



City of Mount Dora
510 North Baker Street
Mount Dora, Florida 32757
352-735-7126

Mount Dora City Council
Mount Dora City Hall Board Room
510 North Baker Street, Mount Dora, Florida 32757
September 3, 2025, 6:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2025-20**, Tentative Millage Rate
2. Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2025-21**, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

ADJOURNMENT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE AT THIS MEETING WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ANY MEETING OR HEARING, SUCH PERSON MAY NEED A RECORD OF THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, A PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. VERBATIM RECORD WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA.

NOTICE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDINGS. TELEPHONE (352) 735-7126 FOR ASSISTANCE. IF HEARING IMPAIRED, TELEPHONE THE FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE NUMBERS, (800) 955-8771 (TDD) OR (800) 955-8770 (VOICE) FOR ASSISTANCE.



510 N. Baker St.
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DATE: September 3, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2025-20**, Tentative Millage Rate

Introduction:

This is a request for the City Council to approve Resolution No. 2025-20, Tentative Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Discussion:

Florida Statutes, including Section 200.065, require the City Council to adopt a tentative millage rate before adopting the tentative budget and to comply with applicable legal procedures. The Lake County Property Appraiser has certified the gross taxable value of property for operating purposes within the City of Mount Dora as \$2,168,798,290 and has certified a rolled-back rate of \$6.0523 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

The City Council of the City of Mount Dora, Florida, hereby proposes a tentative millage rate of 6.3000 mills on all real and personal property, railroads, and communication lines within the city for operational purposes. The proposed rate represents a 9.05% change from the rolled-back rate of \$6.0523 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

Budget Impact:

The tentative millage rate establishes ad valorem revenue for the General Fund for FY 2025-2026. Based on 95% budgeting, the estimated proceeds total approximately \$12,980,258.

Strategic Impact:

The proposed budget supports and advances the City's Strategic Initiatives:

- Promote Economic Development
- Beautify Mount Dora
- Strengthen and Expand Infrastructure
- Provide High-Quality Services
- Invest in Fiscal and Human Resources.

Objective 13.2: Maximize the use of restricted funds to their full legal and strategic capacity.

In accordance with the Mount Dora Code of Ordinances, Charter Article V:

Section 23(e): The City Manager is responsible for preparing, submitting, and administering the annual budget.

Section 23(g): The City Manager shall advise the City Council on the financial condition and future needs of the City.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2025-20, adopting the Tentative Millage Rate of 6.3000 mills for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Attachment(s):

1. MD - Res 2025-20 Tentative Millage Rate (CLEAN 08.27.2025)

Prepared by: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Reviewed by:

Matthew Dodson, Budget Officer

Steven Weber, Finance Director

City Attorney, City Attorney

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Approved - 8/26/2025

Approved - 8/26/2025

Approved - 8/27/2025

Approved - 8/27/2025

Final Approval - 8/27/2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE; PROVIDING FOR A FINAL BUDGET HEARING; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER’S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, after conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, the City of Mount Dora adopted Resolution No. 2025-16 certifying the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2025-26, as required by Fla. Stat. § 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Property Appraiser has delivered notice of the City’s proposed property tax to each taxpayer for which the City of Mount Dora is the taxing authority; and

WHEREAS, following a review of the tentative budget as submitted, the City of Mount Dora has determined that a millage rate of 6.3000 mills is necessary to produce sufficient revenue to fund the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Mount Dora, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The City has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes and Percentage Increase. The City hereby tentatively levies the millage rate specified and hereby states the percent, if any, by which the tentative millage rate exceeds the rolled back millage rate, as follows:

| Taxing Entity | Tentative Millage Rate | Rolled Back Millage Rate | Percentage Increase Over/ (Under) the Rolled Back Rate |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| General Fund | 6.3000 Mills | 6.0523 | 9.05% |

SECTION 3. Final Budget Public Hearing. The final public hearing related to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget adoption process is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., and will be held at 510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, Florida 32757, where interested parties may appear and address the City Council on budget-related matters.

SECTION 4. Implementation of Administrative Actions. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as deemed necessary and appropriate in order to implement the provisions of this Resolution. The City Manager may, as deemed appropriate, necessary, and convenient, delegate the powers of implementation as herein set forth to such City employees as deemed effectual and prudent.

SECTION 5. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the City of Mount Dora pertaining to the adoption of the tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2025-26, which is the subject of this Resolution, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 6. Scrivener's Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the City Clerk and City Attorney, may be corrected.

SECTION 7. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September 2025.

JAMES HOMICH, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora

ATTEST:

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

**For the use and reliance of the City of
Mount Dora only.**

Patrick Brackins, City Attorney



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DATE: September 3, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2025-21**, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Introduction:

This is a request for the City Council to approve Resolution No. 2025-21, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Discussion:

The City Council has followed all applicable procedures and requirements under Florida law in the preparation of this resolution. In accordance with the City Charter and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, the Council is being asked to adopt the Tentative Budgets for the General Fund, Enterprise Funds, and all other related funds and Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) in the total amount of \$139,806,329, as presented in Exhibit “A” attached to Resolution No. 2025-21.

Pursuant to Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, the City Council must adopt a Tentative Millage Rate before approving the Tentative Budget and must comply with all related statutory provisions.

