

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO-058-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL SETTING FORTH AND DESIGNATING THE AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE RATES AND IMPOSING TAXES ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION IN THE CITY 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 City Council, that:

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette City Council is the governing and taxing authority of the City of Lafayette and is empowered by law to levy and impose ad valorem taxes on all property subject to taxation in said City 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 City 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 City 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 City of Lafayette:

	<u>MILLAGE RATE</u>
General Alimony	5.67 mills
Streets, Roads and Alleys	1.35 mills
Recreation	2.01 mills
Public Buildings	1.18 mills
Police and Fire Departments	3.33 mills
Police Salaries and Benefits	3.00 mills
Fire Salaries and Benefits	2.00 mills

**SECTION 3:** The proper administrative officers of the City 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 City 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**SECTION 5:** All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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

CITY OF LAFAYETTE

Tax Roll	2024	2025	2026
Budget Year	ACTUAL FY 2025	ESTIMATED FY 2026	PROPOSED FY 2027
<b>1 MILLAGE RATES:</b>			
2 General Alimony	5.67	5.67	5.67
3 Streets/Roads Maint.	1.35	1.35	1.35
4 Public Buildings Maint.	1.18	1.18	1.18
5 Public Safety-Police/Fire	3.33	3.33	3.33
6 Police Salaries & related	3.00	3.00	3.00
7 Fire Salaries & related	2.00	2.00	2.00
8 Recreation Maintenance	2.01	2.01	2.01
9 <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>18.54</b>	<b>18.54</b>	<b>18.54</b>
10			
<b>11 ASSESSED VALUATION:</b>			
12			
13 Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,878,993,730	\$ 1,896,851,655	\$ 1,915,820,172
14 Assumed increase	6.70%	0.95%	1.00%
15 <b>REVENUE AMOUNTS:</b>			
16 General Alimony	\$ 10,594,896	\$ 10,755,149	\$ 10,645,446
17 Streets/Roads Maintenance	2,516,668	2,560,750	2,534,630
18 Public Buildings Maint.	2,204,945	2,238,285	2,215,454
19 Public Safety-Police/Fire	6,217,239	6,316,516	6,252,088
20 Police Salaries & related	5,601,106	5,690,555	5,632,511
21 Fire Salaries & related	3,734,077	3,793,703	3,755,008
22 Recreation Maintenance	3,751,582	3,812,672	3,773,783
23 <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 34,620,513</b>	<b>\$ 35,167,630</b>	<b>\$ 34,808,920</b>
24			
<b>25 SAMPLE TAX BILLS:</b>			
26 \$200,000 home	\$ 370.80	\$ 370.80	\$ 370.80
27 \$150,000 home	\$ 278.10	\$ 278.10	\$ 278.10
28 \$100,000 home	\$ 185.40	\$ 185.40	\$ 185.40



## Internal Memorandum

**Finance & Management**  
Chief Financial Officer (0100)

**TO:** Rachel Godeaux

**DATE:** June 4, 2026

**FROM:** Karen Fontenot

**SUBJECT:** 2026 Property Tax Levy – City of Lafayette

Attached for introduction at the City Council meeting of July 7, 2026 is an ordinance to establish the 2026 property tax levy for the City of Lafayette. This information was compiled from the most recent information received from the Assessor dated September 29, 2025. A 1.0% increase in assessed valuation is projected for next fiscal year at this time.

The millage rates for the City of Lafayette taxes will remain the same at 18.54 mills. The estimated amount of revenues generated for the City is \$34.8 million. Please see attached Exhibit A for a detail breakdown by purpose.

If you approve, please submit this for the July 7, 2026 City 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  
Alison Alleman  
Rachel Hebert  
Tonya Morin  
Justin Centanni, Lafayette Parish Assessor

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LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council setting forth and designating the ad valorem tax millage rates and imposing taxes on all property subject to ad valorem taxation in the City of Lafayette and authorizing the Assessor and Tax Collector for the Parish of Lafayette to assess and collect property taxes for 2026

2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of ordinance

3) **COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) (CIP PROGRAM/PROJECTS ONLY):** N/A

4) **REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:**

A) INTRODUCTION: July 7, 2026

B) FINAL ADOPTION: July 21, 2026

5) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

A) Memo (1 page)

B) Ordinance (2 pages)

C) Exhibit A-City of Lafayette 2025 tax levy (1 page)

6) **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Fiscal Impact (Explain)

City Ad Valorem Revenue \$34.8 million

No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED BY:



KAREN V. FONTENOT, CPA  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



RACHEL GODEAUX  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER