

**MEMORANDUM  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mr. Thomas E. Thomas, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Property Tax Levy Ordinance

**Number:** 029 – 14  
**Date:** 12-04-13

Work has begun on preparing the City's budget for April through December of 2014 but is not yet finalized. As we have done in prior years, staff is recommending we pass this ordinance for the maximum rate of 4.99% thus not requiring a public hearing. Due to the timing requirement for filing this ordinance in December, and given the City's budgeting process has not been completed, we are not far enough along in this process to determine what tax rate should be recommended. By passing this maximum rate, it allows staff to finish the budget preparation, and present this budget to Council. The tax rate can be decreased until March, however, it cannot be increased.

Attached is the proposed property tax levy ordinance. The proposed property tax rate will change from \$2.40 to \$2.59. Property tax revenue received in calendar year 2014 will increase by \$549,302 or 4.99%.

	Tax extension for collections in FY 2014	Proposed levy Dec. 2013	Difference	Percent Change
General fund	2,723,349	3,004,626	281,277	10.33%
Police Pension	2,301,409	2,420,576	119,167	5.18%
Firefighter's Pension	2,030,816	2,185,743	154,927	7.63%
Total General Fund	7,055,574	7,610,945	555,371	7.87%
Library	1,970,277	1,970,277	0	0.00%
Park	1,752,886	1,752,886	0	0.00%
Public Benefit	229,315	223,245	(6,070)	(2.65%)
Total	11,008,052	11,557,353	549,301	4.99%
Projected EAV	458,630,631	446,489,440	(12,141,191)	(2.65%)
Tax rate	2.4002	2.5885	0.1883	7.84%

**Recommendation:**

Council consider, suspend the rules, and pass the property tax levy ordinance providing \$11,557,354 in property taxes for collection in calendar year 2014.

**Submitted by:** Cindy Parchert, Finance Director  
Donald Reichert, Budget Coordinator

**Approved:** Thomas E. Thomas, City Manager

## Property Tax Levy Ordinance no.

An ordinance providing for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes for the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning the first day of April, 2013 and ending the thirty-first day of March, 2014. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property of the City of Rock Island for the fiscal year beginning the first day of April, 2013 and ending the thirty-first day of March, 2014, the sum of eleven million, five-hundred fifty-seven thousand, three hundred fifty-three dollars, (\$11,557,353) being the total of the budgeted amounts determined to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the fiscal year of the City of Rock Island. The specific amounts are levied for the purposes listed below, indicated by being placed in a separate column designated "Amount Raised by Taxation", which item appears at the right hand column of this ordinance. The tax so levied is for the fiscal year of the City of Rock Island, and is for the budgeted amounts to be raised by taxation, the total of which has been determined as follows:

	Budget 2013/14	Amount raised by other than taxation	Amount raised by taxation
General Fund:	36,438,308	33,433,682	3,004,626
Police Pension	3,585,954	1,165,378	2,420,576
Fire Pension	3,640,400	1,454,657	2,185,743
Library	2,533,389	563,112	1,970,277
Park	7,631,707	5,878,821	1,752,886
Debt Service	17,767,578	17,544,333	223,245
Total	71,597,336	60,039,983	11,557,353
TIF District #1	4,571,878	4,571,878	0
TIF District #2	697,252	697,252	0
TIF District #3	619,734	619,734	0
TIF District #4	2,080,628	2,080,628	0
TIF District #5	26,408	26,408	0
Community Development	5,663,645	5,663,645	0
TIF District #7	45,250	45,250	0
M.L.K. Center	230,473	230,473	0
Motor Fuel Tax	1,112,335	1,112,335	0
Foreign Fire Insurance	40,000	40,000	0
Riverboat Gaming	5,999,917	5,999,917	0
State Drug Prevention	299,470	299,470	0
DUI Fine Law	16,255	16,255	0
Court Supervision	48,543	48,543	0
US Dept of Justice Grant	19,000	19,000	0
Block Grant	1,154,559	1,154,559	0
Federal Drug Prevention	18,000	18,000	0
Schwiebert Park Boat Dock	1,696,564	1,696,564	0
Ridgewood Business Park	2,667,446	2,667,446	0
DARE	9,390	9,390	0

	Budget 2013/14	Amount raised by other than taxation	Amount raised by taxation
Police Contributions	9,245	9,245	0
RI Auxiliary Police	3,000	3,000	0
Labor Day Parade	12,227	12,227	0
Adopt-A-School	1,750	1,750	0
Capital Improvements	9,001,963	9,001,963	0
Water	6,350,582	6,350,582	0
Water Capital 2010A BAB	597,000	597,000	0
Wastewater	32,552,006	32,552,006	0
Stormwater	1,720,965	1,720,965	0
Sunset Marina	900,979	900,979	0
CDBG Loan Programs	59,439	59,439	0
CIRLF Loan Programs	385,177	385,177	0
Community & Econ Dev. Loans	150,300	150,300	0
MPF Endowment Loans	6,000	6,000	0
USEPA Brownfields Loans	76,000	76,000	0
Fleet Services	3,470,865	3,470,865	0
Engineering	1,442,775	1,442,775	0
Hydropower Plant	298,711	298,711	0
Self-Insurance	1,340,534	1,340,534	0
Health Insurance	5,604,991	5,604,991	0
Cafeteria Plan	85,600	85,600	0
MLK Activity	245,148	245,148	0
Department of Human Services	344,159	344,159	0
MLK Capital Contribution	12,000	12,000	0
Total all funds	163,285,499	151,728,146	11,557,353
Eliminations	-29,302,903		
Net Total	133,982,596		

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, insofar as they do so conflict.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as required by law.

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Mayor of the City of Rock Island

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk