



## **City Council Workshop Agenda**

### **Monday, November 06, 2023, 4:30 PM**

### **Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **WORKSHOP TOPICS**

1. [2024 Property Tax Presentation](#)  
[Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director](#)  
[Time Estimate: 15 minutes](#)
2. [2024 Fee Schedule Presentation](#)  
[Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director and Debra Brooks, Financial Analyst](#)  
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3. [2024 Mayor's Recommended Capital Budget Presentation](#)  
[Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director and Debra Brooks, Financial Analyst](#)  
[Time Estimate: 15 minutes](#)
4. [Interlocal Agreement with Clark County and Clark County jurisdictions for Cooperative Climate Planning](#)  
[Presenter: Alan Peters, Community Development Director](#)  
[Time Estimate: 15 minutes](#)
5. [Staff Miscellaneous Updates](#)  
[Presenter: Doug Quinn, City Administrator](#)  
[Time Estimate: 10 minutes](#)

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CLOSE OF MEETING**



## Staff Report

November 6, 2023 Council Workshop

2024 Property Tax Presentation

Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

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**BACKGROUND:** This presentation is designed to provide an overview of the 2024 property tax levy options the Council has with the Implicit Price Deflator above 1%. Staff will provide the three options and will request direction for the 2024 Budget.

**SUMMARY:** Property taxes are the primary revenue source for funding of general fund services and emergency medical services for the City of Camas. Property taxes are complicated with different limitations but the one limit which requires the City Council's annual consideration is the Levy Increase Limit. In Washington State, property taxes increases are not based on the increasing value of properties but rather on the amount of property taxes that are assessed from the prior year. Each year's levy may be increased by no more than 1% or the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) whichever is less. The IPD is the percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal consumption as published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis by September 25<sup>th</sup>. The IPD for the 2024 property tax levy is 3.67%. Therefore, the lawful highest levy would be 1% increase.

The City always has the option to levy the prior year levy amount as well, which would be a 0% increase in the levy. Also, the City has the additional option to use the City's banked capacity from 2023.

These options impact the taxpayer but generally in Camas, it is usually a nominal amount variance between the options. The presentation will review the options for the General Fund levy. The presentation will also provide the average taxpayer's impact with all options.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** The intent of the presentation is to provide options to City Council to determine which levy will benefit the whole community while maintaining affordable tax rates.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** For residents who are having difficulty to pay their property tax bill the Clark County Assessor's Office can provide exemptions for homeowners who are within certain age and income groups as well as homeowners who may be disabled.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The 2024 Budget is projected to incorporate the 1% levy increase. In the past, Council has maintained the 1% to ensure the compounding impact of the 1% is preserved. To compare the options:

Option Number	General Fund Levy	Tax Levy	Tax Rate	Annual Impact on Homeowner Of \$649,124 Home
1.	0%	\$14,934,915	\$1.84/\$1,000	\$1,197 (\$150 less than 2023)
2.	1%	\$15,081,851	\$1.86/\$1,000	\$1,209 (\$138 less than 2023)
		\$146,936 more than #1	\$0.02 more than #1	\$12 more than #1
3.	1% and use of banked capacity	15,177,881	\$1.87/\$1,000	\$1,217 (\$130 less than 2023)
		\$242,966 more than #1	\$0.03 more than #1	\$20 more than #1
		\$96,030 more than #2	\$0.01 more than #2	\$8 more than #2

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the 1% property tax increase with banked capacity to be dedicated to public health and safety and to preserve the base revenue source of the City's General Fund and EMS Fund given the low financial impact to average homeowner.

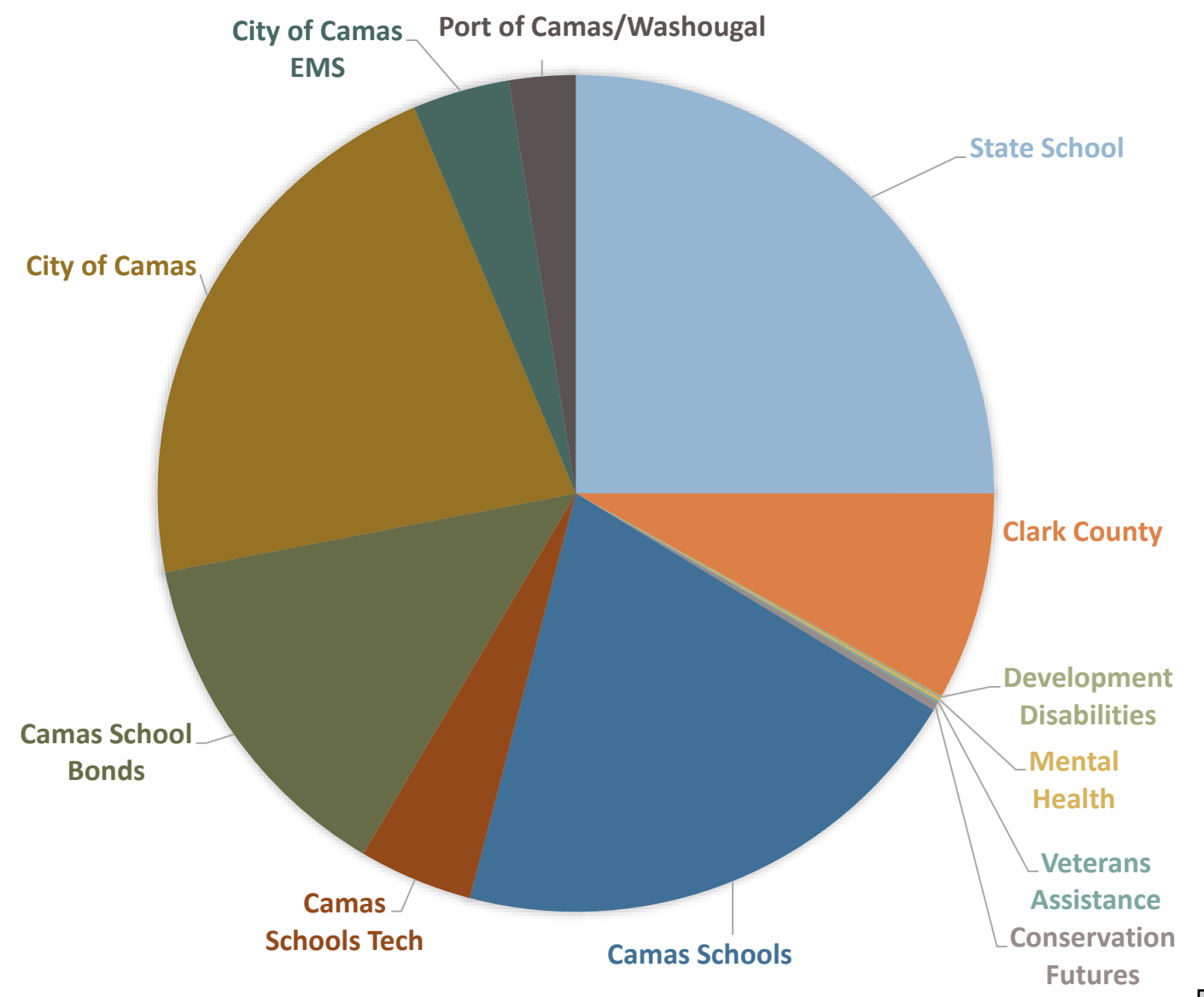


# 2024 Property Tax Presentation

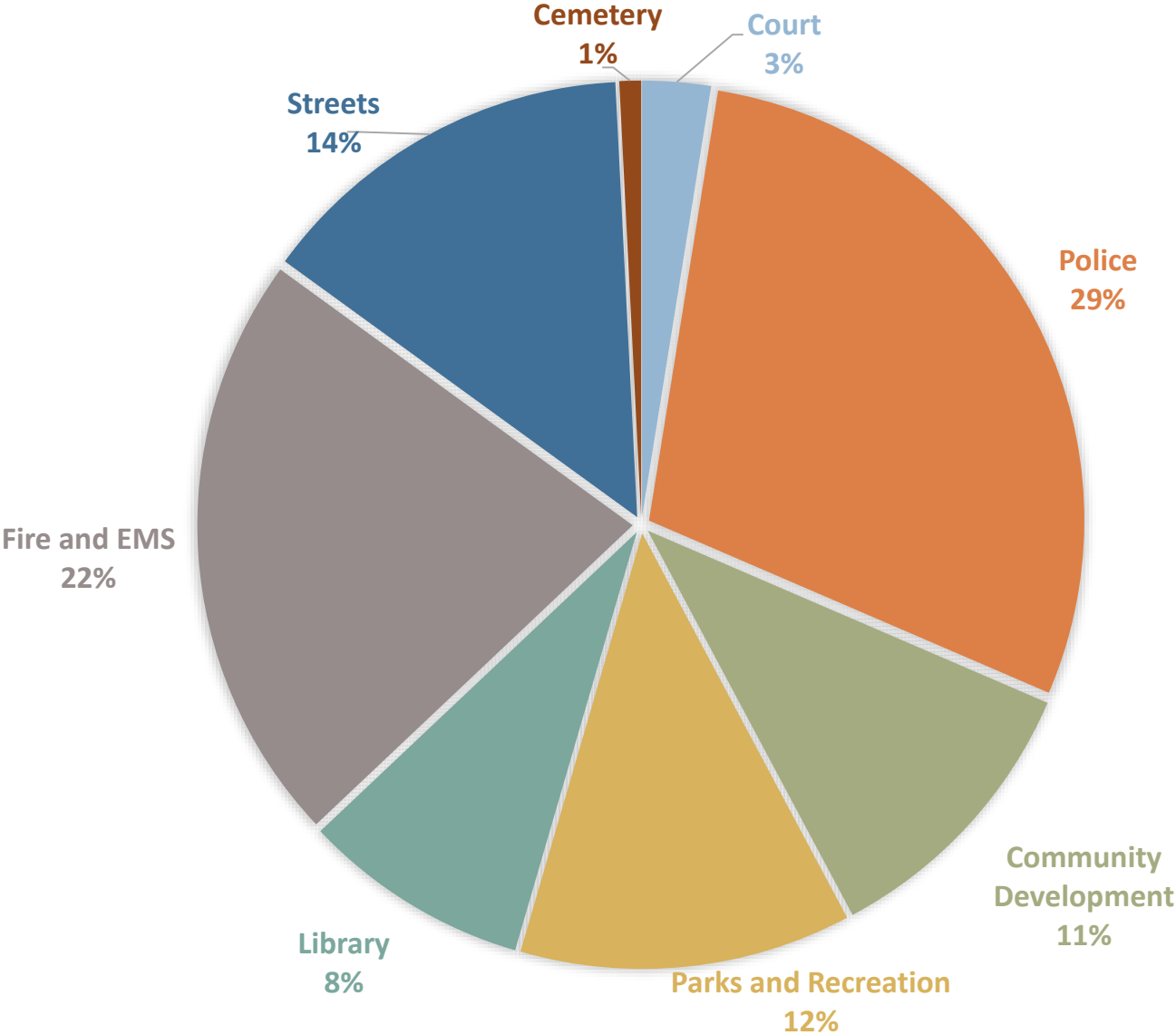
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CITY OF CAMAS 2024 BUDGET  
PREPARATION

# Property Tax Bill in Camas

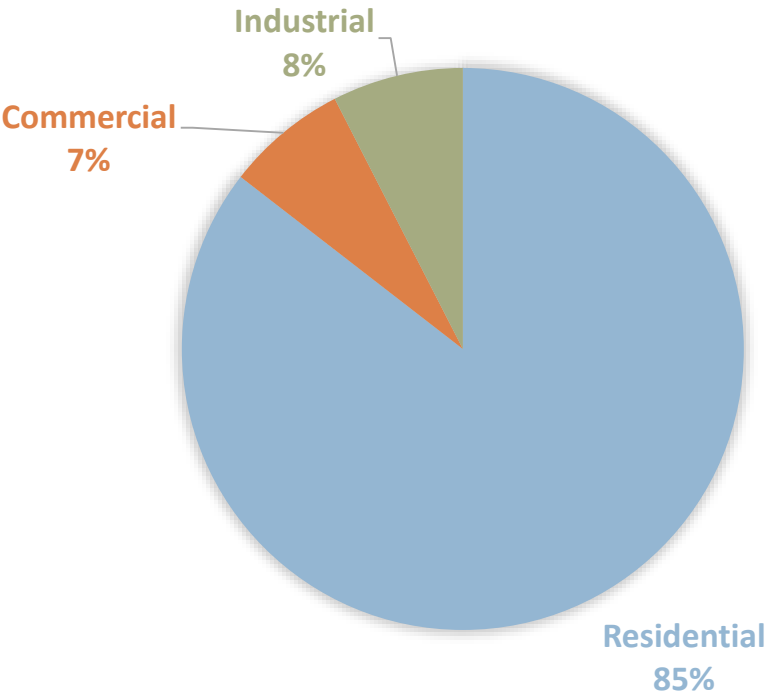


# City Services Supported by Property Taxes

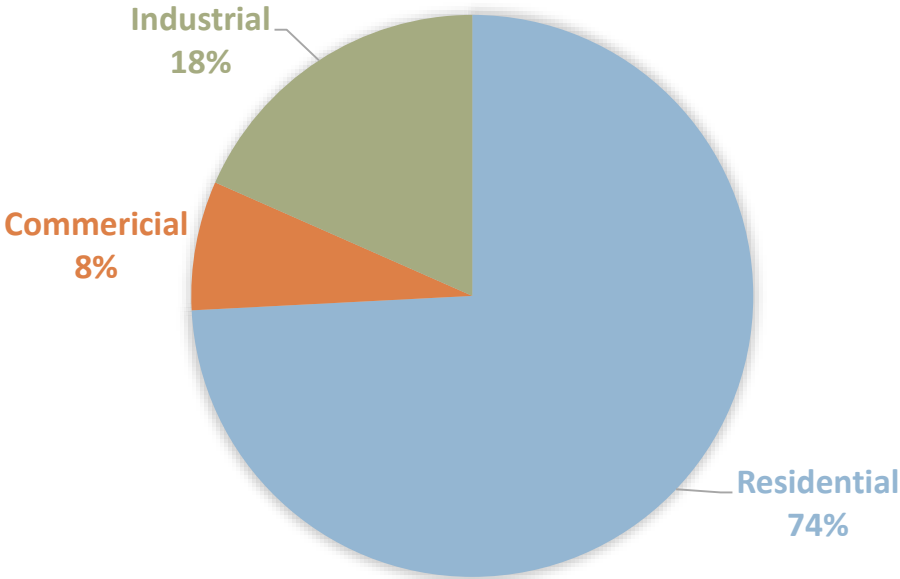


# Who Pays Property Taxes in Camas?

2023



2013





# Property Taxes Per Person



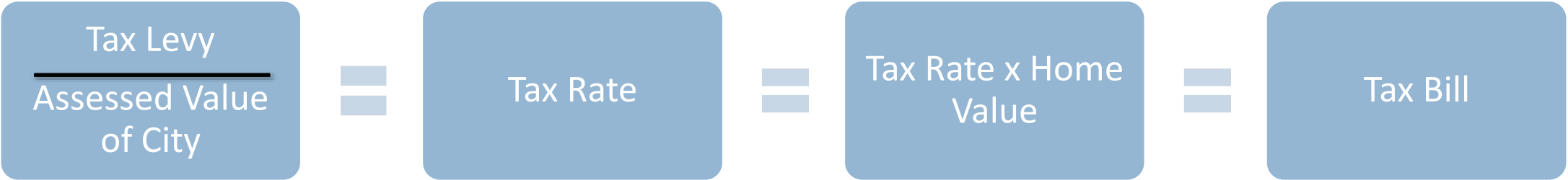
# Calculating a tax levy

The levy process is simple:

- The amount of money needed by the City's budget divided by the value of all the taxpayers' properties in the City.
- This equals the tax rate for the City
- This rate is then levied on the taxpayer's property per \$1,000

# City Property Tax Formula

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# Tax Levy - Limit

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In the formula, the amount of money the City wants to levy is limited (I-747) to 1% or the Implicit Price Deflator which ever is less.

