



2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Community Health: Trending in the Right Direction!

Calendar Year	SINGLE FAMILY HOMES			PROPERTY INVESTMENT		
	Sales	Avg Price	Avg Price % Change	Permits	Investment	City Overall Taxable Values % Change (FY)
2013	88	110,600	-13%	202	7,925,270	-0.89%
2014	82	128,400	16 %	167	9,435,213	1.50%
2015	108	125,300	-2.5 %	137	12,486,444	1.55%
2016	99	132,900	6 %	169	11,437,629	-2.43%
2017	150	145,240	9%	198	16,150,471	5.60%

Did you know Mason is one of only a few cities (we know of less than 10) in Michigan that prepares a **THREE YEAR BUDGET** as part of our budget process?

WHY DO WE DO IT?

Provides us a better understanding of our financial position (revenue, cost drivers, liabilities)

Allows for the development of strategic and proactive responses to the financial trends

Provides a clear focus on determining the long-term sustainability for MASON!

2017/18 Budget Accomplishments

SERVICES: Allocated appropriate resources to critical services (police, fire, utilities, roads) within a reasonable tax rate, established a One- Stop Customer Service center, added free recycling, implemented a sidewalk repair program (previously assessed), development of a user friendly website

CAPITAL/ SUSTAINABILITY: Adopted a thorough Capital Improvement Program that drives the budget, dedicated resources to investments toward areas where maintenance had been deferred (equipment, buildings, parks), paid off debt on equipment, committed to plan/save/pay for equipment in advance, targeting economic development that balances and sustains tax base portfolio

EMPLOYEES: Addressed all pending contracts, invested in retiree benefits that have been promised

2018/19 Budget Goals

SERVICES: Maintain appropriate funding for critical services without a tax increase, enhancing services by: reducing/eliminating credit card fees, adding point of purchase payment options, monthly water billing, investing in technology to increase efficiency

CAPITAL/ SUSTAINABILITY: Establishment of a fire equipment fund to plan for long term purchases, regular equipment replacement to ensure effectiveness, reducing retirement liability to allow for the transition to a defined contribution plan for new hires, investment in Waste Water Treatment Plant and DPW Facility to address capacity needs and environmental concerns

EMPLOYEES: Continue to prioritize reducing retiree benefits liability, restructuring to provide growth opportunities for staff, investing in additional benefits that match our communities values, focusing on employee training and growth to strengthen our workforce

WHERE DOES YOUR TAX DOLLAR GO?

Based on current Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) tax rate

Education		0.42
IISD	0.13	
LCC	0.08	
Mason Public School Debt	0.06	
Mason Public School Sinking	0.02	
State Education Tax	0.13	
CITY OF MASON	0.32	0.32
County		0.21
Ingham Operating	0.13	
Ingham Non-Operating	0.08	
CADL	0.03	0.03
Airport	0.02	0.02
	\$1.00	\$1.00

GOAL: BALANCED REVENUE PORTFOLIO

(Industry & Property Tax Income Diversification)

Top 5 Taxpayers	2017 Percent of Total City Value	2016 Percent of Total City Value
Gestamp	11.80%	14.83%
Michigan Packaging	5.43%	5.26%
Meijer	2.08%	2.40%
Beacon Lake Apartments	1.85%	2.14%
Consumers Energy	1.55%	1.85%
Total:	22.71%	26.48%

Tax Rate Comparison

City	Why Compare?	Total Millage	Local Millage
Alaiedon (MPS)	Location	32.9101	.8316
Aurelius (MPS)	Location	33.3986	1.3201
St. Johns	Population (7.9K)	37.6704	14.1848
Grand Ledge	Population (7.7K)	43.1547	11.2858
Charlotte	Population (9K)	43.34.90	15.3513
DeWitt	Location	43.4352	13.0000
Chelsea	Population (5.2K)	46.5474	14.9412
MASON		47.3285	15.2500
Meridian (OPS)	Location	48.1403	8.1001
Delhi (Holt)	Location	48.4258	7.2903
Marshall	Population (7K)	52.2532	19.5415
Williamston	Location	54.7193	15.0933
Leslie	Location	53.5407	16.6000
Lansing (MPS)	Location	54.7855	19.7000
East Lansing	Location	60.0410	22.1851

Mason Millage Rate History

- 1998: Decreased to 13.9101
- 1999: Decreased to 13.75
- 2001: Decreased to 13.25
- 2017: Increased to 15.25

Current Headlee Act Cap for Mason 18.485

City Council can raise millage to that amount without a vote of the people.

Most Michigan communities are at their Headlee Cap.



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