



# **THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON**

**2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET CHALLENGES**

**May 12, 2025**



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## INITIALLY ANTICIPATED Increases for the 25/26 Fiscal Year

	Challenge Category	24/25 FY Final Budget	25/26 FY INITIAL Estimate	Year-over-Year Change		Comments
				Dollar Increase	Percentage Increase	
1.	Oakland County Police Services	\$157,550	\$181,183	\$23,633	15.0%	Increases directed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners
2.	Oakland County Assessing Services	\$8,600	\$12,906	\$4,306	50.1%	Increases directed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners
3.	New City Attorney	\$30,000	\$39,475	\$9,475	31.6%	Hourly increase from \$95 to \$200 anticipated
4.	Building and Inspection Services	\$19,665	\$36,000	\$16,335	83.1%	New retainer fee schedule
5.	Administrative Staff Salaries	\$131,793	\$182,853	\$51,060	38.7%	Recommendation from the Rahmberg Stover & Associates Salary Study
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$347,608</b>	<b>\$452,417</b>	<b>\$104,809</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>Overall, a 30.2% increase for these five categories or \$105K</b>





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## REVISITED / MODIFIED Increases for the 25/26 Fiscal Year

	Challenge Category	24/25 FY Final Budget	25/26 FY MODIFIED Estimate	Year-over-Year Change		Comments
				Dollar Increase	Percentage Increase	
1.	Oakland County Police Services	\$157,550	\$178,667	\$21,117	13.4%	The tentative agreement with Independence Twp reduces the year-over-year increase by \$2,516
2.	Oakland County Assessing Services	\$8,600	\$12,906	\$4,306	50.1%	Currently exploring an agreement with Independence Twp that will largely eliminate this increase
3.	New City Attorney	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	0.0%	Based on the completed City Attorney candidate interviews, it is felt that no budget increase is
4.	Building and Inspection Services	\$19,665	\$30,000	\$10,335	52.6%	A tentative agreement with Independence Twp reduces the year-over-year increase by \$6,000
5.	Administrative Staff Salaries	\$131,793	\$168,676	\$36,883	28.0%	Modifications to the salary proposal have reduced the year- over-year increase by \$14,177.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$347,608</b>	<b>\$420,249</b>	<b>\$72,641</b>	<b>20.9%</b>	<b>Overall, the proposed modifications, have reduced the year-over-year increase by</b>



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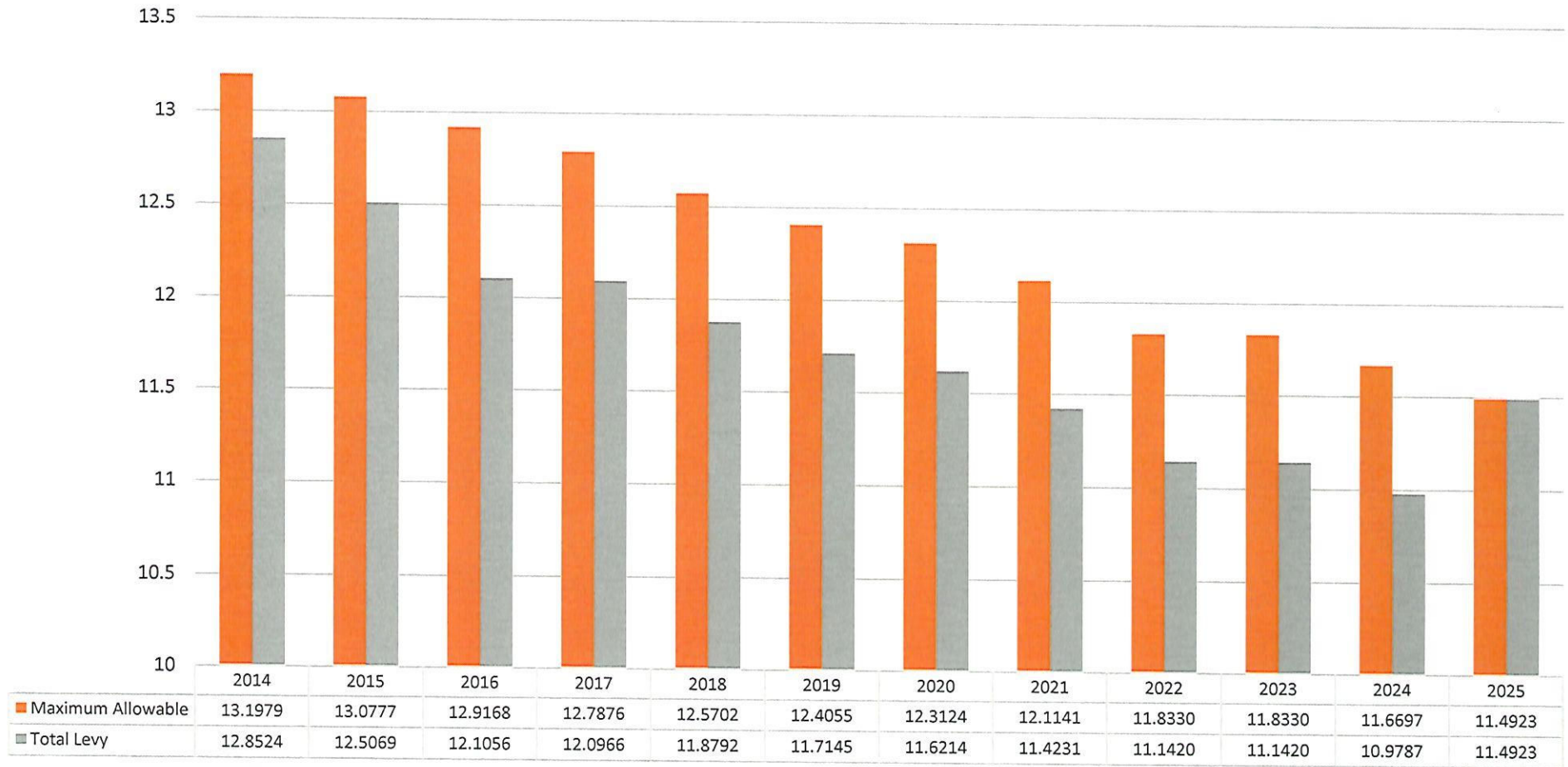
## **To Fund the \$72,641 Increase, it is Proposed that the Current Library Millage Reduction of 0.691 mills be Removed**

- In August 2014, Independence Township and City of the Village of Clarkston voters approved a 1.25 millage to support the Clarkston Independence District (CID) Library.
- To show support for the new millage and partially offset the cost to taxpayers, City Council approved a resolution to reduce the City millage by .691 mills.
- Since its passage in 2014, the City millage reduction has returned \$339K to the voters.
- If continued in 2025, the reduction will equate to \$43.9K.
- To assist with the current Budget Challenges, it is proposed that the millage reduction be removed.
- The proposed elimination of the reduction will increase the average annual tax bill in the City by just \$99.59.
- The proposed elimination will not in any way impact the CID Library revenue.





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Source: Oakland County Assessors Office