

PARISH ORDINANCE NO. PO-025-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL SETTING FORTH AND DESIGNATING THE AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATES AND IMPOSING TAXES ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION IN THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSOR AND TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE PARISH OF LAFAYETTE TO ASSESS AND COLLECT PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2026

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Council is the governing and taxing authority of the Parish of Lafayette and is empowered by law to levy and impose ad valorem taxes on all property subject to taxation in said Parish as shown by the assessment roll for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government will include the revenues from those taxes in its budget for FY 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Council desires to establish the millage rate of the ad valorem tax levied for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on general obligation bonds of the Parish of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Council is required by the terms of Louisiana R.S. 47:1705.A to adopt an ordinance which sets forth and designates the ad valorem tax millage rates for the current tax year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: That the following millage rates are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Parish of Lafayette:

	<u>MILLAGE RATE</u>
Exempted Municipalities	1.625 mills
General Alimony	3.25 mills
Roads & Bridges	4.47 mills
Drainage District	3.58 mills
Detention and Correctional Facility	2.21 mills
Library (2017-2026)	3.12 mills
Courthouse Complex	2.51 mills
Juvenile Detention	1.25 mills
General Obligation Bonds	1.85 mills
Library (2023-2032)	1.84 mills
Combined Public Health	2.07 mills
Storm Water Management	1.24 mills
Parishwide Fire Protection	0.182 mills
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Roads & Bridges	0.078 mills

SECTION 3: The proper administrative officers of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said taxes, as

hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4: The foregoing ordinance was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the ordinance was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SECTION 5: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6: This ordinance shall become effective upon signature of the Lafayette Mayor-President, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette Mayor-President without signature or veto, or upon an override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

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EXHIBIT A
PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

Tax Roll	2024	2025	2026	
	ACTUAL FY 2025	ESTIMATED FY 2026	PROPOSED FY 2027	
Budget Year				
MILLAGE RATES:				
1				
2				
3	Exempted Municipalities (inside city)	1.625	1.625	1.625
4	General Alimony (outside city)	3.25	3.25	3.25
5	Road & Bridge Maintenance	4.47	4.47	4.47
6	Drainage Maintenance	3.58	3.58	3.58
7	Correctional Center	2.21	2.21	2.21
8	Library 2026	3.12	3.12	3.12
9	Library 2032	1.84	1.84	1.84
10	Courthouse & Jail Complex	2.51	2.51	2.51
11	Juvenile Detention Home	1.25	1.25	1.25
12	Combined Public Health	2.070	2.070	2.070
13	Storm Water Mgmt	1.240	1.240	1.240
14	Parish Fire Protection	0.182	0.182	0.182
15	Parish Fire Protection	0.240	0.240	0.240
16	Parish Roads & Bridges	0.078	0.078	0.078
17	General Obligation Debt Service	1.85	1.85	1.85
18	GRAND TOTAL	29.52	29.52	29.52
19	TOTALS:			
20	Inside city	26.27	26.27	26.27
21	Outside city	27.89	27.89	27.89
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24	NET TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION:			
25	Assessed Valuation - inside city	2,364,675,135	2,410,128,417	2,458,330,985
26	- outside city	486,110,825	491,453,694	501,282,768
27	TOTAL	\$ 2,850,785,960	\$ 2,901,582,111	\$ 2,959,613,753
28	Assumed increase	9.15%	1.78%	2.00%
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30	REVENUE AMOUNTS:			
31	Exempted Municipalities (inside city)	\$ 3,809,156	\$ 3,838,130	\$ 3,914,892
32	General Alimony (outside city)	1,566,111	1,565,280	1,596,586
33	Road & Bridge Maintenance	12,629,024	12,710,671	12,964,884
34	Drainage Maintenance	10,114,520	10,179,911	10,383,509
35	Correctional Center	6,243,884	6,284,247	6,409,931
36	Library 2026	8,308,833	8,871,877	9,049,315
37	Library 2022 (new in 2003)	5,704,572	5,232,133	5,336,776
38	Courthouse & Jail Complex	7,091,466	7,137,312	7,280,058
39	Juvenile Detention Home	3,531,695	3,554,438	3,625,527
40	Combined Public Health	5,855,325	5,886,149	6,003,872
41	Storm Water Mgmt	3,489,537	3,526,003	3,596,523
42	Parish Fire Protection	516,535	517,526	527,877
43	Parish Fire Protection	681,145	682,452	696,101
44	Parish Roads & Bridges	221,793	221,797	226,233
45	General Obligation Debt Service	5,227,042	5,260,568	5,365,780
46	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 74,990,638	\$ 75,468,493	\$ 76,977,863
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48	SAMPLE TAX BILLS-Outside City:			
49	\$200,000 home	\$ 348.63	\$ 348.63	\$ 348.63
50	\$150,000 home	\$ 209.18	\$ 209.18	\$ 209.18
51	\$100,000 home	\$ 69.73	\$ 69.73	\$ 69.73
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53	Note: Net revenue is shown to account for deductions for state retirement systems			
54	and estimated uncollectable.			
55	(a) Not subject to reassessment because this millage is for outstanding bonds.			



Internal Memorandum

Finance & Management
Chief Financial Officer (0100)

TO: Rachel Godeaux

DATE: June 4, 2026

FROM: Karen Fontenot

SUBJECT: 2026 Property Tax Levy – Parish of Lafayette

Attached for introduction at the Council meeting of July 7, 2026 is an ordinance to establish the 2026 property tax levy for the Parish of Lafayette. This information was compiled from the most recent information received from the Assessor dated September 29, 2025. A 2.0% increase in assessed valuation is projected for next fiscal year at this time.

The tax rate for the Parish of Lafayette for residents outside the City of Lafayette is 27.89 mills and 26.27 mills for residents in exempted municipalities. The total estimated revenue amount generated is \$77.0 million. Please see attached Exhibit A for a detail breakdown by purpose.

If you approve, please submit this for the July 7, 2026 Parish Council meeting agenda. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen V. Fontenot".

Karen V. Fontenot, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

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Attachments

C: Denise Deville
Tammie Andrus
Danny Gillane
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Jules Broussard, Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office
Brandi Patin, Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office

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