

## 2016 Property Tax Update

In September, the Tonka Bay City Council adopted a preliminary tax levy for 2016 of \$1,065,752. This is an increase of \$17,186.00 or 1.64% over last year's budget.

Specifically, the tax increase will pay for our share of one additional full-time police officer for the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department and pay for union employee wages previously negotiated.

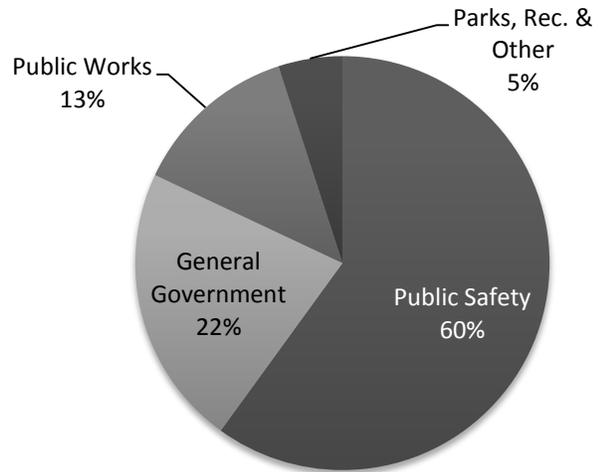
The specific changes in city taxes vary from home to home and depend upon the change in a home's taxable value from 2014 to 2015.

### 2016 City Budget

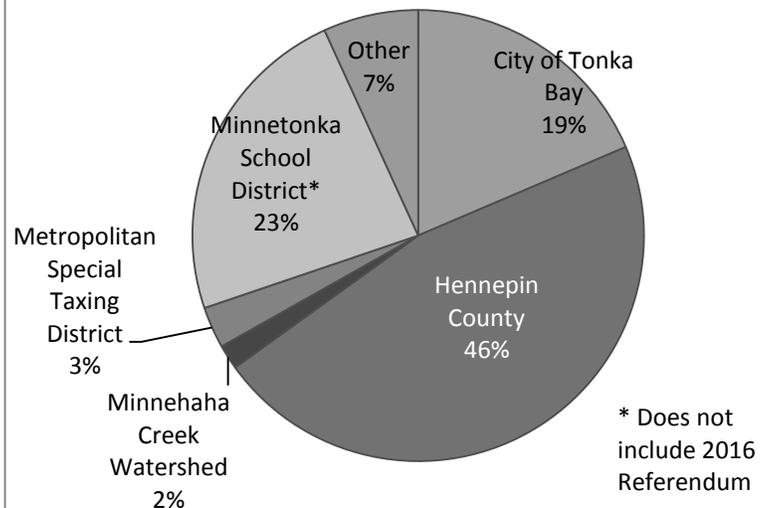
Next year's city budget dollars also support general seal coating, striping and sealing, and street patching to our local streets, provide funds to perform needed maintenance and renovations to the aging city hall windows and Manitou Park parking lot, dedicate resources to maintain our parks and the beautification of the city, and finally update the Comprehensive Plan which is required by the Metropolitan Council.

Contact City Administrator Lindy Crawford at [lcrawford@cityoftonkabay.net](mailto:lcrawford@cityoftonkabay.net) or 952-474-7994 with your thoughts. Your input will be collected and used to refine future budgets presented to the City Council.

### 2016 Tonka Bay Property Tax Breakdown



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## 2016 Water and Sewer Rates Increase

In November, the City Council discussed and approved a preliminary increase of \$9.25 to the water base rate and an increase of \$2 to the sewer base rates. The increases are the same for both residential and commercial properties.

### Water Rates

Base Rate (residential and commercial) - \$15.75 to \$25.00 per quarter

This proposed increase is approximately \$37.00 annually to each household and business. The increase is necessary to fund needed maintenance, repairs and improvements to our aging water treatment plant and delivery system. Our city's water system was built in 1972 and requires increasing maintenance and repair at increasing costs. This increase will now cover the depreciation cost of the system and ensure that we are capable of providing for the continued maintenance of this community asset.

### Conservation Rate Tiers

2015 Tiers	2016 Tiers	2015 <u>and</u> 2016 Rates
0 - 18,999 gal	0 - 15,999 gal	\$4.44 for every 1,000 gal
19,000 - 36,999 gal	16,000 - 30,999 gal	\$4.65 for every 1,000 gal
37,000 - 71,999 gal	31,000 - 45,999 gal	\$5.13 for every 1,000 gal
72,000 gal and above	46,000 gal and above	\$6.41 for every 1,000 gal

The proposed 2016 water rates per 1,000 gal. did not change from 2015; the conservation water tiers were compressed to more closely reflect the surrounding communities water conservation tiers.

### Sewer Rates

Beginning in January 2016, all residential and commercial sewer base rates will increase from the current quarterly rate of \$130.50 to \$132.50 per quarter. Water usage over 10,000 gallons, per every 1,000 gallons *will not* see an increase. The current rate is \$4.58.

Though the out-of-sight, out-of-mind nature of utility infrastructure makes it easy to take these systems for granted, having reliable sewer and water service is critical to our city's quality of life and public health. The city is committed to ensuring that these systems are well maintained for all current and future residents.

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