

**RESOLUTION NO. 10553**  
**RESOLUTION TO FIX ANNUAL TAX LEVY**  
**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL TAX**  
**LEVY IN MILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING**  
**JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

**WHEREAS,** Montana Code Annotated (MCA), 7-1-114, states "(1) A local government with self-governing powers is subject to ...(g) except as provided in subsection (3), any law regulating the budget, finance, or borrowing procedures and powers of local governments...(3) (b) The provisions of 15-10-420 apply to self-governing local government units."

**WHEREAS,** The City of Great Falls, Montana adopted a self-governing charter in 1986. Article I, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Great Falls, Montana states: "The total mill levy shall not exceed that allowed to general powers cities of the first class by Montana Law."

**WHEREAS,** Section 7-6-4036, MCA, requires the City Commission to fix the tax levy for each taxing jurisdiction by the later of the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in September or within 30 calendar days after receiving certified taxable values. Certified taxable values were received August 5, 2024.

**WHEREAS,** Section 15-10-420, MCA provides:

(1)(a) Subject to the provisions of this section, a governmental entity that is authorized to impose mills may impose a mill levy sufficient to generate the amount of property taxes actually assessed in the prior year plus one-half of the average rate of inflation for the prior 3 years. The maximum number of mills that a governmental entity may impose is established by calculating the number of mills required to generate the amount of property tax actually assessed in the governmental unit in the prior year based on the current year taxable value, less the current year's value of newly taxable property plus one-half the average rate of inflation for the prior 3 years.

(2) ... plus any additional levies authorized by the voters ...

(9) (a) The provisions of subsection (1) do not prevent or restrict...(vi) the portion that is the amount in excess of the base contribution of a governmental entity's property tax levy for contributions for group benefits excluded under 2-9-212 or 2-18-703.

**WHEREAS,** Section 15-10-201, MCA, requires the City Commission to fix its tax levy in mills and tenths and hundredths of mills.

**WHEREAS,** The Department of Revenue's certified taxable value for the City of Great Falls is \$137,509,226 which equates to \$137,509 per mill; when the incremental value of the tax increment finance districts is removed the value is \$132,152 per mill. This includes \$4,411,433 or \$4,411 per mill, of newly taxable property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:**

**Section 1. - Determination of Mill Levy Limit**

- Appendix A shows the determination of the total mill levy limit of 160.96 mills.
- An additional 32.39 “Permissive Medical Levy” is allowed under 15-10-420(9)(a)(vi) for increased health insurance premiums not included in the Appendix A calculation.
- An additional 17.00 mills are allowed under 15-10-420(2) for additional voter supported mills. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a levy of up to 17.00 mills, an increase of 15.00 mills, was approved by voters for the operation, maintenance, and capital needs of the Great Falls Public Library.

**Section 2. - Tax Levy Amounts**

A 210.35 mill levy will generate:

- a. \$ 20,561,132 from the \$127,741 certified value per mill for Previously Taxable Property;
- b. \$ 710,064 from the \$4,411 certified value per mill for Newly Taxable Property;
- c. \$ 4,279,889 from the \$132,152 certified value per mill for increased Health Insurance premiums “Permissive Medical Levy”,
- d. \$ 2,246,584 from the \$132,152 certified value per mill for the Great Falls Public Library.
- f. \$ 27,797,669 in total City tax for 2024 Tax Year from the \$132,152 total certified value per mill.

This does not reflect delinquent collections or tax increments withheld.

**Section 3. - Tax Levy Required and Set**

- a. 160.96 mill levy- The City Commission has determined a \$21,271,196 tax levy, requiring a 160.96 mill levy, is necessary to balance the General Fund Budget.
- b. 32.39 mill levy- The City Commission has determined a \$4,279,889 “Permissive Medical Levy”, requiring a 32.39 mill levy, is necessary for increased health premium costs to balance the General Fund Budget.
- c. 17.00 mill levy- The City Commission has determined a \$2,246,584 tax levy, requiring a 17.00 mill levy, is necessary for the Great Falls Public Library.
- d. Total 210.35 - The City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, hereby fixes the tax levy for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at 210.35 mills.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana,  
August 20, 2024.

