

Budget Adoption Process



Fiscal Year 2026

Budget Public Hearings

August 4, 11 & 18, 2025

Montana State law requires noticed public hearings for these items:

- Annual Appropriations
- Permissive Medical Levy
- Fee increases
- Budgets and Work Plans:
 - Road District
 - Park District
 - Missoula Local Government Building Special District (aka Federal Building)
 - Tourism Business Improvement District
 - Downtown Business Improvement District

Resolutions to Approve

Approval on August 18, 2025

Resolutions Fixing the Annual Appropriations and the Capital Improvement Program for the City of Missoula as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Capital Improvement Program including the Workplans and Budgets for:

- Park District 1 & Road District
- Tourism Business Improvement District
- Business Improvement District
- Missoula Local Government Building Special District

Resolutions Levying General and Special Taxes and Assessments

- Levying Taxes for Municipal and Administrative Purposes
- Park District, Road District, TBID, BID
- Street Maintenance & Street Lighting Improvement Districts

Resolutions Adopting Fees

Resolution Establishing the Method of Levying Voted Mills - SB542

Approval on August 18, 2025

Provides for a one-time choice for local governments to continue using mills or transitioning to levies

Reasons to support change from Mills to Dollars

Short term:

Mill values decreased 4.4%, so there would be a reduction in revenues to Conservation Lands Maintenance Levy and the Fire Levy

Long term:

Predictability and consistency – this will change the fixed mill levies to be calculated the same way as the general mill levy and subject to the same rules and limitations. This will be a more predictable stream of revenues and less subject to changes in market value (up or down) based on economic conditions, legislative policy changes, or other factors.