Budget Impact:

Resolution No. 2025-21 establishes the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025–2026, covering all major funds including:

- General Fund
- Special Revenue Funds
- Debt Service Funds
- Capital Improvement Funds
- Enterprise Funds
- Internal Service Funds

Total Proposed Budget: \$139,806,329.

Strategic Impact:

Strategic Initiative 1: Promote Economic Development

Strategic Initiative 2: Beautify Mount Dora

Strategic Initiative 3: Strengthen and Expand Mount Dora’s Infrastructure

Strategic Initiative 4: Provide High-Quality Services

Strategic Initiative 5: Invest in Fiscal and Human Resources

Objective 13.2 Use restricted funds to fullest ability.

In accordance with the Mount Dora Code of Ordinances, Charter Article V:

Section 23(e): The City Manager is responsible for preparing, submitting, and administering the annual budget.

Section 23(g): The City Manager shall advise the City Council on the financial condition and future needs of the City..

Recommendation:

City Council to approve Resolution No. 2025-21 approving the Tentative Budget for all funds.

Attachment(s):

1. MD - Res 2025-21 Tentative Budget
2. Tentative Exhibit A 25-26

Prepared by: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Reviewed by:

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Steven Weber, Finance Director

City Attorney, City Attorney

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26; PROVIDING FOR A FINAL BUDGET HEARING; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Mount Dora recommended a tentative annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26, which begins on October 1, 2025, and ends on September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Dora held budget work sessions on June 9, 2025, July 7, 2025, July 21, 2025, and August 25, 2025, for the purpose of reviewing and, where appropriate, revising the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and

WHEREAS, Fla. Stat. § 200.065 requires the City Council to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the tentative millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2025, after having first adopted a resolution establishing a tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2025-26, the City of Mount Dora held a public hearing and considered adoption of its tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and

WHEREAS, during the course of said public hearing, all persons desiring to voice objections or make comments relating to the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 were given an opportunity to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Mount Dora, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The City has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Approval of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. Pursuant to the City of Mount Dora Charter and Florida Statute Chapters 166 and 200, the City of Mount Dora hereby adopts the various tentative budgets for Fiscal Year 2025-26 as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

SECTION 3. Final Budget Public Hearing. The final public hearing related to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget adoption process is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., and will be held at 510 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, Florida 32757, where interested parties may appear and address the City Council on budget-related matters.

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EXHIBIT A
City of Mount Dora
Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Exhibit "A"

TENTATIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026

| FUND | REVENUE | EXPENSES | Variance |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 001 - General Fund | \$ 34,082,515 | \$ 34,082,515 | \$ - |
| 111 - Discretionary Sales Tax | \$ 2,120,200 | \$ 2,120,200 | \$ - |
| 117 - Community Redevelopment Agency | \$ 3,125,820 | \$ 3,125,820 | \$ - |
| 118 - Northeast Community Redevelopment Agency | \$ 12,145,504 | \$ 12,145,504 | \$ - |
| 123 - Protective Inspections | \$ 2,039,220 | \$ 2,039,220 | \$ - |
| 124 - Police Impact Fee | \$ 163,000 | \$ 163,000 | \$ - |
| 125 - Fire Impact Fee | \$ 116,000 | \$ 116,000 | \$ - |
| 126 - Library Impact Fee | \$ 360,500 | \$ 360,500 | \$ - |
| 127 - Parks Impact Fee | \$ 540,000 | \$ 540,000 | \$ - |
| 131 - Fire Assessment Fee | \$ 6,133,652 | \$ 6,133,652 | \$ - |
| 150 - Cemetery | \$ 89,645 | \$ 89,645 | \$ - |
| 200 - Debt Service | \$ 1,246,163 | \$ 1,246,163 | \$ - |
| 310 - Capital Construction | \$ 16,308,500 | \$ 16,308,500 | \$ - |
| 410 - Electric | \$ 12,987,660 | \$ 12,987,660 | \$ - |
| 415 - Electric Construction | \$ 867,500 | \$ 867,500 | \$ - |
| 421 - Water / Wastewater Utility | \$ 18,135,710 | \$ 18,135,710 | \$ - |
| 422 - Wastewater Impact Fee | \$ 4,000,000 | \$ 4,000,000 | \$ - |
| 423 - Water Impact Fee | \$ 1,910,000 | \$ 1,910,000 | \$ - |
| 425 - Water / Wastewater Construction | \$ 6,839,250 | \$ 6,839,250 | \$ - |
| 430 - Sanitation Utility | \$ 3,507,506 | \$ 3,507,506 | \$ - |
| 440 - Stormwater Utility | \$ 2,807,751 | \$ 2,807,751 | \$ - |
| 445 - Stormwater Construction | \$ 1,206,700 | \$ 1,206,700 | \$ - |
| 500 - Public Works Complex | \$ 1,415,714 | \$ 1,415,714 | \$ - |
| 501 - Vehicle Replacement | \$ 482,200 | \$ 482,200 | \$ - |
| 510 - Self Insured Health | \$ 6,004,116 | \$ 6,004,116 | \$ - |
| 515 - Property & Casualty & Workers Compensation | \$ 1,171,503 | \$ 1,171,503 | \$ - |
| Total City Wide Budget | <u>139,806,329</u> | <u>139,806,329</u> | <u>-</u> |