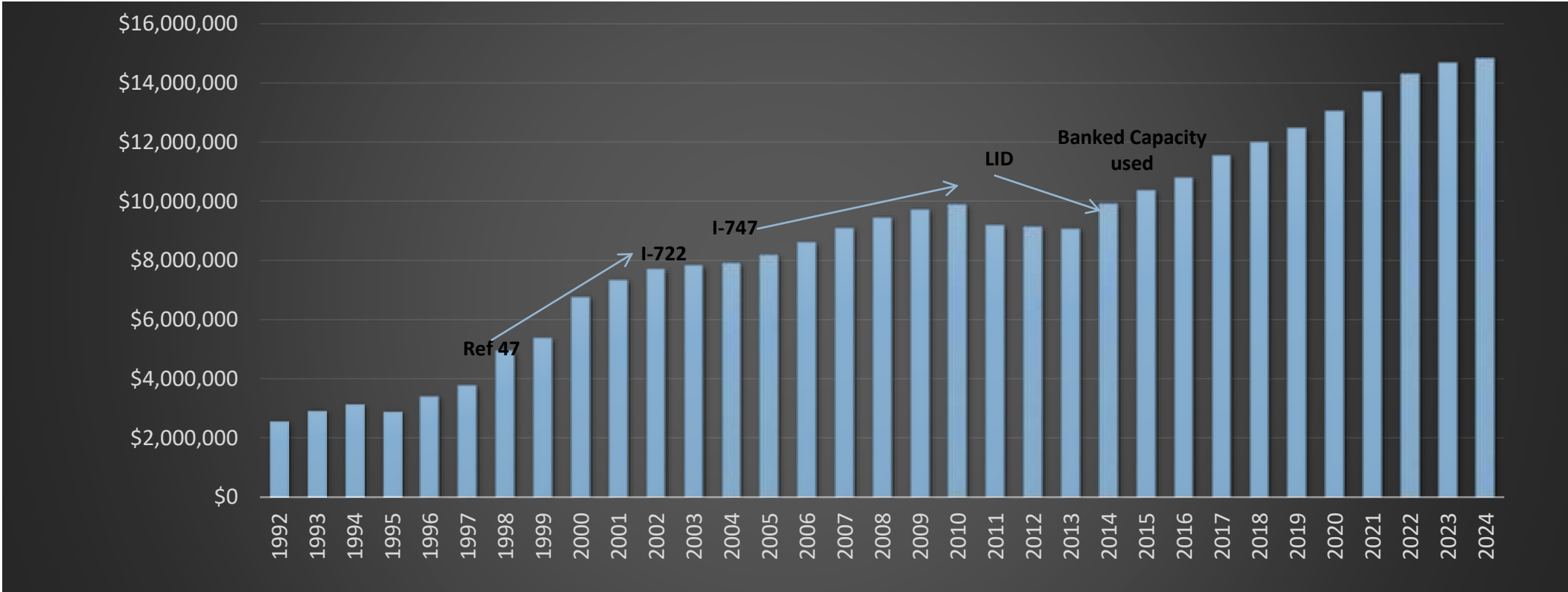
Implicit Price Deflator is approximately 3.67%

For 2024, the City can increase the highest lawful levy which is 2023 by 1%

For 2024, the City can increase \$14,693,557 by 1% which equals \$146,936.

Tax Levy of \$14,840,493 then becomes your base amount for future calculations

# Lawful Tax Levy



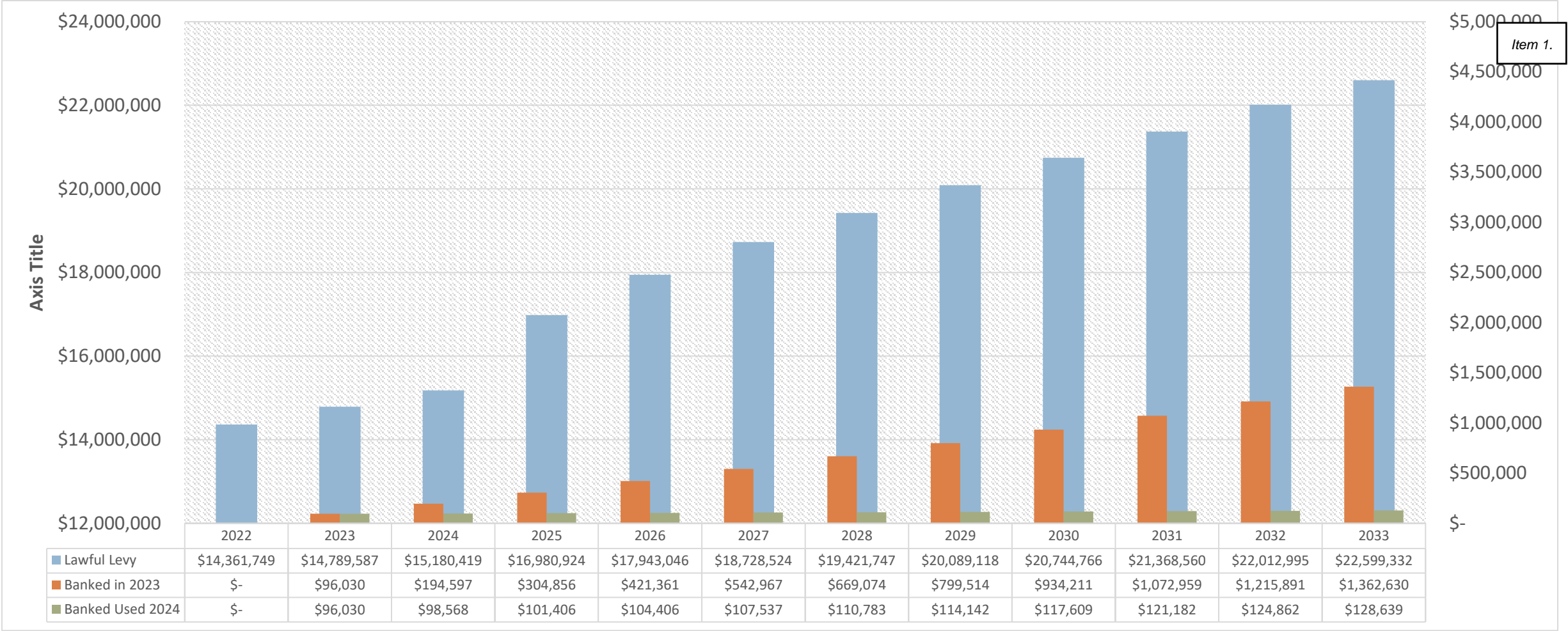
# Banking Capacity

The 1% limit is an increase adopted by ordinance each year.

Council has three options:

- Adopt the 1% increase
- Keep prior year levy
- Or bank the 1% which means Council sets it aside to use another year. Essentially “saving” it for another time.

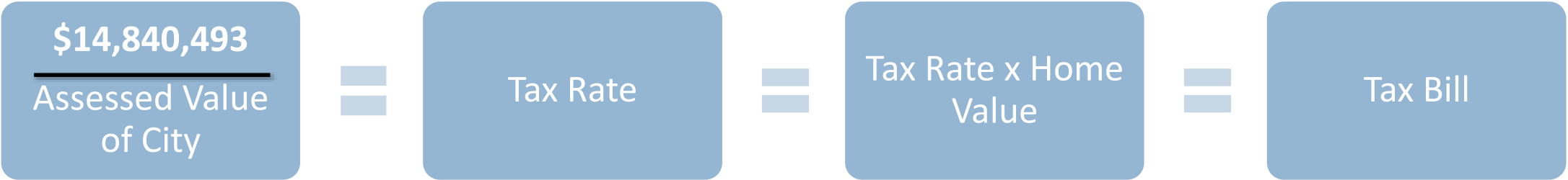
Camas has banked the 1% in 2009 until 2014 and the 1% in 2023.



# 2023 Banked Capacity with cumulative loss estimates

# City Property Tax Formula

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# Assessed Value

Item 1.

Clark County Assessor's Office values property for an Assessed Value amount.

Goal is market value, but it is a snapshot in time.

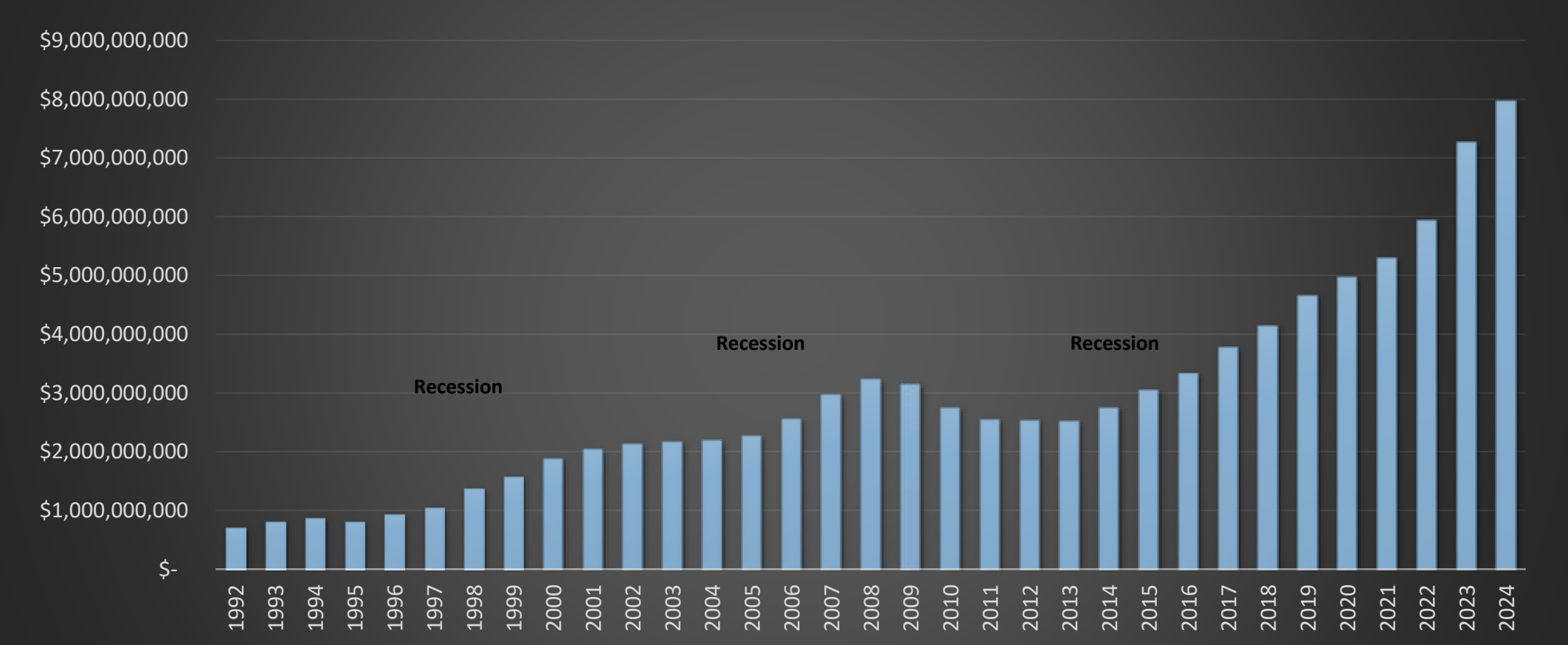
Comparable sales are used.

- Difficult at best in this real estate market.

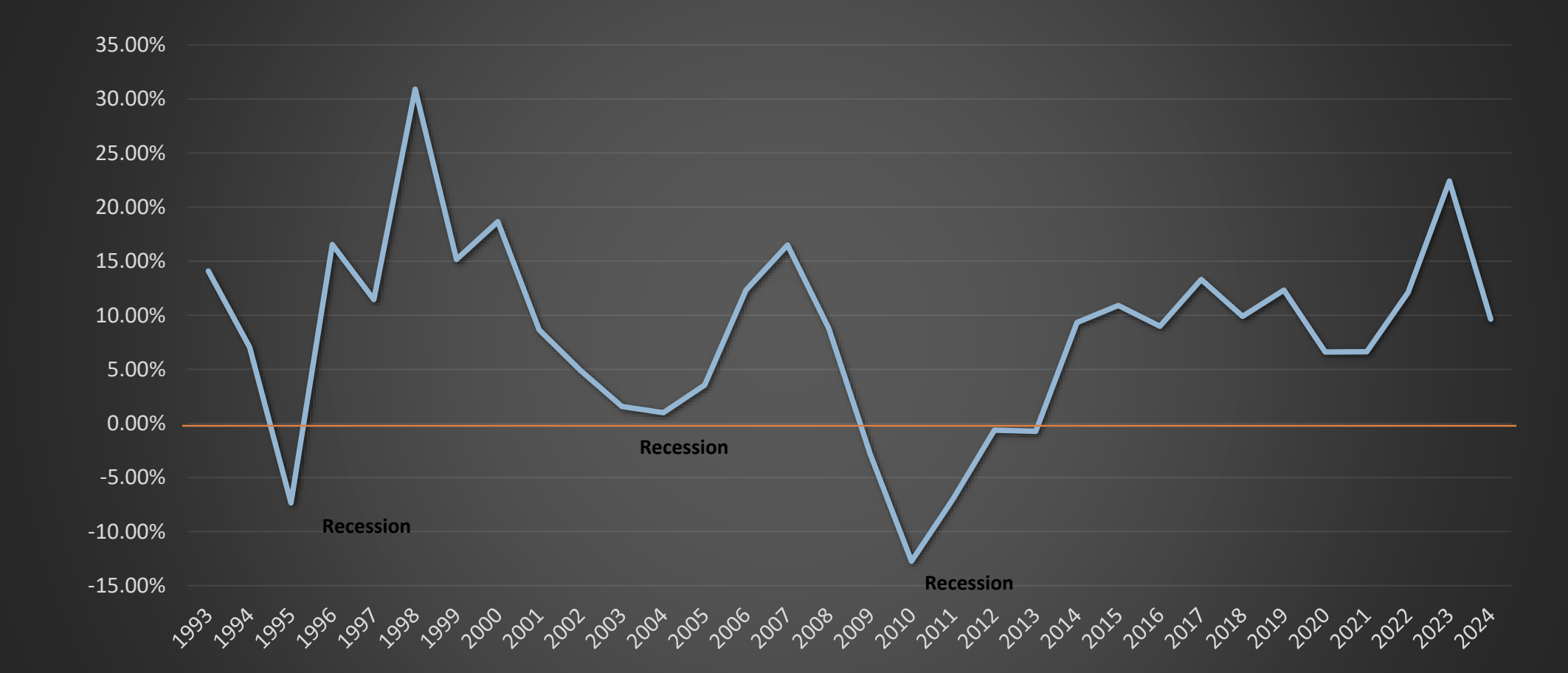
Annual valuations are done but physical assessments are on a cycle.

