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### City Council approves lowest property tax levy since 1989

**LIBERTY, Mo.** – The City of Liberty City Council voted at its meeting on Sept. 27, 2021 to reduce the City’s property tax levy rate by 10.5 percent in order to offset increases in assessed property values. The property tax levy rate for this year will be \$0.7968 per \$100 of assessed valuation, down substantially from the 2020 tax levy of \$0.8908. This is the lowest property tax levy rate that the City has had in over 30 years.

“When it comes to the City of Liberty’s property tax levy, the City Council has made a concerted effort to maintain a neutral impact on Liberty property owners over the past 13 years,” said Liberty Mayor Lyndell Brenton. “Since the financial crisis of 2008-2009 through the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been mindful of the challenges facing our citizens and very intentional in holding the line on real estate property taxes collected by the city.

“This could not have been possible without the support of Liberty voters who, recognizing a need for additional revenues to support specific projects and programs (e.g. public safety and completion of South Liberty Parkway) , have approved key sales taxes over the last 10 years. These sales taxes, unlike property taxes paid only by Liberty citizens, are shared by everyone for whom city services and amenities are provided as they do business, shop and work in Liberty every day.”

The City Council approved the 2021 levy at the Tax Neutral rate adjusted for inflation growth of 1.4 percent per the State of Missouri. The *annual* impact for a \$194,069 home will be an additional \$4.07. This will provide a \$62,710 to help support general City operations and \$10,874 to support Parks operations. The City Council could have set a higher property tax levy rate per state statutes, but opted to maintain their commitment to keeping stable the City’s portion of property tax bills paid by Liberty property owners.

More information about the City of Liberty property tax levy, Liberty's property tax rate as a whole and how to pay your property taxes is available online »  
[www.libertymissouri.gov/97/Property-Taxes](http://www.libertymissouri.gov/97/Property-Taxes). This webpage will be updated with levies for all entities once they are made available from Clay County

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