



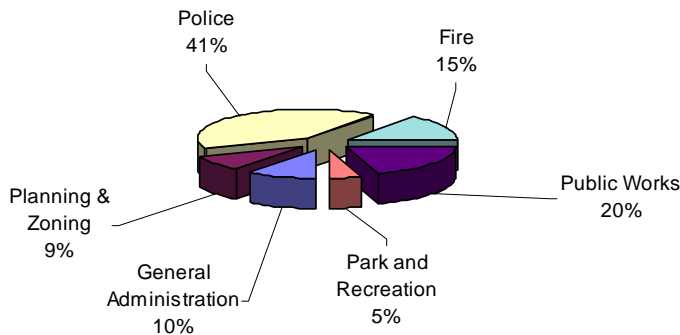
# City of Medina's 2010 Proposed Budget

**Proposed Budget and Tax Spending.** The City of Medina's proposed 2010 budget will not increase City expenditures but will maintain all existing essential services. The City's 2010 Proposed General Fund Budget is \$3,889,685, which represents a \$92,744 decrease from 2009.

For 2010, the City is limited to a *base tax levy* increase of 1.96%. The City is proposing a 1.00% *base tax levy* increase to fund basic municipal operating services and the continuation of one *special levy* of 0.15% started in 2009 to fund debt service payments for capital equipment replacement. Therefore, the City's *total tax levy* increase is proposed to be 1.15%.

The 2009 tax levy was \$2,724,719. The proposed 2010 tax levy is \$2,756,158, an increase of \$25,811, which can be reduced, but not increased, by the Council prior to December 29th.

## What Your City Tax Dollar Buys



Monthly Tax Affect on Your Home		
	\$250,000 Home	\$750,000 Home
General Administration	\$ 3.74	\$ 12.16
Planning & Zoning	\$ 3.12	\$ 10.14
Police	\$ 14.88	\$ 48.39
Fire	\$ 5.41	\$ 17.58
Public Works	\$ 7.25	\$ 23.58
Park and Recreation	\$ 1.69	\$ 5.49
Monthly Cost	\$ 36.09	\$ 117.34
Annual Cost	\$ 433.00	\$ 1,408.00

**Roads.** To fund improvements for the City's 56 miles of roads in 2010 and the future, the City will continue the policy adopted in 2009 to use street assessments of adjacent landowners and road bonding. The use of road bonding could result in an increase of your future taxes beginning in 2011.

**Personnel.** For 2010, salary adjustments have been proposed at 0%. No new staff positions will be hired in 2010. Staff vacancies in 2009 will not be filled in the Police Department and will be considered for staffing in the Administration Department and Planning Department in 2010 if development activity returns.

**Capital Improvement Plan.** In addition to using debt service as a long-term strategy to fund capital equipment replacement and road maintenance, the City has created a Financial Management Plan to address other long-term capital improvement needs, such as a public works facility. The project scope, schedule and funding options were discussed at the August 27<sup>th</sup> Open House. Following more public discussion in 2010, project approval of the public works facility in the next few years could result in an increase of your 2011 or 2012 taxes.

**Transparency In Government.** In addition to the Open House conducted in August, the City Council also held three public meeting sessions to provide information on the 2010 budget and tax levy impact on residents.

**Learn More.** Join us at the Public Discussion of the 2010 Budget and Tax Levy on Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 PM, at City Hall, 2052 County Road 24. The proposed 2010 Budget is 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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