Check out

- <http://gis.clark.wa.gov/applications/gishome/property/>



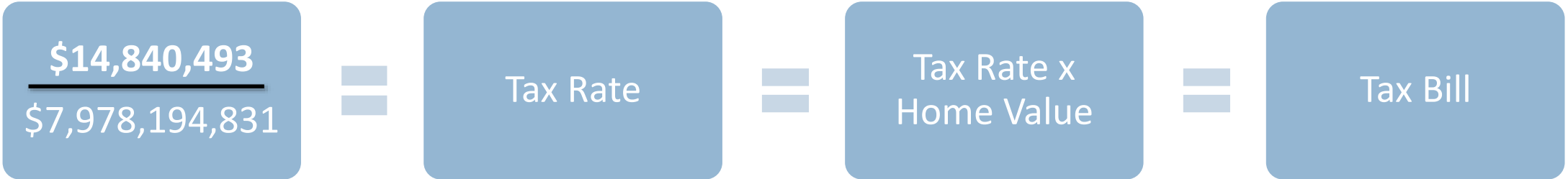
# Assessed Value



# Assessed Value Growth

# City Property Tax Formula

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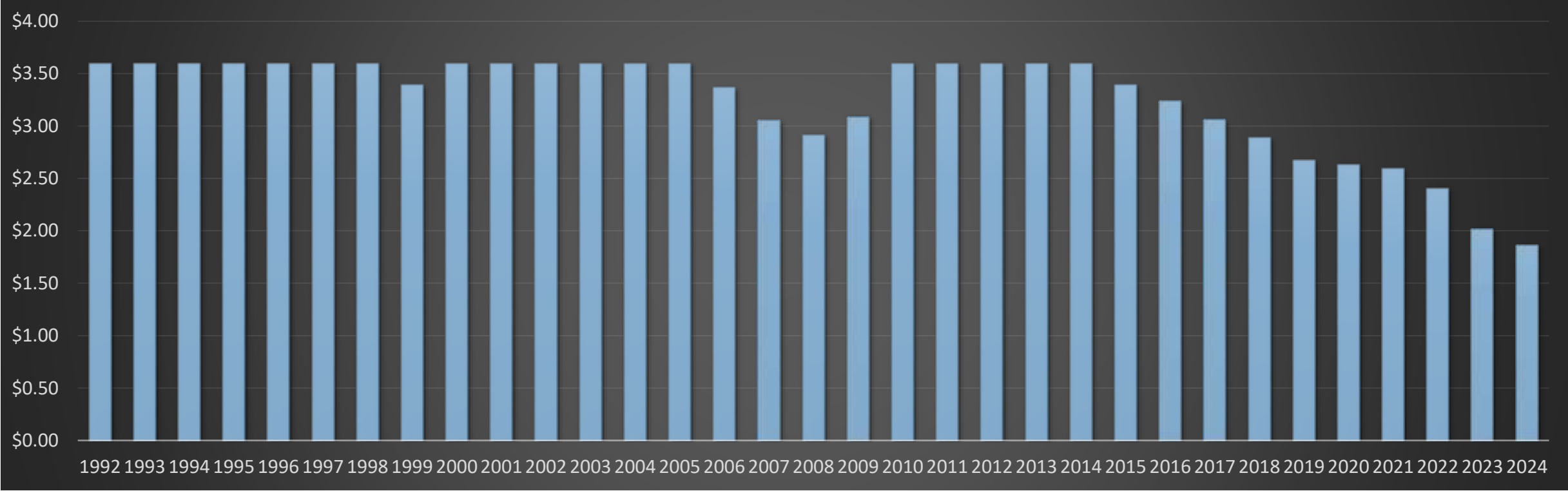
Assessed value is an estimate from the Assessor's Office but the final assessed value should be available soon

Tax Rate is the  
amount of Tax  
Levy divided by  
assessed value  
multiplied by  
\$1,000



In 2023 it is  
\$2.019317 per  
\$1,000

Tax Rate



# Tax Rates

City	Tax Levy	Note
Battle Ground	\$1.0646	No Fire/Library
Camas	\$2.0193	
LaCenter	\$0.8445	No Fire/Library
Ridgefield	\$0.6510	No Fire/Library
Vancouver	\$2.1688	No Library
Washougal	\$1.5973	No Library
Woodland	\$0.7621	No Fire/Library
Yacolt	\$1.1472	No Fire/Library

## Comparison Tax Rates by City

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# City Property Tax Formula

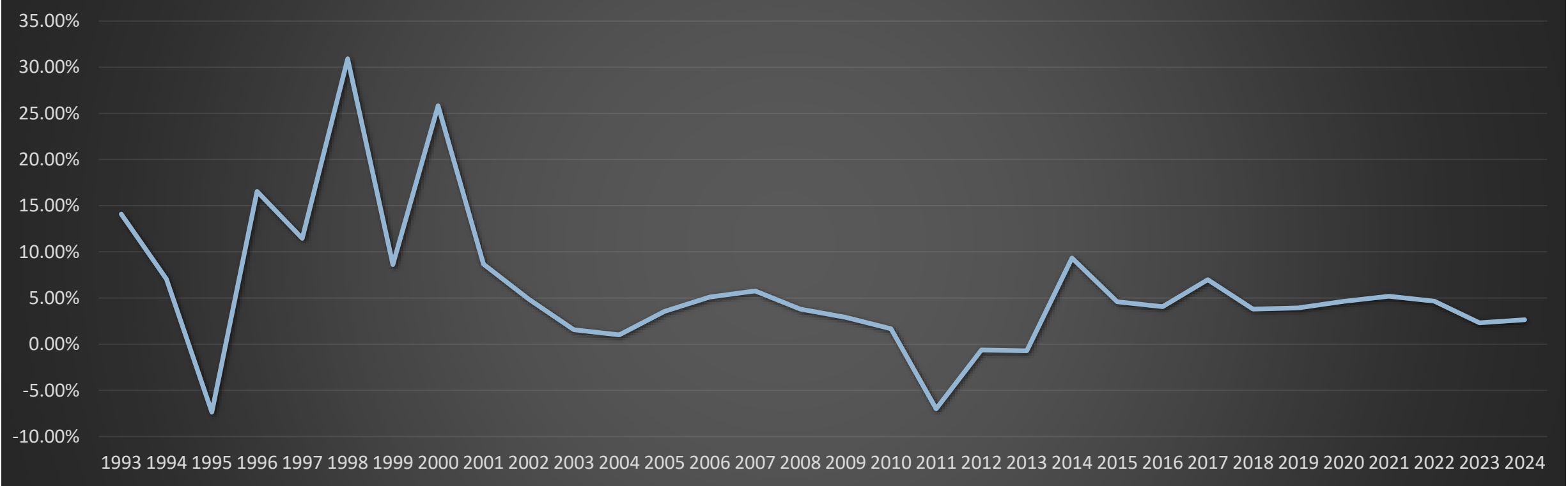
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The diagram illustrates the City Property Tax Formula as a sequence of four blue rounded rectangular boxes connected by equals signs. The first box contains the fraction  $\frac{\$14,840,493}{\$7,978,194,831}$ . The second box contains the decimal value \$1.83268. The third box contains the expression \$1.83268 x Home Value. The fourth box contains the text Tax Bill.

$$\frac{\$14,840,493}{\$7,978,194,831} = \$1.83268 = \$1.83268 \times \text{Home Value} = \text{Tax Bill}$$

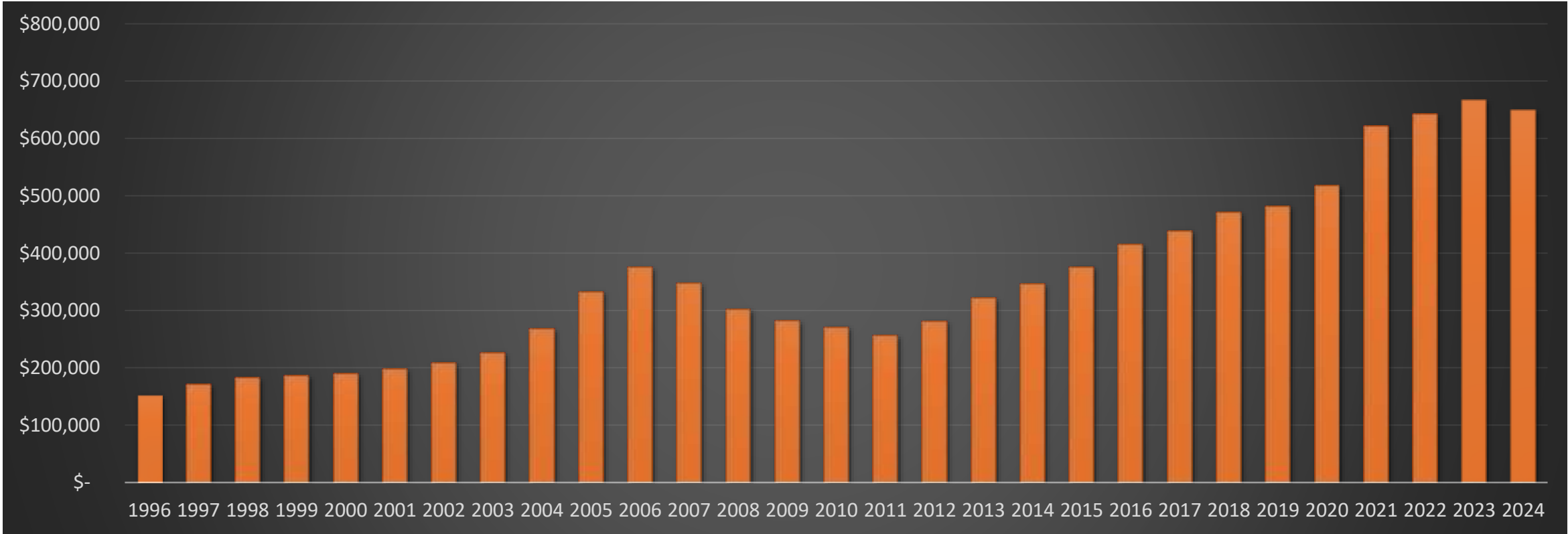
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# Tax Levy Growth

# Home Values



# City Property Tax Formula

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$$\frac{\$14,840,493}{\$7,978,194,831} = \$1.83268 = \$1.83268 \times \$649,124 / \$1,000 = \$1,190$$

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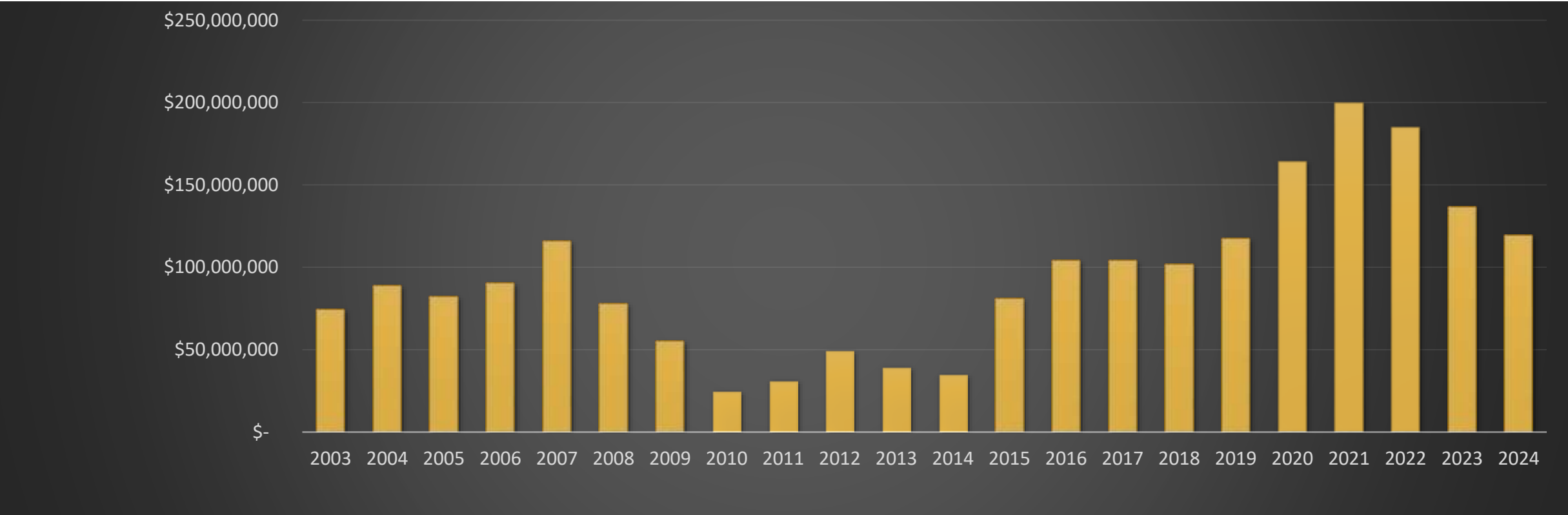
So is Property  
Tax only  
limited to  
1%?

No, new construction can increase to tax collections.

