



**Item:** Resolution 9752 – Annual Tax Levy  
**From:** Gregory T. Doyon, City Manager  
**Initiated By:** Taxable Valuations from the Montana Department of Revenue  
**Presented By:** Melissa Kinzler, Budget Officer  
**Action Requested:** Adopt Resolution

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (adopt/deny) Resolution 9752.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

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**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 9752 to fix the annual tax levy.

**Background:** We received the taxable valuation for the City of Great Falls from the Department of Revenue. Accordingly, the City can now compute and set its annual mill levy.

The public hearing on our Intent to Increase Property Taxes by 3.83% was held on July 15, 2008, in accordance with MCA 15-10-203.

The total mill levy for 2008 is 162.76 mills totaling \$11,714,330. This includes mill levies of 6.84 mills for soccer park and swimming pool debt service payments which is \$492,295 of the \$11.7 million.

The total mill levy for 2007 generated revenue of \$10,993,027. The differences between the mill levy of \$11.7 million and \$10.9 million are:

- \$301,276 for newly taxable property,
- \$186,756 for inflation and changes in revenue from the state,
- \$208,617 for the increase in the “Permissive Medical Levy”, and,
- \$ 24,654 for the increase in the revenue needed for the swimming pool debt payment.

Section 15-10-202, MCA requires the Montana Department of Revenue to send certification to each taxing authority of the total taxable value within the jurisdiction of the taxing authority by the first Monday of August.

The statement, and the certified millage are necessary for the City to determine compliance with MCA 15-10-420.

Section 7-6-4036, MCA, Fixing tax levy, provides:

- (1) The governing body shall fix the tax levy for each taxing jurisdiction within the county or municipality:
  - (a) by the later of the second Monday in August or within 45 calendar days after receiving certified taxable values;
  - (b) after the approval and adoption of the final budget; and
  - (c) at levels that will balance the budgets as provided in 7-6-4034.
- (2) Each levy:
  - (a) must be made in the manner provided by 15-10-201; and
  - (b) except for a judgment levy under 2-9-316 or 7-6-4015, is subject to 15-10-420.

**Concurrences:** The Fiscal Year 2009 Budget was adopted July 15, 2008, with the 3.83% increase in property tax increase included. Setting the mill levy for Tax Year 2008 is the last step in the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2009 City of Great Falls Budget.

**Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal impact of the proposed increases for inflation and the permissive mill levy for a residential home with a taxable market value of \$100,000 would be approximately \$16.33 a year. The General Fund had an estimated increase of \$298,663 for newly taxable property in the adopted Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. The Montana Department of Revenue's value of newly taxable property was \$2,138,981, which translates into \$301,276 of revenue.

**Alternatives:** State law requires that the City adopt a Fiscal Year 2009 which includes setting the annual mill levy amounts on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in August or 45 days after receiving taxable valuation from the Montana Department of Revenue.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Tax Levy Resolution 9752 with Appendix A showing the tax calculation worksheet.