

# **City Council Agenda Item Memo**

**From:** Ashley Rentsch, Finance Director

**Council Meeting:** August 26, 2025 / September 9, 2025

**Subject:** Ordinance 25-030: Certifying the 2026 Property Tax Levy

**Presenter:** Ashley Rentsch, Finance Director

## **Summary and Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Ordinance to certify the 2026 Property Tax Levy request in the amount of \$4,408,219 to the Brookings County Finance Officer per SDCL 9-21-20.

## **Item Details:**

SDCL 9-21-20 requires municipalities certify tax levies included in the annual appropriation ordinance to the County Finance Officer, and SDCL 10-13-35.4 limits the maximum revenue amount payable to the amount certified the previous year plus a percentage increase based on new construction growth and the consumer price index.

The calculation for the 2026 property tax levy was calculated as follows:

Previous year certified amount:	\$4,198,703
Growth Factor (2.09%):	87,753
Consumer Price Index Factor (2.9%):	<u>121,763</u>
Total Tax Levy:	<u>\$4,408,219</u>

## **Legal Consideration:**

None.

## **Strategic Plan Consideration:**

- Fiscal Responsibility – The City of Brookings will responsibly manage resources through transparency, efficiency, equity, and exceptional customer service.
- Sustainability – The City of Brookings will meet environmental, community and economic desires and needs without compromising future generations' quality of life by strategically planning, implementing and maintaining infrastructure and facilities.

## **Financial Consideration:**

The City will increase property tax revenues by the growth and consumer price index factors to support General Fund objectives.

## **Supporting Documentation:**

Ordinance