- New construction is added on by the Assessor's Office with a cutoff typically in mid-summer.
- New construction is calculated by:

Construction assessed value X prior year levy

# New Construction Values

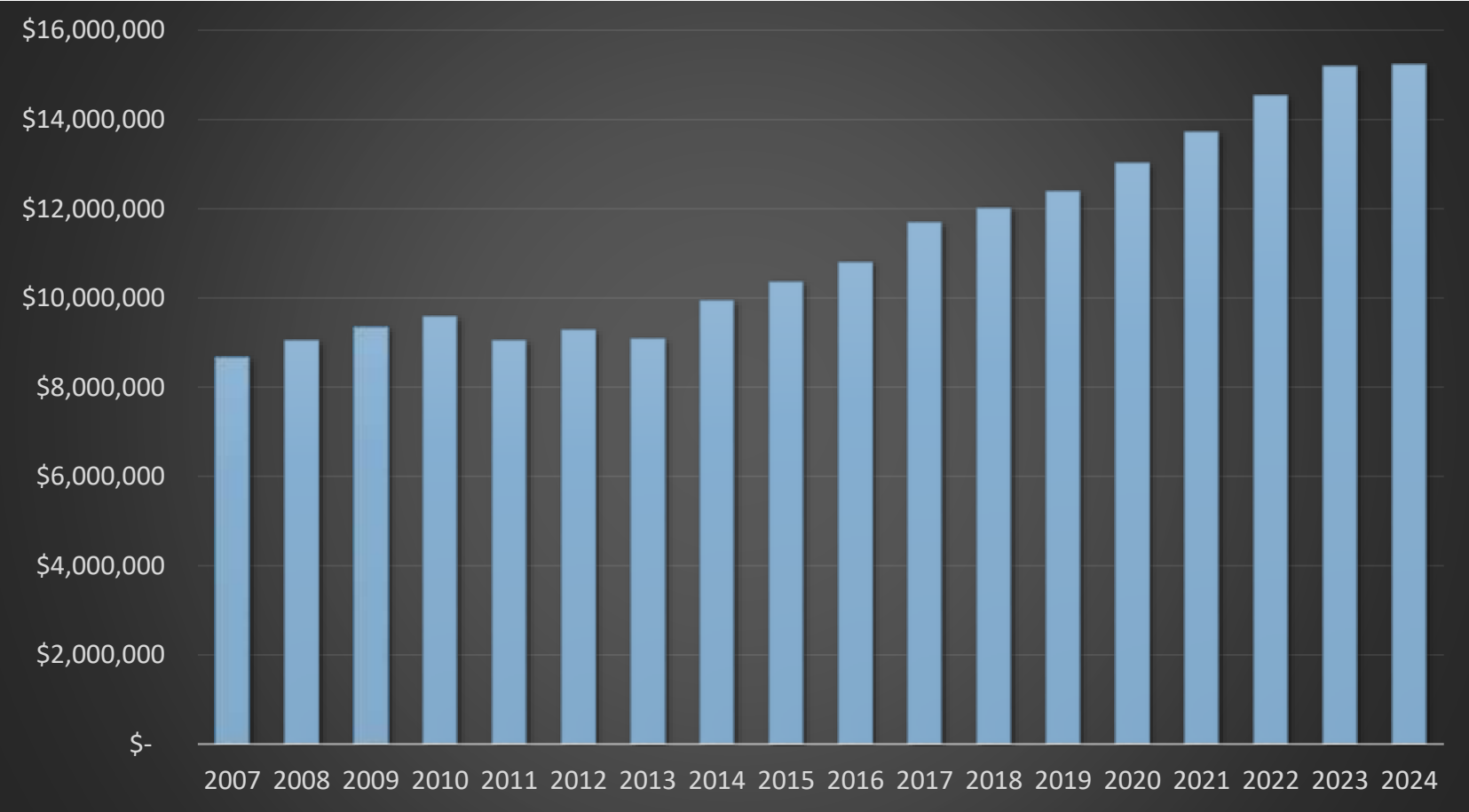


# City Property Tax Formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \$119,524,730 \times 2.01932 / \$1,000 = \$241,358 \right) \\ & + \\ & \left( \frac{\$14,840,493}{\$7,978,194,831} \right) = \$1.86248 / \$1,000 = \$1.86248 \times \$649,612 / \$1,000 = \$1,209 \end{aligned}$$

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# Tax Collections



# Banking Capacity

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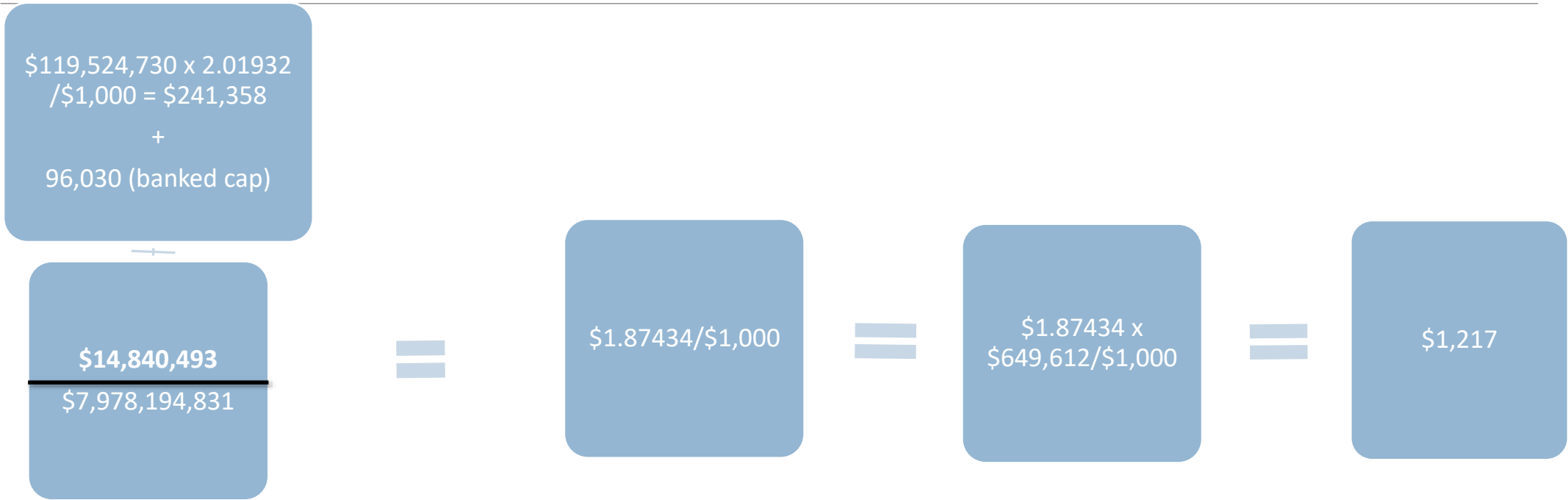
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Camas has banked the 1% in 2009 until 2014 and the 1% in 2023.

**Council can opt to take the 1% of \$96,030 and dedicate this revenue to street preservation and maintenance.**

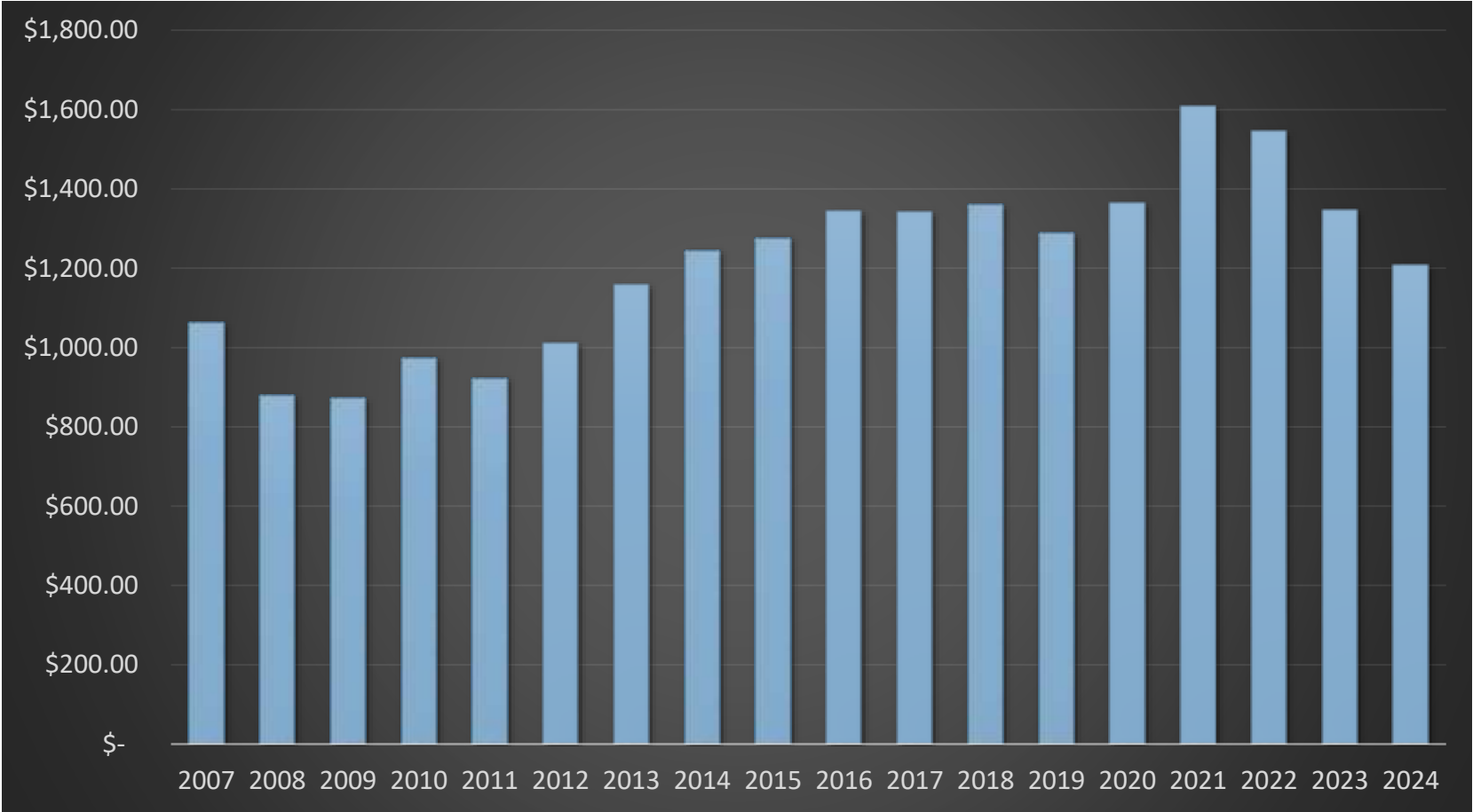


# City Property Tax Formula



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# City Tax Bill (Median Home Price)



## Council's Consideration

Item 1.

1. Increase to lawful levy(1%) of \$15,081,851

- Impact on average homeowner from prior year **decrease** of \$138

2. Hold levy to 2023 at \$14,934,915 (\$146,936 less to General Fund)

- Impact on average homeowner from prior year **decrease** of \$150

3. Increase to lawful levy and use banked capacity for \$15,177,881

- Impact of average homeowner from prior year decrease of \$130



## Staff Report

November 6, 2023 Council Workshop

2024 Fee Schedule Presentation

Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director and Debra Brooks, Financial Analyst

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

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**BACKGROUND:** This presentation is to review the proposed 2024 Fee Schedule for the City Council's consideration.

**SUMMARY:** Updates to the City of Camas fee schedule includes indexed fees to CPI, adjustments to fees for cost recovery and any additional fees. The 2024 fee schedule reflects a 3.5% increase as allowed by City resolution except for Water and Sewer System Development Charges which are indexed to the Engineering New Review Seattle Index to increase by 0.9% as provided by City code. In addition, staff will present a few other modifications to the fee schedule.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** The fee schedule provides for funding for services such as building permits, recreational programming, solid waste extras and fire marshal inspections.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** The City reviews the fees annually to ensure fees are at market, fund reasonable amount of service provided, and the fees do not place unfair burden on the residents.

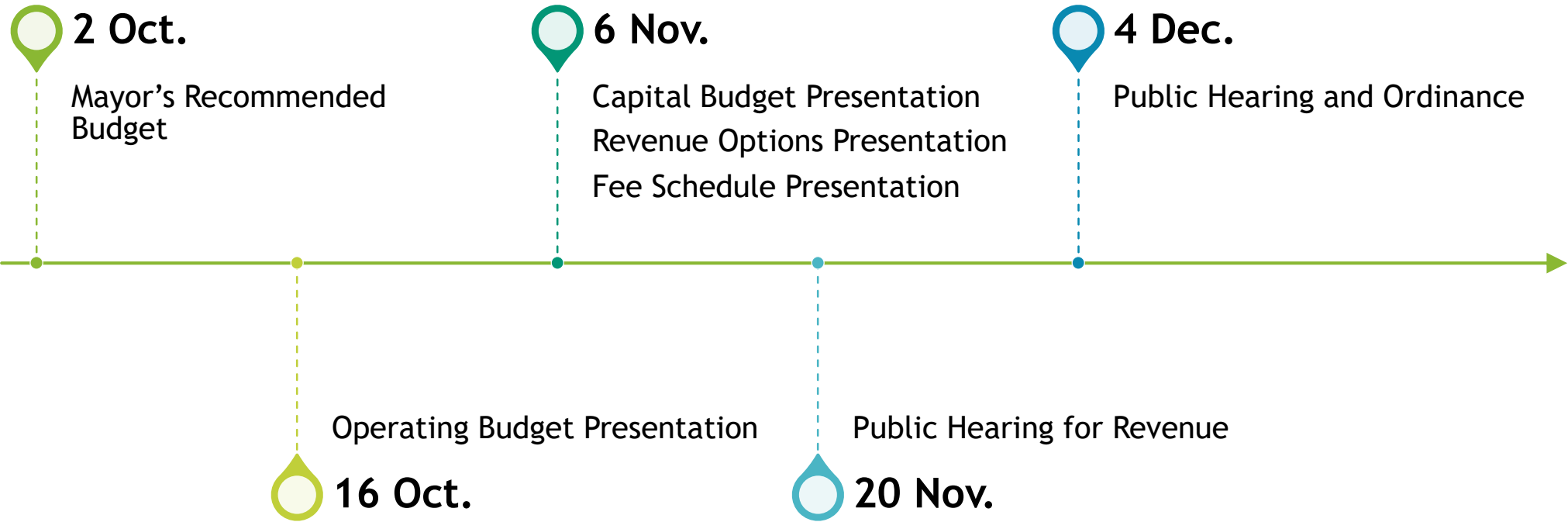
**BUDGET IMPACT:** These fees are included in the 2024 Recommended Revenue Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The next step will be for Council to consider an Update to the City of Camas fee schedule resolution on November 20, 2023 at the Regular City Council Meeting.

# 2024 Fee Schedule Updates

City of Camas

# Budget Readopt Process





## 2024 Increases

- ▶ Fees indexed against CPI will increase by 3.5% as allowable under resolution.
- ▶ System Development Charges indexed against the Engineering New Review Seattle Index will increase by 0.9% as allowable under ordinance.

