

Mayor's Message

Dear Residents of South Weber City,

South Weber City has not raised property taxes since its incorporation in 1971; that is 48 years! That means the dollar amount for the City's portion of your property tax bill has not changed much over the history of the City. What HAS changed is the percentage the City receives from your entire property tax bill. The City currently receives only 6.5% of your total bill to provide for ongoing and one-time service needs in Police, Fire, Parks & Streets!

The City Council feels a great responsibility to meet the needs for services and infrastructure of a growing population with very little business (point of sale) revenue. It is our desire to double the **City's portion** of property taxes (a 100% increase), to begin to meet the needs of our growing City and to begin to account for inflation. This would mean an additional \$139 per year on a home valued at \$327,466. The money would be used to cover the growing costs for Police, Fire, Parks & Streets currently and to better facilitate long-term planning.

A recent trend in City budgets has been to pay for increased costs of services by taking money from one-time capital projects. We were only able to budget \$21,000 of our sales tax money (what typically funds capital projects) into capital projects in FY2019. Ongoing expenses required 97.6% of our sales tax. That's not sustainable or responsible budgeting. This property tax increase will free us to keep money needed for one-time expenses in capital projects.

This decision was reached after much evaluation. We have posted a lot of information about the property tax increase on the city website so you can understand why we desire to do this. There will also be opportunities to ask questions to me, the City Council, and staff at a public open house in July. We didn't make this decision lightly and are happy listen to any concerns and answer any questions you may have.

For more information, please see the property tax page in this newsletter or go to www.southwebercity.com.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jo Sjoblom

ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE BY HOME VALUE							
Home Value	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$327,466	\$350,000	\$400,000	\$450,000
Property Tax	\$85/year	\$106	\$127	\$139	\$148	\$169	\$190
Increase	\$7.08/month	\$8.83	\$10.58	\$11.58	\$12.33	\$14.08	\$15.83

P.S. I wanted to give you an update on our work at Canyon Meadows Park. The Army Corps of Engineers has determined that wetlands in the Park have been covered by fill. They are requiring the City to remove that fill and restore the wetlands in this area. The City is working with the Corps to determine the exact wetlands area and a plan of how we will go about restoring the area. Once we calculate how much this restoration will cost, we will be able to fund this project and determine whether or not we have funds left over to use for other needed improvements to the Park. We will keep you posted.



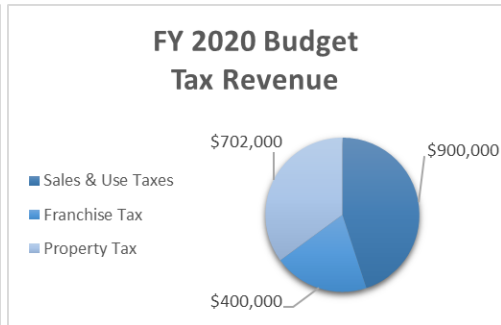
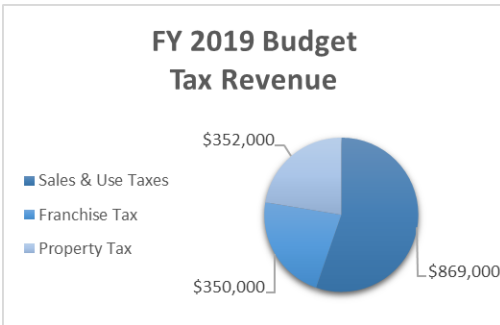
Property Tax Increase Information

South Weber City is raising the city portion of property tax to:

- provide for ongoing & one-time governmental service needs through responsible, sustainable budgeting.
- cover the growing cost of services
- to fund capital projects and support our capital facilities plans
- to plan for the future
- account for inflation

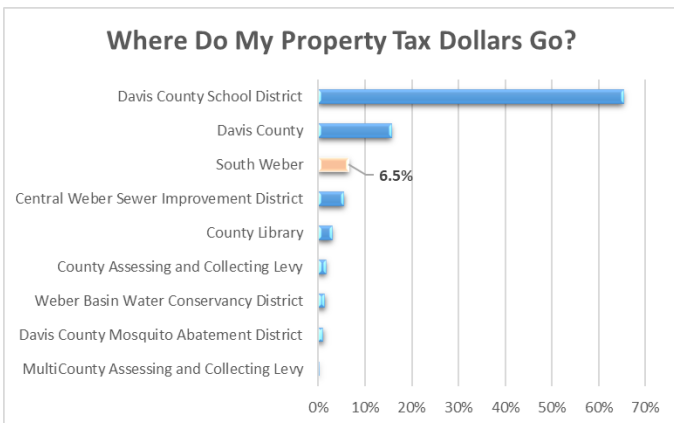
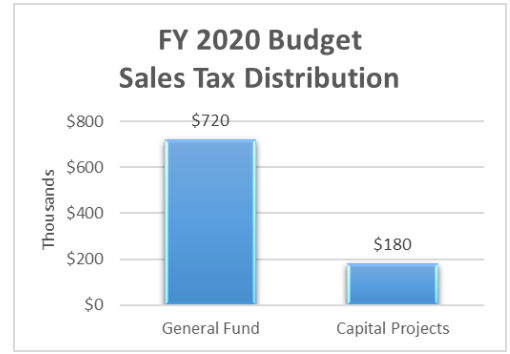
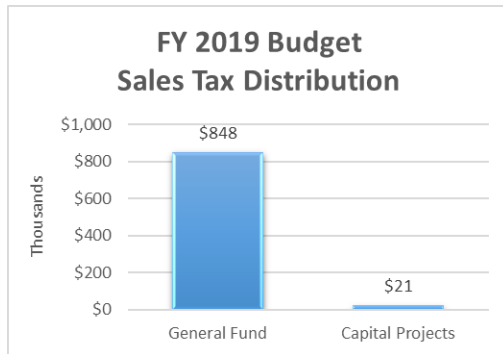


