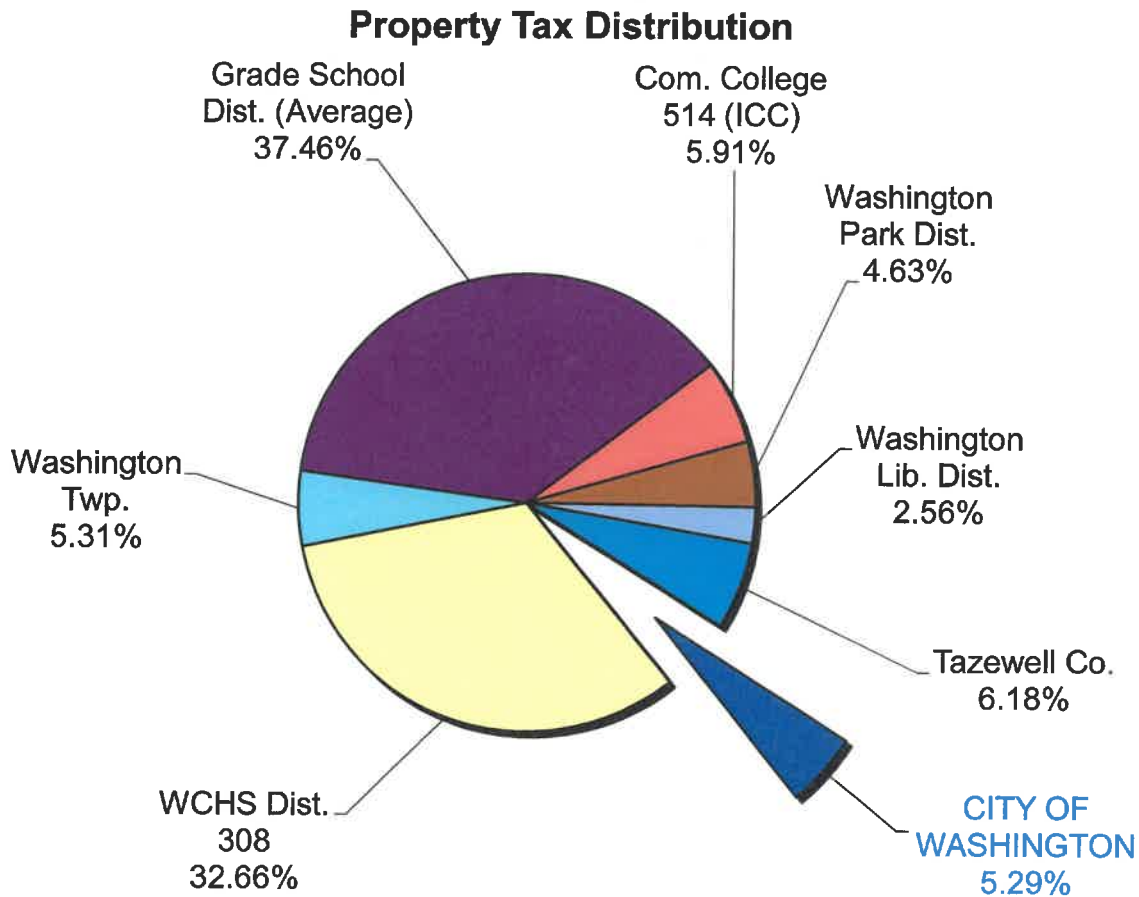
Please contact me if you have any questions about the tax levy or the attached documents.

CITY TAX LEVY AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU!

In addition to all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, December also means it is time to prepare the annual tax levy. Property taxes are one revenue source the City uses to fund pensions and other special funds such as for civil defense. A portion of the levy is also used for various General fund purposes.

The 2018 levy of \$1,647,675 represents an increase of 7.5% over the prior year levy amount. This increase will help to move toward restoring the general levy to the pre-Tornado 2013 levy, resulting in a general levy of \$336,075 compared to the 2013 levy of \$360,000.

The City's portion of property tax represents about 5% of the total tax bill. Other taxing bodies included on your bill depending on where you live are grade school, high school and community college as well as the county, township, library and park district. **The City levies only for the taxes indicated by Washington-Corp and has no control over the taxes levied by the other taxing bodies.**

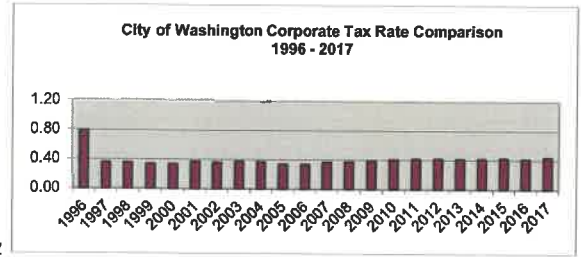


Property taxes were decreased in 1997 in response to achieving Home Rule status. At that time, the property tax rate was \$.8020/\$100 assessed valuation although the rate had been as high as \$1.2619 in 1989. The estimated rate for the 2018 levy for taxes payable in 2019 is \$.47211 based on a projected Equalized Assessed Valuation of \$349,000,000 as provided by Tazewell County.