# Noted Changes for 2024



Parks fees held at 2023 figures while the City reviews potential implementation of a Parks module in the ERP system to make fee increases more efficient to administer



Removal of some solid waste bulky item fees to coincide with streamlining service operations and recognizing best practices for drivers and equipment



Bringing Fire Marshal's Office fees in line with Community Development fees in recognizing cost recovery for electronic payments



Removed Washougal School Impact fees since the Washougal School District no longer requires these fees be imposed





## Staff Report

November 6, 2023 Council Workshop

2024 Mayor's Recommended Capital Budget Presentation

Presenter: Cathy Huber Nickerson, Finance Director and Debra Brooks, Financial Analyst

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

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**BACKGROUND:** This presentation is to review the proposed 2024 Capital Budget both with revenues and expenditures. After the presentation, Council will have time for questions and discussion.

**SUMMARY:** Capital Budgets fund the construction and equipment projects of the City. These budgets include street construction, park development, stormwater, water, and sewer infrastructure projects and fleet acquisitions.

Discussion will center on what changes were made from the adopted 2023-2024 Budget and revenues required to fund the balanced 2024 proposed budget.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** This budget will highlight how the Mayor's recommended budget adapts the adopted budget to anticipated lower revenues in 2024.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** The City has the resources to support these budget changes.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** This agenda item presents the proposed capital budget from the Mayor's Recommended 2024 Budget.

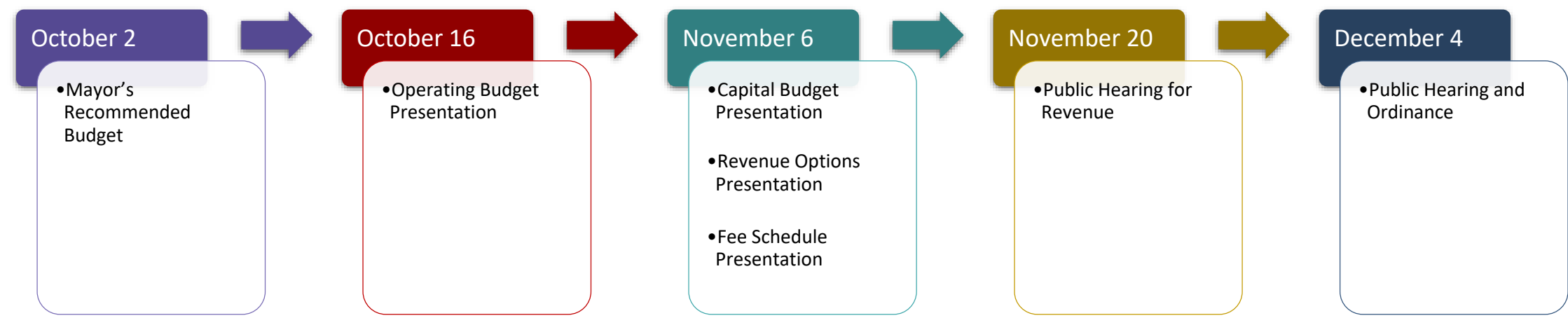
**RECOMMENDATION:** The next step in the 2024 Budget Readoption will be the revenue presentations starting tonight, public hearings on revenues on November 20, 2023 with the 2024 Budget Public Hearing and ordinance consideration on December 4, 2023.



# 2024 MAYOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET: CAPITAL

City of Camas

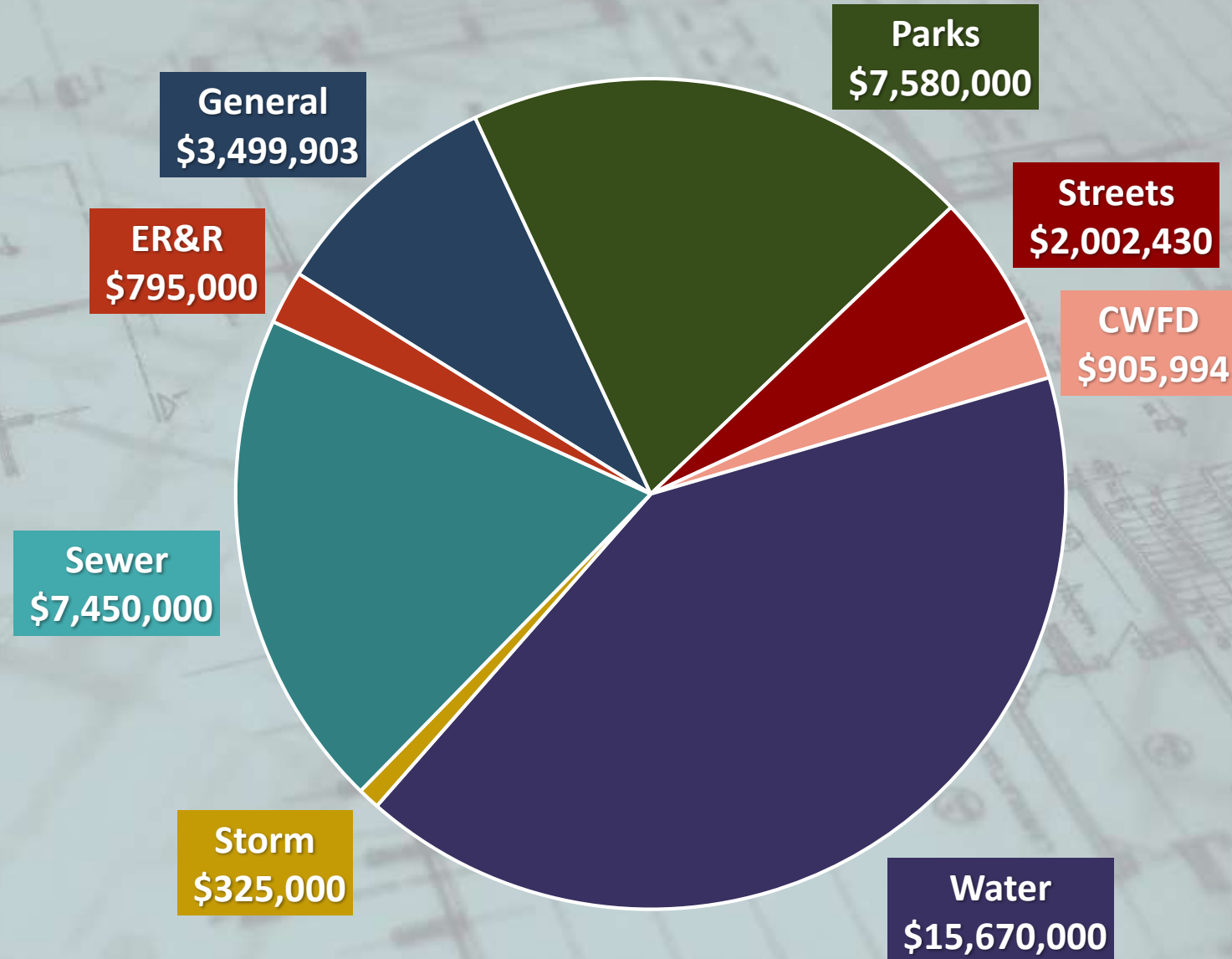
# BUDGET READOPT PROCESS





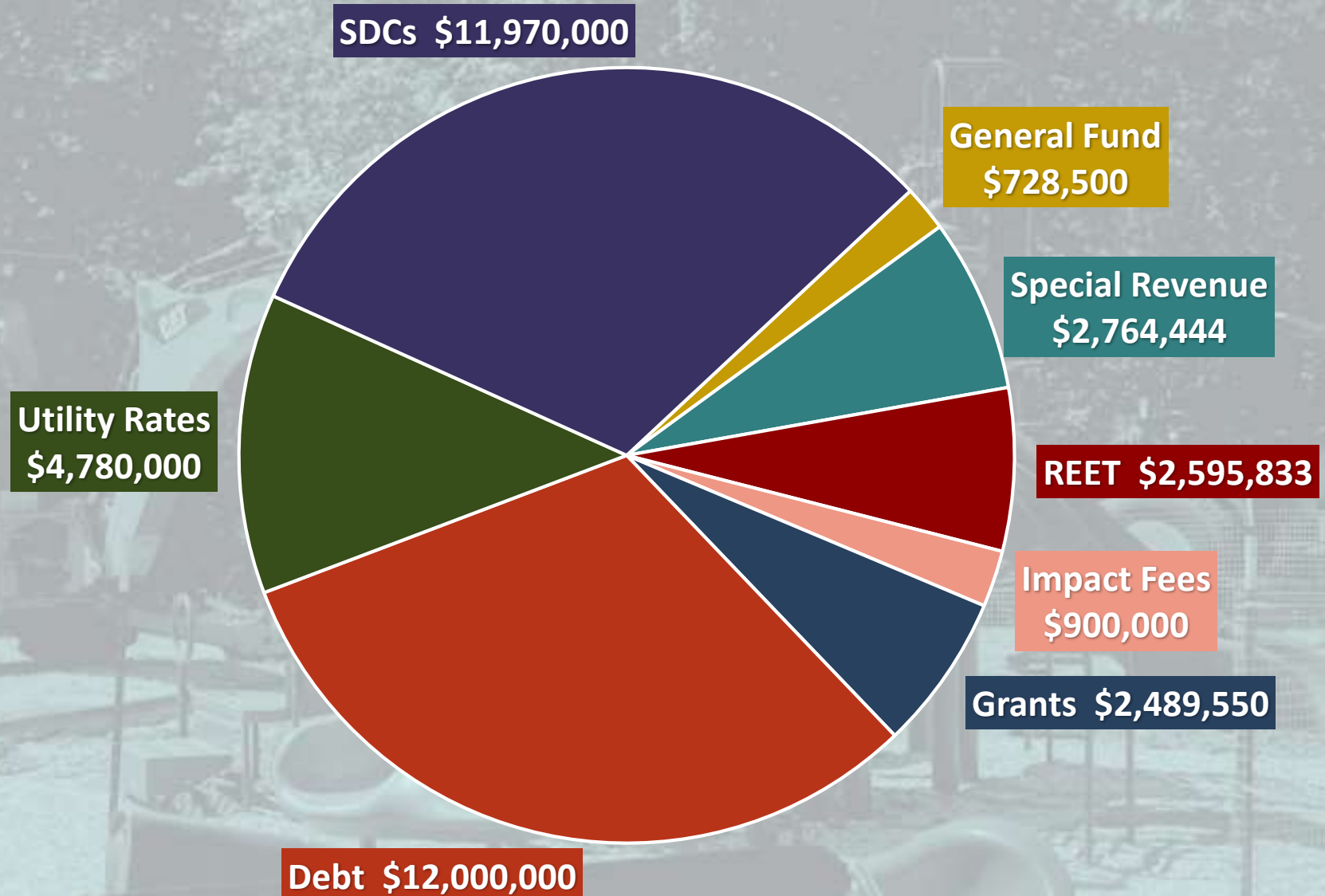
# CAPITAL EXPENSE: \$38.2M

Item 3.



# CAPITAL FUNDING SOURCES

Item 3.



# 2024 CAPITAL GRANTS: \$2.5M

Item 3.



## **FACILITIES - \$499,550**

The Library HVAC repair project received a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce



## **LIBRARY - \$730,000**

The Library exterior repairs project received a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce



## **STREETS - \$260,000**

The Horizontal Curves project received a grant from the Highway Safety Improvement Program



## **PARKS - \$1,000,000**

The Crown Park and S. Lacamas Creek Trailhead received grants from the Recreation and Conservation Office.

# GENERAL FUND

Item 3.

Capital	Cost
<b>Police</b>	
Cameras (Vehicle/Interview Room)	\$53,520
<b>Information Technology</b>	
Cyber-Security	\$60,000
Replacement Phone System	\$485,000
<b>Facilities</b>	
Annex Building Upgrades	\$600,000

Capital (cont.)	Cost
<b>Library</b>	
HVAC Replacement	\$950,000
Exterior Repairs	\$730,000
Interior Upgrades & Repairs	\$583,883
<b>Cemetery</b>	
Columbarium/Niche Wall Repairs	\$37,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,499,903</b>



# SPECIAL REVENUE & CAPITAL FUNDS

Item 3.

Street Capital	Cost
Pavement Preservation	\$1,127,430
City Horizontal Curves Improvements	\$260,000
Replacement Traffic Signal Controller	\$115,000
NW Lake/Sierra St Signal Improvements	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,002,430</b>

CWFD Capital	Cost
Replacement Fire Engine	\$905,944
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$905,944</b>

Parks Capital	Cost
Open Space/Parks/Trails	\$250,000
Field Drainage Improvements	\$75,000
Restroom/Dugout Structure Rehab	\$300,000
Bike Park Design & Construction	\$325,000
Legacy Lands Master Planning	\$150,000
Pool Planning	\$150,000
Community Center Planning	\$120,000
Crown Park Improvements	\$5,150,000
East Lake (T-3) Trail	\$400,000
South Lacamas Creek Trailhead	\$600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,520,000</b>



# UTILITY FUNDS

Item 3.

Storm Water Capital	Cost
Upper Dam Gate Replacement	\$325,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>

Sewer Capital	Cost
WWTP Upgrades	\$5,000,000
Gravity Sewer Upgrades	\$1,000,000
Pump Station Repair & Replacement	\$650,000
Prune Hill Park Pump Station	\$800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,450,000</b>

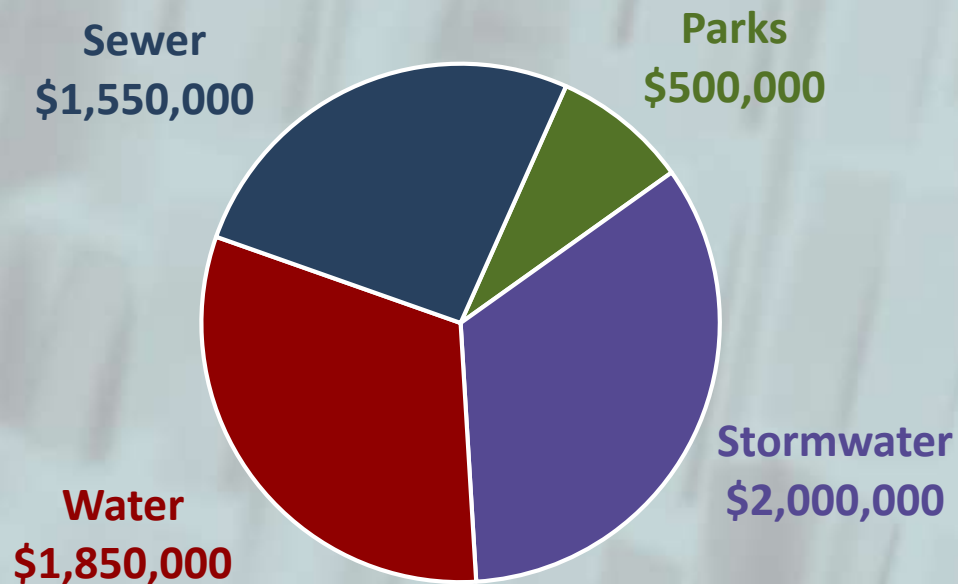
Water Capital	Cost
Well/Reservoir Site Security Upgrades	\$300,000
Washougal Wellfield Improvements	\$500,000
Forest Home Booster Station Improvements	\$3,170,000
Water Repair & Replacements	\$500,000
Northshore Water Transmission Main	\$2,000,000
NE 43 <sup>rd</sup> /Franklin Replacement Design/Constr	\$500,000
SE 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave Bridge Crossing Construction	\$1,500,000
Lower Prune Hill Reservoir	\$7,200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,670,000</b>

# EQUIPMENT FUND

Item 3.

