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Common Council Approves City of Oshkosh 2026 Budget
Forward-thinking 2026 budget will decrease property tax rate for residents

OSHKOSH, Wis., November 12, 2025 – On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, the Common Council voted to approve the 2026 budget. The approved budget emphasizes fiscal responsibility, strategic investments for future growth, and streamlining local government operations.

Most notably, the approved 2026 budget lowers the city property tax rate. The tax rate for 2026 is \$7.77 per \$1,000 of assessed value, marking a decrease from the \$8.14 rate in 2025. This reduction is possible due to the growth in the tax base, fueled by past strategic investments in the city.

The 2026 budget plans for Oshkosh's strong financial future by allocating funding for key strategic investments and streamlining city operations while lowering the city tax rate. It also reflects the strategic goals set by the Oshkosh Common Council and integrates key priorities:

- Ensures the continuity of high-quality services for Oshkosh's residents and business owners;
- Creates a Communications and Engagement Division focused on strategic alignment, clear proactive communication and readily available resources;
- Makes targeted technology investments to improve the customer experience and streamline operations; and
- Focuses attention on both pressing, immediate needs and opportunities to safeguard Oshkosh's financial future.

"We greatly appreciate the support of the Common Council — and the involvement of residents — throughout the 2026 budget process," says Rebecca Grill, Oshkosh City Manager. "We're proud to have collaborated on a forward-looking budget that will fund effective city services and make key investments, all while remaining fiscally responsible."

If you have any comments or questions regarding the 2026 budget, please contact the City Manager's Office at citymgr@oshkoshwi.gov or (920) 236-5002.

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