

Resolution No. 2026-3503

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, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027 for the City of Sanford; providing for legislative/administrative findings; establishing and imposing a final millage rate of 7.225 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, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027; 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 7.225 mills shall be levied by the City of Sanford, Florida, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, from which levy the total sum of \$49,281,968 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, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027 and for the ordinary purposes of the municipality is the sum of \$49,281,968.

Section 3. Millage Rate Established. The final operating *ad valorem* tax millage for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, 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 7.225 mills, which is greater than the rolled back rate of 6.9853 mills by 3.43 percent.

Section 4. Final Millage Rate Imposed. There shall be and is hereby levied for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, 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 7.225 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, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027; 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 28th day of September, 2026.

ATTEST:

**City Commission of the City of
Sanford**

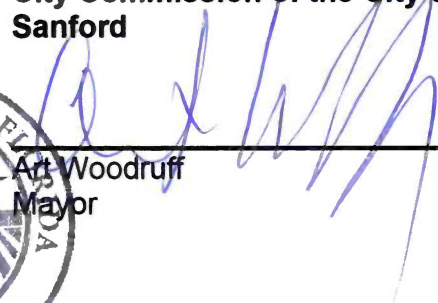
On
Behalf
of



Traci Houchin, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk

Shanna Posey
Deputy City Clerk




Art Woodruff
Mayor

For use and reliance of the
Sanford City Commission only.
Approved as to form and legality.


Lindsay N. Greene
City Attorney



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Item No. 6.A

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AND ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING 26-186
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 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 2027 Budget; Resolution 3503 and Resolution 3504

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 7.225, a .1 mil decrease from last years millage rate of 7.325. This rate, based on an increase of \$481 million in property values estimated for 2027, will be a 5.08% increase in property tax revenues for a total levy of \$49.3 million. Citywide operating expenditures will decrease by \$13,218,982 or 5.8%. The budget exceeds \$215 million and provides all appropriations for the 2027 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 2027 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. In July of this year, the Commission certified the time and place for a public hearing on the tentative millage and budget, scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2026 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 7.225, then

the proposed millage rate is a 3.43% increase over the rolled-back rate of 6.9853 mills.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed this agenda item and has no legal objection.

RECOMMENDATION:

Final Public Hearing

SUGGESTED MOTION:

"I move to approve Resolution 3503 establishing a millage of 7.225 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027."

- AND -

SEPARATE MOTION:

"I move to approve Resolution 3504 establishing the operating budget and capital improvement plan, presented for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027."

ATTACHMENTS:

Res 26-3503 2nd PH for adoption of Millage 7.225.pdf

Res 26-3504 2nd PH for Adoption of Budget.pdf