Equipment R&R Capital	Cost
Electric Manlift (Facilities)	\$20,000
Step System Van	\$75,000
CCTV Van for Sewer/Storm	\$200,000
Operations Center Mezzanine Expansion	\$100,000
Operations Center Generator	\$400,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$795,000</b>

# PROJECTS REMOVED FROM 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET: \$5.9M



## Parks

- Replace Fallen Leaf Lake Picnic Shelter \$500,000

Item 3.

## Storm

- Columbia Summit Retrofit \$2,000,000

## Water

- Boulder Parallel Intake Line \$350,000
- Gregg Reservoir Siting Analysis \$200,000
- Hathaway Road Line \$300,000
- Crown Road Booster Station \$1,000,000

## Sewer

- Pump Station Telemetry Upgrades \$1,550,000



Priority Level	Department /Fund	Title	2024	General	Streets	ARPA	CWFD	TIF	PIF	REET 1	REET 2	Legacy Lands	Cap Facilities	Grants/Contribute	Debt	Storm Water	Solid Waste	Water	Sewer	DC
1	General Govt.	Police Interview Room Camera System	27,000			27,000														Item 3.
3	General Govt.	Police Fleet In-Car Camera System	26,520			26,520														
2	General Govt.	IT - Cyber Security Mgmt & Detection	60,000			60,000														
1	General Govt.	IT - Phone System Replacement	485,000			485,000														
1	General Govt.	Citywide Major Building Maintenance	1,550,000							1,050,450				499,550						
no rank	General Govt.	Library Exterior	730,000											730,000						
1 & 4	General Govt.	Library Building Repairs	583,883	243,500						340,383										
1	General Govt.	Cemetery Columbarium/Niche Wall	37,500			37,500														
1	Streets Capital	Pavement Preservation	1,127,430		1,052,430					75,000										
new	Streets Capital	City Horizontal Curve Improvements	260,000											260,000						
new	Streets Capital	Replacement Traffic Signal Controller 38th	115,000		115,000															
3	Streets Capital	NW Lake & Sierra Signal Improvements	500,000					500,000												
1	CWFD	Replacement Fire Engine	905,994				905,994													
4	Parks	Open Space/Parks/Trails	250,000								250,000									
1	Parks	Sports Field Assessments	60,000	60,000																
1	Parks	Field Drainage Improvements	75,000	75,000																
1	Parks	Restroom/Dug Out Structures Rehab	300,000								300,000									
4	Parks	Bike Park Design & Construction	325,000								325,000									
4	Parks	Legacy Lands Master Planning	150,000									\$ 150,000								
4	Parks	Pool Planning	150,000	150,000																
1	Parks	Community Center Planning	120,000	120,000																
2	Parks	Crown Park Improvements Phase 1 & 2	5,150,000											3,500,000	1,650,000					
4	Parks	T-3 (East Lake) Trail	400,000						400,000											
2	Parks	South Lacamas Creek Trailhead	600,000								100,000			500,000						
3	Stormwater	Upper Dam Gate Replacement	325,000													325,000				
2	Water	Well/Reservoir Site Security Upgrades	300,000																	300,000
1	Water	Washougal Wellfield Improvements	500,000																	500,000
no rank	Water	Forest Home Booster Station Improvements	3,170,000																	3,170,000
1	Water	Water Repair & Replacement	500,000															500,000		
1	Water	Northshore Water Transmission Main	2,000,000																	2,000,000
1	Water	NE 43rd/Franklin Replacement	500,000															500,000		
1	Water	SE 6th Ave Bridge Crossing - Construction	1,500,000															1,500,000		
no rank	Water	Lower Prune Hill Reservoir	7,200,000												7,200,000					
1	Sewer	WWTP Upgrades	5,000,000																	5,000,000
1	Sewer	Gravity Sewer Upgrades	1,000,000																	1,000,000
2	Sewer	Pump Station Repair & Replacement	650,000																650,000	
no rank	Sewer	Prune Hill Park Pump Station	800,000																800,000	
1	Equipmt R&R	Electric Manlift (Facilities)	20,000	20,000																
3	Equipmt R&R	Vehicle - STEP System Van (Sewer)	75,000																75,000	
3	Equipmt R&R	Vehicle - CCTV Van (Sewer, Storm)	200,000													50,000			150,000	
1	Equipmt R&R	Operations Center Mezzanine Expansion	100,000										100,000							
1	Equipmt R&R	Operations Center Generator	400,000	60,000	55,000								55,000			55,000	55,000	60,000	60,000	
			\$38,228,327	\$728,500	\$1,222,430	\$636,020	\$905,994	\$ 500,000	\$400,000	\$1,465,833	\$975,000	\$150,000	\$155,000	\$5,489,550	\$8,850,000	\$430,000	\$55,000	\$2,560,000	\$1,735,000	\$11,970,000

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# QUESTIONS?



## Staff Report

November 6, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting

Interlocal Agreement with Clark County and Clark County jurisdictions for Cooperative Climate Planning

Presenter: Alan Peters, Community Development Director

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

Phone	Email
360.817.7254	apeters@cityofcamas.us

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Camas is undergoing a periodic review and update to its Comprehensive Plan required by the Growth Management Act (GMA). The updated Comprehensive Plan will include a climate element, now required by the GMA after HB 1181 was enacted earlier this year. Clark County and the cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Washougal, and the town of Yacolt are proposing to cooperate and share some costs related to meeting these new climate planning requirements. The costs associated with this interlocal agreement would be covered by a climate planning grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** HB 1181 was enacted this year, requiring local governments to plan for climate change impacts as part of their comprehensive planning processes. Under the new requirements, localities must add a climate change element to comprehensive plans. This element must include an emissions reduction sub-element and a resiliency sub-element.

Because these requirements also apply to Clark County and the cities within Clark County, the County and cities have proposed some collaboration to meet new GMA climate requirements. While cities would ultimately still be responsible for developing their own climate elements and identifying local goals and policies, the cities and County will collectively identify baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventories for each city and vehicle miles traveled inventories for each city. This data will help inform policy decisions and the setting of greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled reduction targets.

The cities and County would also collaborate on identifying foundational data, research, and technical support in development of the required resiliency sub-element. This effort will provide an exploration of climate impacts, an audit of existing plans and policies, and assessment of climate vulnerability and risk.

A detailed scope of work is provided as an attachment to the proposed interlocal agreement. The City of Camas' contribution is \$40,096.37. The entirety of this fee would be reimbursed by a climate planning grant from the Department of Commerce.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** Collecting baseline data will assist the City with setting targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled. Cooperation with Clark County and other jurisdictions will ensure that grant funding is used efficiently through economies of scale.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Fees associated with this interlocal agreement will be reimbursed by a climate planning grant from the Department of Commerce.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the interlocal agreement between and among Clark County and the cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Washougal, and the town of Yacolt for cooperative climate planning be placed on the November 20, 2023, Council Regular Meeting consent agenda for Council's consideration and approval.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN AND AMONG CLARK COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF BATTLE  
GROUND, CAMAS, LA CENTER, RIDGEFIELD, WASHOUGAL, AND THE TOWN OF YACOLT FOR  
COOPERATIVE CLIMATE PLANNING**

THIS IS AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, entered into under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 39.34 RCW, between and among Clark County, a governmental subdivision of the State of Washington ("County"), and the Cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Washougal, and the Town of Yacolt, municipal corporations of the State of Washington (together, "Cities"). The County and the Cities may be referred to together as "Parties".

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 39.34 RCW (Interlocal Cooperation Act), two or more public agencies may contract with one another to jointly perform government functions or services which each is by law authorized to perform; and

WHEREAS, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1181, Chapter 228 Laws of 2023, amended Chapter 36.70A RCW, the Growth Management Act ("GMA"), in several respects to require that counties planning under GMA and cities within those counties are required to include Climate Elements as part of their Comprehensive Growth Management Plan periodic reviews, which for Clark County and the cities within it, are due June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.070 (as amended and effective July 23, 2023) and Laws of 2023, C. 228, S. 4, which adopted a new section of GMA, each of the Parties with a population greater than 6,000 people must include two sub-elements within its Climate Element: a greenhouse gas emissions reduction sub-element and a resilience sub-element; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.070 (2023) and Laws of 2023, C. 228, S. 4, each of the Parties with a population less than 6,000 people must include only the resilience sub-element within its Climate Element; and

WHEREAS, dependent upon funding by the legislature, the Washington State Department of Commerce ("Commerce") is expected to provide a grant pursuant to RCW 36.70A.190 (as amended and effective July, 2023) to develop climate elements for jurisdictions to incorporate in comprehensive growth management plan periodic reviews; and

WHEREAS, because pollution caused by greenhouse gas emissions and the impacts from climate change such as wildfire smoke, flooding, and extreme weather crosses jurisdictional boundaries, planning for climate change is best achieved through cooperative and collaborative planning; and

WHEREAS, funding and timing efficiencies and economies of scale in use of expected grant funds can be realized by cooperative and collaborative climate element planning;

NOW THEREFORE,

The Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF RECITALS. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as the factual and legal bases for this Agreement.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the following necessary features of cooperative climate element planning using expected Department of Commerce grant funds:



- 1 A. An administrative structure;
- 2 B. Agreed-upon goals; and
- 3 C. Identified tasks and responsibilities.

4 SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE. This Agreement does not establish a separate legal  
 5 entity to carry out the cooperative climate element planning undertaken herein. The following paragraphs  
 6 make provision for a joint board and administrator responsible for the undertaking.

7 A. Joint Board. A Board is hereby established as the Project Management Team. The Board  
 8 consists of two staff representing Clark County, and one staff representing each of the other Parties.

9 B. Administrator. Clark County Community Planning is designated as the Project Manager to  
 10 administer this Agreement.

11 C. Communications. The Project Manager and the Project Management Team will  
 12 communicate via in-person meetings, web-based meetings, telephone or e-mail to relay information,  
 13 answer questions, or raise concerns. All Parties will respond promptly to communications. The Project  
 14 Manager will ensure that information related to the project is timely provided to the Parties, among the  
 15 Parties, and between the Parties and the Washington State Department of Commerce.

16 D. Documents to be Provided. The Project Manager will cause to be distributed to each Party  
 17 an electronic copy, or where electronic copies are not efficacious, one (or more if necessary) hard copies  
 18 of review documents and deliverables as described in the Scope of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A.

19 E. Decision-Making. Decision-making will ordinarily be by consensus, but if no consensus can  
 20 be reached, decision-making will be by majority vote of all Parties, with each Party having one vote. In the  
 21 event of a tie vote, the Project Manager will make the final decision.

22 F. Record-Keeping. The Project Manager will keep the official project records and make them  
 23 available to the Project Management Team.

24 SECTION 4. AGREED-UPON GOALS. The Parties agree to the following goals necessary for  
 25 cooperative climate element planning:

- 26 A. The Parties intend to develop mutually consistent climate elements.
- 27 B. Each Party will cooperate to carry out the terms of the agreed Scope of Work.
- 28 C. The Parties establish the following priorities, in priority order, for spending funds:
  - 29 1. Baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventory;
  - 30 2. Baseline vehicle miles traveled per capita study or evaluation;
  - 31 3. Documentation of approach and sources for Section 4(C)1 and 2 as described in the
  - 32 Exhibit A scope of work;
  - 33 4. Exploration of climate impacts;
  - 34 5. Resilience plan and policy audit of Clark Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and
  - 35 each Party's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan;
  - 36 6. If needed, based on outcomes of the resilience plan and policy audit, assessment of
  - 37 vulnerability and risk;
  - 38 7. Documentation of approach and sources for Section 4(C)4 through 6 as described in
  - 39 the Exhibit A scope of work;
  - 40 8. Consultant technical support to each Party in setting greenhouse gas emission and
  - 41 vehicle miles traveled reduction targets for the planning period 2025-2045;

9. Consultant technical support to each Party to answer questions or present information to decision makers regarding the greenhouse gas emissions sub-element;
10. Consultant technical support to each Party to answer questions or present information to decision makers regarding the resilience sub-element;
11. Consultant communication and planning with Project Management Team for the greenhouse gas sub-element; and
12. Consultant communication and planning with the Project Management Team for the resilience sub-element.

D. The City of La Center and Town of Yacolt will only participate in resilience sub-element planning. The county shall ensure these Parties' funds will only be spent on resilience related items, Section 4(C)4 through 7, 10, and 12.

E. The Parties will jointly establish a regional approach to the items listed in Section 4(C).

#### SECTION 5. IDENTIFIED TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Parties agree to the Scope of Work in Exhibit A to achieve the agreed upon climate planning priorities.

B. Each Party shall apply for its own Department of Commerce Climate Planning Grant funds.

C. If Climate Planning Grant funds are obtained from the Department of Commerce, each Party shall enter into any necessary contracts with the Department of Commerce for use of funds obtained from the grant.

D. Each Party shall administer its respective Department of Commerce Climate Planning Grant agreement. Grant administration may include activities such as submitting documentation to the Department of Commerce to receive Climate Planning Grant payment.

E. Each Party may have additional climate planning Scope of Work duties outside this Agreement that are required by the Party's respective Department of Commerce Climate Planning Grant.

F. Clark County shall submit to each Party all deliverables in the Exhibit A Scope of Work.

G. The agreed-upon amount that each Party shall pay to Clark County including a total not-to-exceed amount is specified in the Budget attached hereto as Exhibit B.

H. Clark County Community Planning shall issue a Request for Proposals for technical consultant services necessary to implement the agreed-upon Scope of Work.

I. Each Party is solely responsible for any legislative action it may take to consider and adopt a Climate Element as part of its Comprehensive Growth Management Plan periodic review due by June 30, 2025.

