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**City of Sanford**



Resolution No. 2024-3294

By Cathy LoTemplo  
Date 9/23/24

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida determining the amount of the millage to be established and imposed in accordance with the provisions of State law and fixing the rate of *ad valorem* taxation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 for the City of Sanford; providing for legislative/administrative findings; establishing and imposing a final millage rate of 7.325 mills; providing for implementing actions by the City Manager; providing for a savings provision; providing for conflicts; providing for severability and providing for an effective date.

**Whereas**, the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, has estimated and determined a budget for the operation of the municipal government of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; and

**Whereas**, the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida held a public hearing as required by Section 200.065, *Florida Statutes*, and has otherwise complied with the controlling provisions of Florida law; and

**Whereas**, the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, has engaged in budgetary and other fiscal management activities in the course of its regular operations and affairs as a local government of the State of Florida and all such matters have been accomplished in accordance with controlling law; and

**Whereas**, the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, has determined that a millage rate of 7.325 mills shall be levied by the City of Sanford, Florida, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, from which levy the total sum of \$42,064,444 is estimated

to be collected to advance the operational needs of the municipal government of the City of Sanford, Florida.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida, as follows:**

**Section 1. Legislative/Administrative Findings.** The recitals set forth in the whereas clauses to this Resolution are hereby adopted as the legislative and administrative findings of the City Commission.

**Section 2. Requisite Funding.** The amount determined necessary by the City Commission of the City of Sanford to be raised by *ad valorem* taxation in the City of Sanford, Florida for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 and for the ordinary purposes of the municipality is the sum of \$42,064,444.

**Section 3. Millage Rate Established.** The final operating *ad valorem* tax millage for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, to be assessed upon each dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property, except homesteads to the extent that the laws of the State of Florida provide for various homestead exemptions, and as otherwise provided by controlling State law, within the corporate limits/City Limits of the City of Sanford, Florida is hereby fixed at 7.325 mills, which is greater than the rolled back rate of 6.8649 mills by 6.7022 percent.

**Section 4. Final Millage Rate Imposed.** There shall be and is hereby levied for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, upon each dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property, except homesteads to the extent that the laws of the State of Florida

provide for various homestead exemptions, and as otherwise provided by controlling State law, within the corporate limits/City Limits of the City of Sanford, Florida, for *ad valorem* taxes, the amount of 7.325 mills for the purpose of realizing a sum sufficient to meet and defray the daily necessary and ordinary running and operational expenses of the City of Sanford, Florida, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; together with all other revenues and income inuring to the benefit of or received by the City of Sanford, Florida.

**Section 5. Duties of the City Manager; Delegation of Authority.**

(a). The City Manager is authorized and directed to take any and all necessary actions as he may deem reasonably necessary in order to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

(b). The City Manager may delegate such duties and responsibilities to City personnel in such appropriate circumstances as determined to exist from time-to-time consistent with sound public management and accountability practices and principles.

**Section 6. Savings.** The prior actions of the City of Sanford relating to the procedures, adoption and implementation of its tax rates, budgets and other fiscal matters are hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 7. Conflicts.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

**Section 8. Severability.** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or other part of this Resolution be declared by a court of

competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole or any portion thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

**Section 9. Effective Date.** The provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


**Passed and Adopted** this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

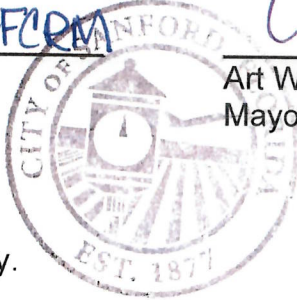
**City Commission of the City of Sanford**



Traci Houchin, MMC, FCRM  
City Clerk



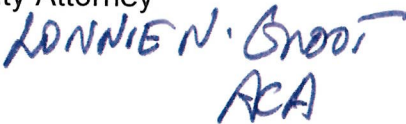
Art Woodruff  
Mayor



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Approved as to form and legality.



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Item No. Rm#7

**CITY COMMISSION MEMORANDUM 24-266**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 AGENDA**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
**PREPARED BY:** Cynthia Lindsay, Finance Director  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., ICMA-CM, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Final Public Hearing for Adoption of the 2025 Budget

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

- Unify Downtown & the Waterfront
- Promote the City's Distinct Culture
- Update Regulatory Framework
- Redevelop and Revitalize Disadvantaged Communities

**SYNOPSIS:**

Approval of the millage, operating and capital budgets as presented in compliance with Florida Truth-in-Millage statutes is requested.

**FISCAL/STAFFING STATEMENT:**

The proposed property tax (ad valorem) millage rate is 7.325, the same rate as last year. This rate, based on an increase of \$665 million in property values estimated for 2025, will be a 11.9% increase in property tax revenues for a total levy of \$42.06 million. Citywide operating expenditures will increase by \$22,051,717 or 11.8%. The budget exceeds \$208 million and provides all appropriations for the 2025 fiscal year by department, division and cost category.

**BACKGROUND:**

As required by the *City Charter*, the City Manager submitted a tentative annual budget and capital program for fiscal year 2025 to the City Commission at the beginning of July of this year. Subsequently, the Commission held a budget workshop to review and discuss the budget, relative to staffing, capital projects, operating issues and the funding available for all identified activities. On July 22, 2024, the Commission certified the time and place for a public hearing on the tentative millage and budget, scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7 PM, notice of which was provided to all property owners on their County Truth-in-Millage notification.

To comply with statutory requirements, "prior to the conclusion of the hearing, the City Commission shall amend the tentative budget as it sees fit, re-compute its proposed millage rate, and publicly announce the percent, if any, by which it exceeds the rolled back rate and adopt the final budget." If no changes are made to the budget as presented, and no change is made to the millage rate of 7.325, then the proposed millage rate is a 6.7022% increase over the rolled-back rate of 6.8649 mills.

## **LEGAL REVIEW:**

Both the millage and budget resolutions have been reviewed by the Assistant City Attorney.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

In accordance with statutory provision, the City Commission ***must*** complete the following:

- **Declare** the Public hearing on the millage and budget open. “This is the final public hearing on the City of Sanford’s 2025 Millage and 2025 Budget.” “The proposed millage of 7.325 is a 6.7022% increase over the rolled-back rate of 6.8649.”
- **Allow** public comment or questions on the proposed millage rate and budget.
- **City Commission discussion and action.** If the Commission changes the proposed millage rate, please follow the script procedures for change in millage rate. As a reminder, the millage rate can only be adjusted down at the final hearing and not up.
- **Adopt** the millage rate **FIRST, BY SEPARATE MOTION.**
- **Adopt** the budget **BY SEPARATE MOTION.**

## **SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

“I move to approve Resolution No. 2024-3294, establishing a millage of 7.325 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.”

“I move to approve Resolution 2024-3295, establishing the operating budget and capital improvement plan, presented for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.”

Attachments: Millage Resolution No. 2024-3294  
Budget Resolution No. 2024-3295