

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