What does the 7.5% increase mean to you? Based on the projected EAV as indicated above and assuming no changes in your individual assessed valuation, this increase would result in an **increase in the City portion of the property tax bill** (not the total bill) as follows: \$1,000 tax bill - \$3.96; \$2,000 tax bill - \$7.93; \$3,000 tax bill - \$11.89; \$4,000 tax bill - \$15.86; \$5,000 tax bill - \$19.82; \$7,500 tax bill - \$29.73; \$10,000 tax bill - \$39.64.

Property taxes are a small, but important part of revenue sources used to fund City operations, comprising 6.5% of all budgeted revenue for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Other revenue sources include sales tax, income tax, telecommunication tax, motor fuel tax, water and sewer fees, loans, grants and surplus balances. These funds make it possible to provide the services our community has come to enjoy.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES
FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY
2018 PROPERTY TAX LEVY--TAXES PAYABLE IN 2019
CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS



			Increase/(Decrease) from prior yr. EAV	
2002 RATE SETTING EAV	\$ 154,342,545	Actual		
2003 RATE SETTING EAV	167,136,747	Actual	8.3%	
2004 RATE SETTING EAV	176,947,970	Actual	5.9%	
2005 RATE SETTING EAV	201,006,532	Actual	13.6%	
2006 RATE SETTING EAV	223,223,855	Actual	11.1%	
2007 RATE SETTING EAV	250,528,233	Actual	12.2%	
2008 RATE SETTING EAV	270,622,000	Actual	8.0%	
2009 RATE SETTING EAV	291,456,522	Actual	7.7%	330,000
2010 RATE SETTING EAV	296,446,874	Actual	1.7%	330,000
2011 RATE SETTING EAV	302,711,642	Actual	2.1%	360,000
2012 RATE SETTING EAV	305,649,264	Actual	1.0%	360,000
2013 RATE SETTING EAV	312,276,092	Actual	2.2%	360,000
2014 RATE SETTING EAV	292,078,141	Actual	-6.5%	252,000 (reduced due to decrease in EAV)
2015 RATE SETTING EAV	331,654,600	Actual	13.5%	354,950
2016 RATE SETTING EAV	343,361,222	Actual	3.5%	195,550 (reduced due to increase in PPF)
2017 RATE SETTING EAV	348,171,597	Actual	1.4%	195,579

Increase in Rate Setting EAV 2017 to 2018 due to NEW BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT **\$ 3,615,550** Estimated **\$ 15,916** additional revenue due to increase in building and development

2018 PROJECTED Rate Setting EAV **\$ 349,000,000** Tentative per Tazewell Co. as adjusted due to potential BOR and Veteran's Exemptions (reported at 350,009,843)
0.24% increase in EAV

LEVY	2017
Retirement/Pension Levies	
Police Pension	535,732
IMRF	375,015
SSI/Medicare	290,027
Subtotal	1,200,774
Other	
Tort Judgments/Liability	104,034
Audit	29,003
Civil Defense	3,307
General Corporate Fund	195,603
Subtotal	331,947
GRAND TOTAL LEVY	\$ 1,532,721
TAX RATE	\$0.44022

General levy close to pre-tornado level		
2018	Proposed	
Tax Levy	Change 17 to 18	
535,300	(432)	
345,000	(30,015)	
295,000	4,973	
1,175,300	(25,474)	
104,000	(34)	
29,000	(3)	
3,300	(7)	
336,075	140,472	
472,375	140,428	
\$ 1,647,675	\$ 114,954	
\$0.47211	(Est.)	
YES		
7.50%		

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COST FOR CITY PORTION OF TAXES TO PROPERTY OWNER PER EACH \$1,000 IN TOTAL 2018 PROPERTY TAXES PAID ==>

\$ 3.96

Estimated Increased Cost to Taxpayer with a:

2018 Total Tax Bill of \$1,000	\$ 3.96
2018 Total Tax Bill of \$2,000	\$ 7.93
2018 Total Tax Bill of \$3,000	\$ 11.89
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