



# City of Medina's 2011 Proposed Budget

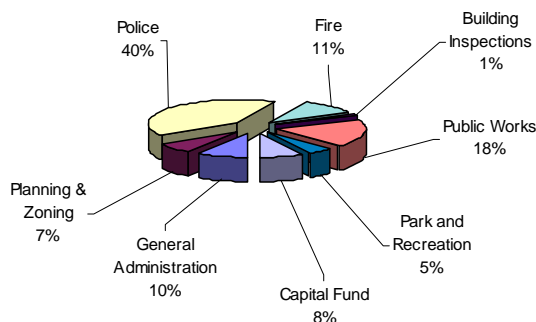
**Proposed Budget and Tax Spending.** The City of Medina's proposed 2011 budget will not increase City expenditures and is designed to maintain all existing essential services. The City's 2011 Proposed General Fund Budget is \$3,792,715, which represents a \$96,970 decrease from 2010.

For 2011, the City is limited to a *base tax levy* increase of 3.86%. The City is proposing a 1.08% *base tax levy* increase to fund basic municipal operating services and a proposed *special levy* increase of 1.42% to pay the debt service on road improvements recently completed in 2010. Therefore, the City's *total tax levy* increase is proposed to be 2.50%. The base tax levy increase is due in part to the reduction in fee revenue.

The 2010 tax levy was \$2,756,158. The proposed 2011 tax levy is \$2,825,062, an increase of \$68,904, which can be reduced, but not increased, by the Council prior to December 29th. The City will be reviewing operational options in coming months evaluate further the reduction in the tax levy further with the desired goal being no average City tax increase to property owners.

**Capital Improvement Plan.** In addition to using tax exempt bonds as a long-term strategy to fund road maintenance and capital equipment replacement, the City has created a Financial Management Plan which addresses other long-term capital improvement needs, such as a new public works facility. We suggest monitoring City meetings to keep abreast of these matters.

What Your City Tax Dollar Buys



Monthly Tax Affect on Your Home		
	\$250,000 Home *	\$750,000 Home *
General Administration	\$ 3.49	\$ 11.16
Planning & Zoning	\$ 2.44	\$ 7.81
Police	\$ 14.97	\$ 47.90
Fire	\$ 3.89	\$ 12.46
Building Inspections	\$ 0.49	\$ 1.58
Public Works	\$ 6.87	\$ 21.97
Park and Recreation	\$ 1.70	\$ 5.45
Capital Fund	\$ 2.83	\$ 9.02
Monthly Cost - 2011	\$ 36.68	\$ 117.35
Annual Cost - 2011	\$ 440.16	\$ 1,408.12

Compared to:

Monthly Cost - 2010	\$ 35.92	\$ 116.73
Annual Cost - 2010	\$ 431.00	\$ 1,400.75

\* Based on average market value adjustments

**Roads.** To fund improvements for the City's 52 miles of roads in 2010 and in the future, the City will continue the policy adopted in 2009 to use a combination of street assessments and road bonding.

**Personnel.** No new staff positions are included in the 2011 budget. Unfilled staff vacancies from 2009 and 2010 will be considered for staffing if development activity and associated fee revenue returns or other non-tax revenues support the positions. After granting no cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) in 2010, a COLA is proposed at 1% for non-union employee wages for 2011.

**Transparency In Government.** In addition to the Open House conducted in September, the City Council also held three public meeting sessions to provide information on the 2011 budget and tax levy impact on residents.

**Learn More.** Join us at the Public Discussion of the 2011 Budget and Tax Levy on Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 PM, at City Hall, 2052 County Road 24. The proposed 2011 Budget and Financial Management Plan, as well as other materials for review, are available on the City's website [www.ci.medina.mn.us](http://www.ci.medina.mn.us) under Regulations and Fees.

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