

ITEM #: 1
DATE: 04-09-24
DEPT: Finance

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025**

BACKGROUND:

Iowa Code section 24.2A requires a public hearing on the proposed property tax levy for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. This property tax levy hearing must occur before holding a hearing on the proposed annual budget. This new requirement, approved during the 2023 legislative session, requires the property tax levy hearing to be the only item on the agenda.

Additionally, as part of the new law, the Story County Auditor mailed individual property tax notifications to property owners, including the date and time of the hearing. The notice was also published in the Ames Tribune on March 26, 2024, and posted on the City's website and social media accounts.

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, the proposed property tax levy. No action by the City Council is required following the public hearing. The public hearing does not approve the fiscal year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 property tax levy. This action will take place with the adoption of the budget on April 23, 2024.

ALTERNATIVES:

No action is necessary. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public feedback on the City's FY 2024/25 proposed property tax levy.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

In accordance with the new state law, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council hold a public hearing on the proposed property tax levy.