The money will be used for 3 main things: 1) progress on unfinished parks & trails, 2) construction of new roads, and 3) recent increased cost & service level in law enforcement & emergency medical services. Property tax revenue can only be used for general fund & capital projects expenditures. Using property tax money for public safety frees up sales tax to be used for capital projects.



Governmental services – police, fire, parks, court, legal, administration, planning & zoning, and streets (new construction, sweeping, plowing) – are paid for with property, sales, & franchise taxes, and various other specific fees. Property tax, sales tax, and franchise tax are the big 3 of general fund/capital projects revenue sources that can be used for more than one service. Other governmental service revenue is designated for specific purposes, such as recreation and streets repair & replacement (e.g. transportation utility fee).

The charts to the side show the total amount of property, sales, & franchise taxes for last year's budget and this year's budget, including the doubling of the property tax. You'll notice the significant reliance on sales tax, which can shift dramatically year to year depending on the state of the economy. Even with limited point-of-sale in South Weber, the city is overly imbalanced on the sales tax side.



Good budgeting practice includes providing for ongoing expenditures (Operations & Maintenance) and one-time expenditures (Capital Projects). South Weber has had to reduce the amount of sales tax going to capital projects to pay for increased ongoing costs. The chart below shows how 97.6% of sales tax went to pay for O&M and only 2.4% to Capital Projects in last year's budget. That is the lowest amount of a trend over the last 8 years. The current budget with increased property tax allows for a more sustainable distribution model divided 80/20.

The increase is scheduled to take place on property taxes due November 2019. You will receive your property tax notice in the early fall, that will show the exact amount owed with payment due in November.

Fire Department

An updated map on Firework Restrictions has been added to our website. You can see that here at the link

<http://southwebercity.com/government/departments/administration/city-recorder/land-use/maps/>

These restrictions have been set because of extreme fire risks to our citizens as well as other communities. Please obey these restrictions as well as all State restrictions for discharging fireworks. Feel free to contact our Fire Marshall Chris Tremea or our Fire Chief Derek Tolman with any questions you may have.

As the weather gets warmer, we wanted to remind you to please make sure your children are wearing helmets and other safety gear while riding their bikes. On that same note, if you are operating a vehicle, please be extremely cautious while driving in case there are children riding bikes or trying to cross the street.

Thank you!

Elections

Public Notice is hereby given to inform residents of South Weber City that there will be a municipal general election on November 5, 2019 for the following offices:

3 At-Large City Council positions (4-year term)

If a primary election is needed, it will be held on August 13, 2019.

The constitutional and statutory qualification requirements for municipal office are:

1. The person is a registered voter in the municipality.
2. The person will be at least 18 years old at the time of the next election.
3. The person is a legal resident of the municipality for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election
4. The person has not been convicted of a felony.

Interested parties may declare their candidacy for an office in person between June 3 and June 7, 2019, at City Hall with the City Recorder located at 1600 E. South Weber Dr., Monday—Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Family Activity Center

Starting June 1st and ending June 29th, buy 2 months and get the 3rd month FREE!

Senior Lunch Friday June 14th @ 1 pm.
RSVP 801-476-4445

Summer Hours are June 3 - August 24

- Monday-Friday 5 am—10 am and 2pm—9pm
- Saturday 7am—9pm.

Follow us on Facebook @ South Weber Family Activity Center

Be Aware

It is not lawful to place residential garbage in the commercial dumpsters of schools, churches, or businesses. Highmark Charter School has made us aware of repeated residential dumping in their dumpsters, and we want to remind all citizens that this is not allowed. If you have large items to dispose, please take them to the landfill.

Thanks!

High Speed Internet Survey

Should the City look into additional broadband/fiber options?

Please take the following survey to help City Council know community interest in high speed internet infrastructure.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/southweber>

Davis County Sheriff's Office

Crime Stopper Tip:

We have received a few calls from residents of South Weber about recent car break-ins. To help avoid this happening to you, please keep your garage doors closed and your cars locked even if they are in your driveway.

Thank You Judge Renstrom!

After 12 years serving as South Weber's Justice Court Judge, Reuben Renstrom will be taking a position as a District Court Judge. Thank You! You will be missed!



Judge Renstrom pictured with former court clerks Debbie Cowdin, Laurie Sorensen, and current court clerk Lisa Smith