

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**

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| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                            | <b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>            |
| Motion to Estimate 2025 Aggregate Tax Levy | Robin Lahey<br>Finance Director |

**SYNOPSIS**

A motion is requested to estimate the tax levy upon the taxable property in the Village in accordance with State law, which requires this action no less than 20 days prior to the adoption of the aggregate tax levy. The motion additionally directs staff to prepare ordinances to abate the preliminary tax levies related to the 2025 tax levies.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2025-2027 include *Steward of Fiscal, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This action establishes the maximum amount that the Village's tax levy cannot exceed. For this reason, it must include all potential components of the 2025 tax levy.

Those components, contained in the following table, total \$32,750,519. The process of abating, or reducing portions of the tax levy (because other sources of funding are available) will have the effect of lowering that amount to \$26,004,191 which includes the levy for the Village, Special Service Areas and the Public Library. The Village portion of the levy after abatements is estimated to be \$17,934,664. These figures are consistent with the FY2026 budget, which is tentatively scheduled for adoption on December 2, 2025.

**UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the November 4, 2025 Village Council meeting. Staff recommends approval on the November 11, 2025 Active Agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The tax levy process requires the adoption of the motion presented in advance of the following:

- Publication of Truth in Taxation Notice and Announcement of Public Hearing 11/06/25
- Public Hearing on Tax Levy 11/18/25
- Adoption of Tax Levy 12/02/25
- Abatement of Certain Debt Levies 12/02/25
- Last day to file Levy with the County 12/31/25

Annually, the Village Council is required to levy taxes for the following 1) Village Services defined as corporate/police, fire protection, police pension, fire pension, the total amount of all General Obligation (G.O.) Bond payments due for the fiscal year, 2) Library operating and 3) all Special Services Areas.

Following the levy of taxes, the Council may *abate* or reduce the levy (reduce the property tax collections) for the specific amount that the Village has other resources available to pay for debt service. The amount to be abated is determined by the budget when specific revenues such as water revenues that are identified to pay for bonds issued to improve the water system, and revenues from stormwater and capital funds that are available and budgeted for debt service.

| Levy                       | 2025 recommended levy<br>before abatements | 2025 recommended<br>levy after abatements |
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| Corporate levy             | 2,586,645                                  | 2,586,645                                 |
| Fire Protection levy       | 2,935,500                                  | 2,935,500                                 |
| Fire Pension               | 5,690,158                                  | 5,690,158                                 |
| Police Pension             | 5,750,837                                  | 5,750,837                                 |
| Capital                    | 971,524                                    | 971,524                                   |
| Debt Service:              |  |   |
| GO Bonds, Series 2014      | 1,371,625                                  | -   |
| GO Bonds, Series 2015      | 512,500                                    | -   |
| GO Bonds, Series 2016      | 177,800                                    | -   |
| GO Bonds, Series 2019      | 486,000                                    | -   |
| GO Bonds, Series 2020      | 1,827,928                                  | -   |
| GO Bonds, Series 2022      | 2,370,475                                  | -   |
| Total Debt Service         | 6,746,328                                  | -   |
| <b>Village Levy</b>        | <b>24,680,992</b>                          | <b>17,934,664</b>                         |
| Projected Village Tax Rate |  | 0.5119                                    |
| Library Operating          | 7,439,671                                  | 7,439,671                                 |
| Special Service Area #6    | 119,856                                    | 119,856                                   |
| Special Service Area #11   | 510,000                                    | 510,000                                   |
| <b>Total All Levies</b>    | <b>32,750,519</b>                          | <b>26,004,191</b>                         |

# VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Finance Director DATE: November 11, 2025  
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: N/A FILE REF: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Board or Department)

**NATURE OF ACTION:**                      **STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:**

- \_\_\_ Ordinance
- \_\_\_ Resolution
- X Motion
- \_\_\_ Other

Motion to find and determine that the aggregate levy for the Village of Downers Grove, as defined in the Illinois Truth in Taxation Law, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for 2025 upon the taxable property in Downers Grove is \$32,750,518.76. This amount is based upon an estimated levy of \$3,558,169 for corporate and police; \$2,935,500 for fire; \$5,750,837 for police pension; \$5,690,158 for fire pension; \$7,439,671 for library operating; \$1,371,625 for Refunding Bonds 2014 Series debt service; \$512,500 for Refunding Bonds 2015 Series debt service; \$177,800 for Refunding Bonds 2016 Series debt service; \$486,000 for Stormwater Bonds 2019 Series debt service; \$1,827,927.76 for Refunding Bonds 2020 Series debt services, and \$2,370,475 for Facility & Stormwater Bonds 2022 Series debt services.

The estimated levy for Special Service Area #6, Fairview Fire Protection District Special Service Area, is \$119,856 and the estimate levy for Special Service Area #11, Downtown Downers Grove is \$510,000. The estimated levies are \$0 for the following Special Service Areas: Area #4, Green Acres; Area #5, Atwood; Area #7, Dunham Subdivision; Area #8, Nelson Meadow Subdivision; Area #9, 35<sup>th</sup> & Saratoga Subdivision; Area #10 Bridgepoint Downers Grove Subdivision, Area #12, Fairview Ridge Subdivision and Area #13, Kapovich Subdivision.

A public hearing will be held on these proposed levies on November 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Downers Grove Civic Center. The adoption of the proposed levies have been tentatively scheduled for December 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Betty Cheever Village Council Chambers. Staff is also directed to prepare ordinances to abate certain 2025 tax levies.

**SUMMARY OF ITEM:**



Adoption of this motion will estimate the 2025 Village aggregate levy as shown above. This will be the subject of a public hearing on November 18, 2025.

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:**

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