SECTION 6. TERM. This Agreement shall become effective upon the date a fully executed original is recorded with the Clark County Auditor in accordance with Section 23. Subject to the provisions of Sections 7 and 8, it shall remain in effect through June 30, 2025; provided, however, that Sections 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 24, and 25 shall survive termination pursuant to this Section, or otherwise.

SECTION 7. TERMINATION. Any Party may choose to terminate its participation in this Agreement by notifying the other parties in writing thirty (30) days prior to termination. Termination of participation shall not entitle a party to assert any claim to unexpended Commerce grant funds. Any terminating party shall continue to be entitled to, and pay for, work products generated pursuant to this Agreement through the termination date of this Agreement.

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2 SECTION 8. EXTENSIONS. The term of this Agreement may be extended for one additional year,  
3 until June 30, 2026, by mutual written agreement of all Parties at least fifteen (15) days prior to the  
4 expiration of this Agreement. The written agreement shall be in the form of an amendment pursuant to  
5 Section 21 below.  
6

7 SECTION 9. COST OF SERVICE. Once deliverables in the Exhibit A Scope of Work are delivered to  
8 each Party, Clark County is responsible for providing an invoice to each Party for their portion of the  
9 deliverable cost as specified in the Exhibit B Budget. Except as provided in this section, no party will charge  
10 another Party for services rendered under this Agreement.  
11

12 SECTION 10. BILLING METHOD AND PROCESS. Each Party shall pay the Clark County for  
13 deliverables upon receipt of a written invoice according to the Scope of Work set forth in Exhibit A and the  
14 funding arrangement set forth in Exhibit B. The parties mutually agree that in no event may the amount  
15 paid by any Party to Clark County exceed the not-to-exceed dollar amount stated in Exhibit B without prior  
16 written approval by the Party providing payment, and that absent such prior approval, the Party shall not  
17 be obliged to pay any amount in excess of the not-to-exceed dollar amount stated in Exhibit B.  
18

19 SECTION 11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION. If there is a dispute among the Parties regarding the delivery  
20 of services under this Agreement, payment of any amount due pursuant to Section 10, or any other  
21 controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the alleged breach of such Agreement,  
22 each will attempt to address it by conferring in good faith to reach a resolution before filing a lawsuit  
23 against the other Party.  
24

25 SECTION 12. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. The Parties are and shall at all times be deemed to be  
26 independent contractors in the provision, performance, or use of the services set forth in this Agreement.  
27 Nothing herein shall be construed as creating the relationship of employer and employee, or principal and  
28 agent, between the Parties. Each Party shall retain all authority for provision of services, standards of  
29 performance, discipline and control of personnel, and other matters incident to its performance of services  
30 pursuant to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall make any employee of any Party an employee  
31 of any other Party for any purpose, including but not limited to, for withholding of taxes, payment of  
32 benefits, workers' compensation pursuant to Title 51 RCW, or any other rights or privileges accorded their  
33 respective employees by virtue of their employment.  
34

35 SECTION 13. HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION. It is understood and agreed that each Party will  
36 be responsible for its own negligence and will, to the extent of its negligence, indemnify and hold harmless  
37 the other Parties from any and all resulting claims, losses, or causes of action, suits and actions of any kind  
38 in law or equity.  
39

40 SECTION 14. ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS. Each Party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs  
41 of enforcing the rights and responsibilities under this Agreement.  
42

SECTION 15. ASSIGNMENT/SUBCONTRACTING. No Party shall transfer, assign, or subcontract, in whole or in part, any or all of its respective rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Parties, which may be withheld for any reason.

SECTION 16. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY. The Parties do not intend by this Agreement to assume any contractual obligations to anyone other than each other. The Parties do not intend there to be any third-party beneficiary to this Agreement.

SECTION 17. NOTICE. Any notices to be given under this Agreement shall at minimum be delivered, postage prepaid and addressed as follows, provided that the name and address to which notices shall be directed may be changed by any Party giving the other Parties notice of such change as provided in this section:

To Clark County:

CLARK COUNTY  
Community Planning  
PO Box 9810  
Vancouver, WA 98666-9810  
Attention: Jenna Kay, Planner III, and  
Gary Albrecht, Planner III

To the City of Battle Ground

CITY OF BATTLE GROUND  
Planning Department  
109 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 127  
Battle Ground, WA 98604  
Attention: Sam Crummett, Community Development Director

To the City of Camas

CITY OF CAMAS  
Planning Division  
616 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Camas, WA 98607  
Attention: Alan Peters, Community Development Director

To the City of La Center

CITY OF LA CENTER  
Community Development  
210 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
La Center, WA 98629  
Attention: Bryan Kast, Community Development/Public Works Director

To the City of Ridgefield

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Community Development  
 PO Box 608  
 Ridgefield, WA 98642  
 Attention: Claire Lust, Community Development Director

To the City of Washougal

CITY OF WASHOUGAL  
 Community Development  
 1701 C Street  
 Washougal, WA 98671  
 Attention: Mitch Kneipp, Community Development Director

To the Town of Yacolt

TOWN OF YACOLT  
 PO Box 160  
 Yacolt, WA 98675  
 Attention: Stephanie Fields, Clerk

SECTION 18. WAIVER. No waiver by any Party of any term or condition of this Agreement incorporated in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to constitute a waiver of any other term or condition or of any subsequent breach, whether of the same or a different provision.

SECTION 19. INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT COMPLIANCE. This is an Agreement entered into pursuant to Chapter 39.34 RCW. Its purpose is as set forth in Section 2 (Purpose). Its duration is as specified in Section 6 (Term). Its method of termination is set forth in Section 7 (Termination). Its manner of financing and of establishing and maintaining a budget therefore is described in Sections 5 (Identified Tasks and Responsibilities), 9 (Cost of Service) and 10 (Billing Method and Process). No real or personal property shall be acquired pursuant to this Agreement that will need to be disposed of upon partial or complete termination of this Agreement. No separate legal entity is created by this Agreement, which is to be administered pursuant to Sections 3 (Administrative Structure), 4 (Agreed-Upon Goals), and 5 (Identified Tasks and Responsibilities).

SECTION 20. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, as amended pursuant to Section 21, contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter covered or mentioned therein, and no prior or other Agreement shall be effective to the contrary.

SECTION 21. AMENDMENT. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended by the mutual written consent of the Parties. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and formally approved and executed as an amendment by the duly authorized agent of each Party.

SECTION 22. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

SECTION 23. DOCUMENT EXECUTION AND FILING. The Parties agree that there shall be 4 duplicate originals of this Agreement prepared and distributed for signature by the necessary officials of each Party.

Each Party who executes this Agreement shall cause two executed originals to be returned to the Project Manager, who shall date it below, and shall cause one executed original be filed with the Clark County Auditor, retain one original for its records, and distribute conformed copies to the designated agents of the Parties pursuant to Section 17 (Notice). Upon filing with the Clark County Auditor of the signed original, such signed original shall constitute an Agreement binding upon the parties.

SECTION 24. SEVERABILITY. If any section or part of this Agreement is held by a court to be invalid, such action shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Agreement or of the Agreement as a whole.

SECTION 25. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed as to interpretation and execution by the laws of the State of Washington, except for choice law provisions. Venue for any litigation shall be in accordance with RCW 36.01.050.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties has caused this Agreement to be executed in its respective name by its duly authorized officers and has caused this Agreement to be dated as of the 5th day of December, 2023.

FOR CITY OF BATTLE GROUND, a municipal corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Erdman, City Manager

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Elizabeth Halili, City Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Kirk Ehliis, Menke Jackson Beyer, City Attorney

FOR CITY OF CAMAS a municipal corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Hogan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Sydney Baker, City Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

1 By: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney

3

4 FOR CLARK COUNTY, a municipal corporation

5 COUNTY COUNCIL  
6 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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8 Attest:

9 \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

10 Clerk to the Council

Karen Dill Bowerman, Chair

11

12 By: \_\_\_\_\_

13 Glen Yung, Councilor

14

15 By: \_\_\_\_\_

16 Michelle Belkot, Councilor

17 Approved as to Form Only:

18 Anthony F. Golik

By: \_\_\_\_\_

19 Prosecuting Attorney

Gary Medvigy, Councilor

20

21 By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

22 Christine Cook,

Sue Marshall, Councilor

23 Sr. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

24

25 FOR CITY OF LA CENTER a municipal corporation

26 By: \_\_\_\_\_

27 Thomas Strobehn, Mayor

28 ATTEST:

29

1 By: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Maria Swinger-Inskeep, City Clerk

3 APPROVED as to form:

4 By: \_\_\_\_\_

5 Bronson Potter, City Attorney

6

7 FOR CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, a municipal corporation

8 By: \_\_\_\_\_

9 Steve Stuart, City Manager

10 ATTEST:

11 By: \_\_\_\_\_

12 Julie Ferris, City Clerk

13 APPROVED as to form:

14 By: \_\_\_\_\_

15 Janean Parker, City Attorney

16

17 FOR CITY OF WASHOUGAL, a municipal corporation

18 By: \_\_\_\_\_

19 David Scott, City Manager

20 ATTEST:

21 By: \_\_\_\_\_

22 Daniel Layer, Finance Director/City Clerk

23 APPROVED as to form:

24 By: \_\_\_\_\_

25 Robert Zeinemann, City Attorney

26

27 FOR TOWN OF YACOLT, a municipal corporation

28 By: \_\_\_\_\_

29 Katelyn Listek, Mayor



1 ATTEST:

2 By: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Stephanie Fields, Town Clerk

4 APPROVED as to form:

5 By: \_\_\_\_\_

6 David Ridenour, Town Attorney

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## Exhibit A

### Scope of Work for Cooperative Climate Planning

#### **Task 1: Greenhouse gas reduction sub-element baseline data collection technical assistance**

Task description: This task is for a consultant to provide baseline data collection and technical support in development of the greenhouse gas reduction sub-elements for Clark County and the Cities of Battle Ground, Camas, Ridgefield, and Washougal consistent with E2SHB 1181 and the December 2023 Department of Commerce Climate Element guidance.

#### **Deliverables:**

- 1.1 A consultant provided baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventory report for each of the following communities: Cities of Battle Ground, Camas, Ridgefield, Washougal, unincorporated Clark County, and countywide. The greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the unincorporated county needs to differentiate between urban and rural areas.
  - The county and cities' Project Management Team can assist the county-hired consultant in locating data managed by respective local government entities. Otherwise, the technical consultant will be responsible for collecting data for the emissions inventory.
  - Consultant calculated baseline energy usage and emissions for each participating jurisdiction must be done using non-proprietary methods and all assumptions, calculations, data sources, and key contacts must be made available to the participating jurisdictions.
  - This deliverable includes a separate report for each party that textually and graphically presents the greenhouse gas emissions inventory and identifies emissions over which each participating jurisdiction may have significant influence (as well as additional communitywide emissions). The report will identify top-priority sources of greenhouse gas emissions for which reduction strategies could be developed in later phases of the climate change planning process. The report will include documentation of approach used to develop baselines, to serve as documentation for use of best available science/scientific credibility, incorporation of environmental justice, and other Growth Management Act mandated requirements applicable to this task.
- 1.2 A consultant will train county staff to update the greenhouse gas emissions inventory moving forward.
  - The county-hired technical consultant will be training county staff with the information and materials necessary to replicate the greenhouse gas emissions calculations used for the base year inventory, track progress, and generate reports. The consultant will hold training sessions (no less than 3) for county staff to learn how to update the inventory.
  - City staff will be invited to join the inventory training, if of interest. This is an optional item the cities may choose to participate in.
- 1.3 A consultant provided baseline vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita study or evaluation for the Cities of Battle Ground, Camas, Ridgefield, Washougal, unincorporated Clark County, and

countywide. Data for the unincorporated county needs to differentiate between urban and rural areas.

- Consultant approach must be made in collaboration with Regional Transportation Council (RTC) staff.
- The county will provide each jurisdiction with a copy of the study/evaluation.

1.4 Consultant-provided support to stakeholder groups, staff, and decision makers in setting greenhouse gas emission and VMT reduction targets for the planning period 2025-2045.

- This deliverable includes technical consultant preparation of presentation materials for each jurisdiction.
- This deliverable includes the technical consultant being available to answer questions or present information to stakeholder groups and local decision makers for each jurisdiction.

1.5 Communication and planning with the technical consultant.

- This deliverable includes county coordination and communication with the technical consultant.

## **Task 2: Climate resiliency sub-element foundational research and technical assistance**

Task description: This task is for a consultant to provide foundational data, research, and technical support in development of the resilience sub-elements for the county and Cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Washougal, and the Town of Yacolt, consistent with E2SHB 1181 and the December 2023 Department of Commerce Climate Element guidance. This task includes exploration of climate impacts; an audit of plans and policies; and, if needed, assessment of vulnerability and risk.

Deliverables:

2.1 Consultant provided documentation of approach and sources for foundational data and research to serve as county and cities' documentation for use of best available science/scientific credibility, incorporation of environmental justice, and other legislatively mandated requirements.

2.2 Consultant lead exploration of Climate Impacts with a focus on vulnerable communities and consistent with Department of Commerce guidance.

- Identification of climate impact exploration tool to use with stakeholder groups and confirmed with county and city Project Management Team.
- Climate exploration activity/discussion that helps stakeholder groups better understand/explore impacts and helps stakeholders identify priority climate impacts for the project. County and city Project Management Team to confirm stakeholders to invite to activity/discussion.
- A summary of recommended priority climate impacts that is created for general public understanding for each participating jurisdiction. A focus on vulnerable communities is expected to be included in the approach for identifying priority climate impacts.

2.3 Consultant provided summary of the results of an audit of plans and policies consistent with Department of Commerce guidance.

- The plan and policy audit should prioritize the [Clark Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) and existing county and city comprehensive plans. There are likely other plans and policies that could be considered in this step, time and budget permitting.
- 2.4 If needed, based on the outcomes of the plan and policy audit, a consultant provided assessment of vulnerability and risk, consistent with Department of Commerce guidance.
- This deliverable includes documentation of the results of the vulnerability and risk assessment for each jurisdiction consistent with the Department of Commerce Guidance.
  - Any maps developed by the consultant through the vulnerability and risk assessment will be provided to all jurisdictions.
- 2.5 Consultant availability to field questions from stakeholder groups, staff, and speak with decision makers, if needed.
- This deliverable includes the technical consultant being available to answer questions or present information to stakeholder groups and local decision makers for each jurisdiction.
- 2.6 Communication and planning with the technical consultant.
- This deliverable includes county coordination and communication with the technical consultant.

### **Task 3: Project Management**

Task description: This task includes work focused on county project communication, coordination, and administration with the cities.

Deliverables:

- 3.1 Communication and coordination with cities.
- 3.2 Interlocal agreement administration including provision of deliverables and invoices.