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Cory Reeves, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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David Dennis, City Attorney

# Determination of Tax Revenue and Mill Levy Limitations

Section 15-10-420, MCA  
Resolution 10553 Appendix A

FYE June 30, 2025

Reference Line		Enter amounts in yellow cells	Auto-Calculation (If completing manually enter amounts as instructed)
(1)	Enter Ad valorem tax revenue <b>ACTUALLY</b> assessed in the prior year <i>Year's form Line 17</i>	(from Prior \$ 20,090,008	\$ 20,090,008
(2)	Add: Current year inflation adjustment @ 2.80%		\$ 562,520
(3)	Subtract: Ad valorem tax revenue <b>ACTUALLY</b> assessed in the prior year for Class 1 and 2 property, (net and gross proceeds) (from Prior Year's form Line 20) (enter as negative)	\$ -	\$ -
(3.5)	Subtract: Department of Revenue FY2025 All Class 8 Business Property Tax Reimbursement (15-1-123 MCA) <i>*This is a new line for FY2025 only; see the Instructions tab for additional information. (enter as negative)</i>	\$ (91,522)	\$ (91,522)
(4)	Adjusted ad valorem tax revenue		\$ 20,561,006
= (1)+(2)+(3)+(3.5)			
<b><u>ENTERING TAXABLE VALUES</u></b>			
(5)	Enter 'Total Taxable Value' - from Department of Revenue <i>Certified Taxable Valuation Information</i> form, line # 2	\$ 137,509,226	\$ 137,509,226
(6)	Subtract: 'Total Incremental Value' of all tax increment financing districts (TIF Districts) - from Department of Revenue <i>Certified Taxable Valuation Information</i> form, line # 6 (enter as negative)	\$ (5,357,161)	\$ (5,357,161)
(7)	Taxable value per mill (after adjustment for removal of TIF per mill incremental district value)		\$ 132,152.065
= (5) + (6)			
(8)	Subtract: 'Total Value of Newly Taxable Property' - from Department of Revenue <i>Certified Taxable Valuation Information</i> form, line # 3 (enter as negative)	\$ (4,411,433)	\$ (4,411,433)
(9)	Subtract: 'Taxable Value of Net and Gross Proceeds, (Class 1 & 2 properties)' - from Department of Revenue <i>Certified Taxable Valuation Information</i> form, line # 5 (enter as negative)		\$ -
(10)	Adjusted Taxable value per mill		\$ 127,740.632
= (7) + (8) + (9)			
(11)	CURRENT YEAR calculated mill levy		160.96
= (4) / (10)			
(12)	CURRENT YEAR calculated ad valorem tax revenue		\$ 21,271,196
= (7) x (11)			
<b><u>CURRENT YEAR AUTHORIZED LEVY/ASSESSMENT</u></b>			
(13)	Enter total number of carry forward mills from prior year (from Prior Year's form Line 22)		0.00
(14)	Total current year authorized mill levy, including Prior Years' carry forward mills		160.96
= (11) + (13)			
(15)	Total current year authorized ad valorem tax revenue assessment		\$ 21,271,196
= (7) x (14)			
<b><u>CURRENT YEAR ACTUALLY LEVIED/ASSESSED</u></b>			
(16)	Enter number of mills actually levied in current year (Number should equal total <u>non-voted</u> mills, which includes the number of carry forward mills, actually imposed per the final approved current year budget document. <u>Do Not</u> include voted or permissive mills imposed in the current year.)	160.96	160.96
(17)	Total ad valorem tax revenue actually assessed in current year		\$ 21,271,196
= (7) x (16)			
<b><u>RECAPITULATION OF ACTUAL:</u></b>			
(18)	Ad valorem tax revenue actually assessed		\$ 20,561,132
= (10) x (16)			
(19)	Ad valorem tax revenue actually assessed for newly taxable property		\$ 710,064
(20)	Ad valorem tax revenue actually assessed for Class 1 & 2 properties (net-gross proceeds)		\$ -
(21)	Total ad valorem tax revenue actually assessed in current year		\$ 21,271,196
= (18) + (19) + (20)			