Exhibit B  
Budget for Cooperative Climate Planning

Item 4.

	County	Battle Ground	Camas	La Center	Ridgefield	Washougal	Yacolt
GHG sub-element payment percentage per deliverable	28.5714%	17.8571%	17.8571%	0.0000%	17.8571%	17.8571%	0.0000%
Resilience sub-element payment percentage per deliverable	25.0000%	15.6250%	15.6250%	6.2500%	15.6250%	15.6250%	6.2500%
Total payment to Clark County not to exceed amount	N/A	\$40,096.37	\$40,096.37	\$5,650.00	\$40,096.37	\$40,096.37	\$5,650.00

*Note: Percentages are based on the proportion of money each party is expected to receive from the Department of Commerce. Totals are based on the total expected cost per Party based on consultant proposals. For task items that are county-specific, \$0 will be paid by the other Parties.*

	County	Battle Ground	Camas	La Center	Ridgefield	Washougal	Yacolt	Total Cost	Assumptions
<b>Task 1: GHG Reduction Assistance</b>									
1.1 Greenhouse gas emissions inventory	\$ 24,846.83	\$ 15,529.25	\$ 15,529.25	\$ -	\$ 15,529.25	\$ 15,529.25	\$ -	\$ 86,964.00	
1.2 Train county staff to update GHG inventory moving forward	\$ 6,959.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,959.00	County-only task
1.3 VMT per capita study/evaluation	\$ 3,958.85	\$ 2,474.28	\$ 2,474.28	\$ -	\$ 2,474.28	\$ 2,474.28	\$ -	\$ 13,856.00	
1.4 GHG emission and VMT reduction target setting support, answering questions and presenting information	\$ 11,891.42	\$ 7,432.13	\$ 7,432.13	\$ -	\$ 7,432.13	\$ 7,432.13	\$ -	\$ 41,620.00	
1.5 Communication and planning with technical consultant	\$ 857.14	\$ 535.71	\$ 535.71	\$ -	\$ 535.71	\$ 535.71	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	
Sub-total	\$ 48,513.24	\$ 25,971.37	\$ 25,971.37	\$ -	\$ 25,971.37	\$ 25,971.37	\$ -	\$ 152,399.00	
<b>Task 2: Resilience Assistance</b>									
2.1 Documentation of approach	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	
2.2 Exploration of climate impacts	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 24,000.00	
2.3 Audit summary	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 8,000.00	
2.4 Assessment of vulnerability and risk	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 28,000.00	
2.5 Answering questions and presenting information	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,312.50	\$ 1,312.50	\$ 525.00	\$ 1,312.50	\$ 1,312.50	\$ 525.00	\$ 8,400.00	
2.6 Communication and planning with technical consultant	\$ 750.00	\$ 468.75	\$ 468.75	\$ 187.50	\$ 468.75	\$ 468.75	\$ 187.50	\$ 3,000.00	
Sub-total	\$ 21,850.00	\$ 13,656.25	\$ 13,656.25	\$ 5,462.50	\$ 13,656.25	\$ 13,656.25	\$ 5,462.50	\$ 87,400.00	
<b>Task 3: Project Management</b>									
3.1 Communication and coordination	\$ 375.00	\$ 234.38	\$ 234.38	\$ 93.75	\$ 234.38	\$ 234.38	\$ 93.75	\$ 1,500.00	
3.2 Interlocal agreement administration	\$ 375.00	\$ 234.38	\$ 234.38	\$ 93.75	\$ 234.38	\$ 234.38	\$ 93.75	\$ 1,500.00	
Sub-total	\$ 750.00	\$ 468.75	\$ 468.75	\$ 187.50	\$ 468.75	\$ 468.75	\$ 187.50	\$ 3,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 71,113.24</b>	<b>\$ 40,096.37</b>	<b>\$ 40,096.37</b>	<b>\$ 5,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,096.37</b>	<b>\$ 40,096.37</b>	<b>\$ 5,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 242,799.00</b>	

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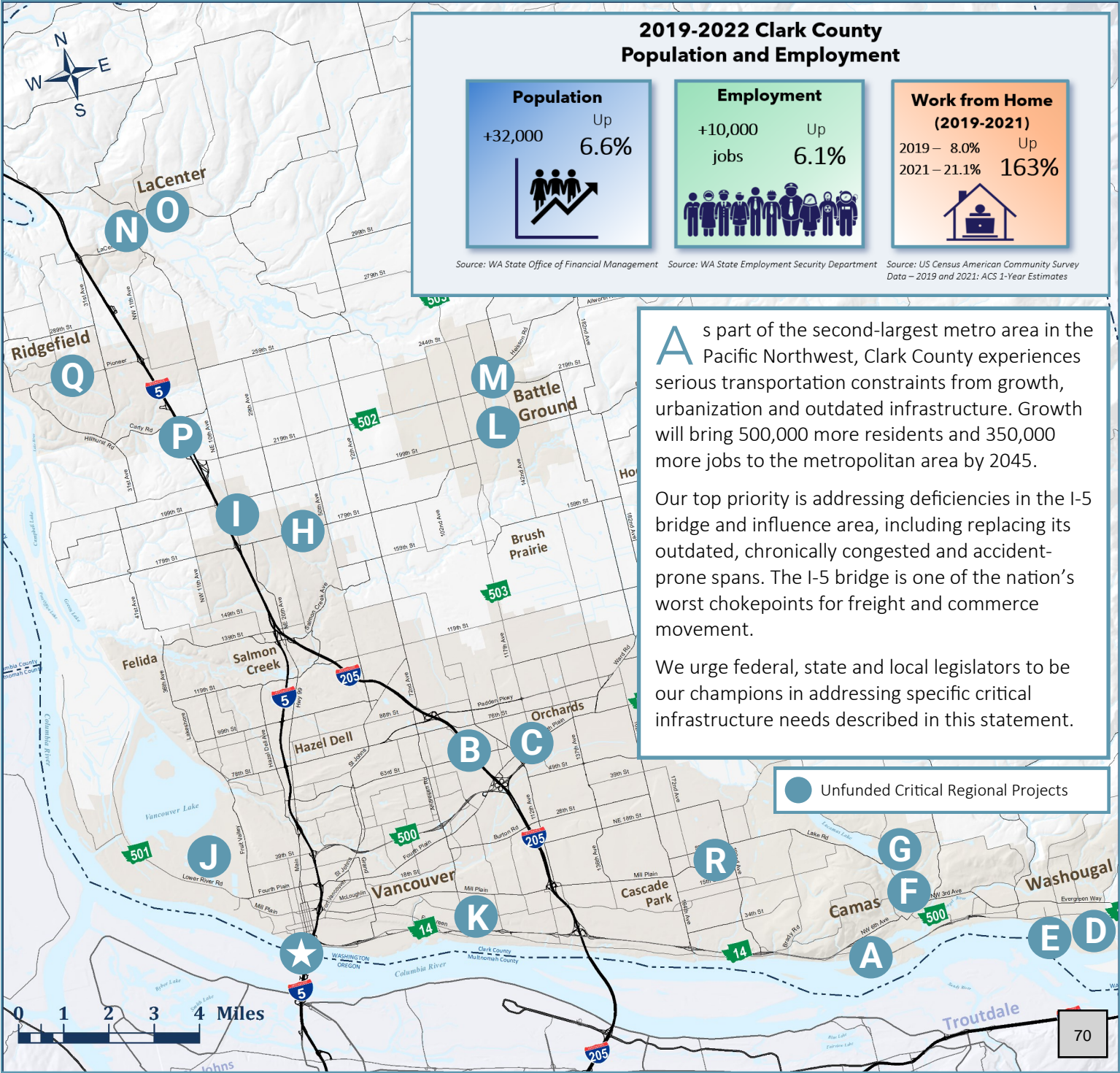
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# A CALL TO FURTHER ACTION

## I-5 Bridge Replacement and Influence Area Improvements



### Action #1

**Support Timely I-5 Bridge Replacement:** We fully support replacement of the I-5 bridges and related corridor improvements:

- **Supplemental EIS:** support timely completion of studies, reports and permit applications
- **Bi-state legislative consensus:** drive toward regional consensus for long-term solution responsive to economic prosperity, climate stewardship, social equity and local workforce opportunities
- **Funding commitments:** secure balanced project funding including emerging federal bridge and transit grants, commitments from both states and local contributions

The I-5 bridge spans are functionally obsolete, seismically vulnerable and require outsized maintenance investments to remain operational. A bi-state approach focused on practical solutions to improve mobility throughout this primary freight, commerce and commuter corridor is a regional imperative congruent with the 2002 I-5 Corridor Strategic Plan.



107-year old I-5 Bridge

## Regional Maintenance and Operations Needs

### Action #2

**Pursue Funding to Advance State of Good Repair and Operations:** carefully evaluate recommendations of the Joint Transportation Committee's Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment, and consider enhanced and new funding models (e.g. road-usage charge).

**Fund Critical Area Operations:** dedicate additional maintenance, planning and traffic operations funds for critical urban areas (SR-14, SR-500, I-5, I-205) to optimize safety and mobility on our existing system.

The 2022 Move Ahead Washington package was a welcome down payment on our maintenance and preservation backlog. Additional funding is needed to support our regional economy and community with an optimized transportation network.

## Target Zero and Safety Program Enhancements

### Action #3

We fully support rapid deployment of high impact state and federal resources to stem the tide of fatal and serious injury crashes on regional and local roadways. Inaction annually costs Washingtonians \$18.1B inclusive of medical care, emergency services, market productivity and other incident-related expenses (FHWA).

Prioritize grant and program enhancements for:

- Safe Routes to Schools, Complete Streets and Active Transportation programs
- State and federal local road safety planning and implementation grants
- Public awareness programs deployed by local agencies and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission
- Expand resources and tools for traffic enforcement

## Facilitating Transportation Mobility, Economic Growth and Equity

We urge legislators to embrace the following priorities where possible:

- Support funding to adequately maintain the Columbia River marine highway shipping channel for the next 20-years, and for ongoing implementation of the channel maintenance plan
- Fund regionally significant freight mobility improvements for river, road and rail for Ports, as well as track improvements for the county-owned Chelatchie Prairie Railroad
- Stabilize statewide programs including the Public Works Trust Fund, CERB, FMSIB, TIB and FRAP, and protect Tax Increment Financing (TIF) which facilitates economic and infrastructure opportunities
- Support broadband infrastructure to disperse economic opportunity, foster telecommuting and better compete in the evolving digital economy
- Actively embrace smart technologies to ease pressures on the transportation grid and support conversion of public and private fleets to alternative fuels
- Support the evaluation of transportation investments to help ensure equity and climate goals
- **We place high priority on long-range land-use and strategic new transportation corridor planning to serve steadily rising population and commerce forecasts**

# CATALYTIC REGIONAL PROJECTS AND NEEDS

Item 5.

### Action #4

**Fund Regionally Catalytic Projects to Address Immediate Needs:** secure funding for priorities that reduce congestion hotspots, improve safety and deliver multi-modal investments. Each project has been vetted through the regional planning process.



	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	~ COST	LEAD AGENCY
A	<b>WEST CAMAS SLOUGH BRIDGE WIDENING</b>	Develop parallel bridge structure for westbound SR-14 traffic and added capacity	\$65M	WSDOT
B	<b>I-205/SR-500 TO PADDEN EXWY</b>	Following recent planning study, provide funds for initial intersection improvement to address congestion hot spot	\$50M	WSDOT
C	<b>SR-500/FOURTH PLAIN/SR-503</b>	Following recent planning study, provide funds for initial intersection improvement to address congestion hot spot	\$20M	WSDOT
D	<b>WASHOUGAL 32<sup>ND</sup> STREET RAIL UNDERPASS</b>	Have secured \$50M of total need, to eliminate at-grade rail-crossing, improving safety, community connectivity and economic opportunity	\$65M	City of Washougal
E	<b>WASHOUGAL TOWN CENTER TRANSPORTATION ACCESS IMPROVEMENT</b>	Improve corridors connecting Washougal Town Center (TC) and adjacent developable land, including TC Connectors; 27th/Index Improvements for Port and SR-14 access	\$35M	City of Washougal
F	<b>SR-500/EVERETT STREET — LACAMAS LAKE BRIDGE</b>	Install new Lacamas Lake Bridge and landings above the floodplain with multimodal capacity	\$15M	City of Camas
G	<b>SR-500/EVERETT STREET — NE 35<sup>TH</sup> AVE TO NE 43<sup>RD</sup> AVE</b>	Improve SR-500 to multi-modal urban arterial standards supporting new economic development opportunities	\$15M	City of Camas
H	<b>179<sup>TH</sup> ST FROM NE 15<sup>TH</sup> AVE TO NE 50<sup>TH</sup> AVE</b>	Improve roadway to multi-modal arterial standards supporting expanded capacity and economic development opportunities	\$65.7M	Clark County
I	<b>NE 15TH AVE FROM 179TH ST TO NE 10TH AVE</b>	Add arterial connection to increase capacity in conjunction with 179th/I-5 interchange upgrade	\$21.8M	Clark County
J	<b>FRUIT VALLEY FREIGHT ACCESS AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS</b>	Planning, engineering, environmental review and construction for new north-south freight arterial	\$130M	City of Vancouver
K	<b>MACARTHUR BETWEEN N BLANDFORD AND S LIESER</b>	Corridor improvements including multi-modal paths, roundabouts at key intersections and traffic safety enhancements	\$40M	City of Vancouver
L	<b>EATON BLVD FROM SW 20<sup>TH</sup> AVE TO SR-503</b>	Improve roadway to urban arterial standards and improve traffic safety	\$4.0M	City of Battle Ground
M	<b>DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND CIRCULATION STUDY</b>	Design for the downtown circulation and revitalization plan including focus on alternative transportation options	\$0.5M	City of Battle Ground
N	<b>4TH ST WIDENING/BREEZE CREEK CULVERT</b>	Complete street makeover with fish bearing culvert replacement for improved environmental outcomes	\$16M	City of La Center
O	<b>PACIFIC HWY SHARED USE PATH</b>	Complete pathway connection between downtown and northeast communities	\$3.35M	City of La Center
P	<b>RIDGEFIELD/I-5 SOUTH CONNECTOR/I-5 TO HILLHURST RD</b>	Add western ramp access at I-5 and arterial street extension to Hillhurst Rd	\$40M	City of Ridgefield
Q	<b>SR-501/PIONEER BETWEEN 56TH AND ROYLE ROAD</b>	Improve roadway to four-lane multimodal standard, supporting economic development and community partnership opportunities	\$30M	City of Ridgefield
R	<b>PUBLIC TRANSIT</b>	Help fund construction of C-TRAN's extension of the Fourth Plain BRT line that will interconnect with its Mill Plain BRT line	\$10M	C-TRAN