

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 4B

Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2026

ITEM TITLE: **RESOLUTION**

INTRODUCED BY: **Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich**

CONTACT PERSON: **Richard Weaver, Chief Administrative Officer**

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution approving the Public Hearing Notice that will provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget and proposed tax levies and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget of Biloxi, Mississippi, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027.

Resolution ✓ Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract _____ Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____

Other (Specify): Exhibit "A" & Exhibit "B"

Submittal Authorization: Council President _____ Mayor ✓

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

Vote:	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST
	Gray	_____	_____	_____	_____	Tisdale	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Marshall	_____	_____	_____	_____	Glavan	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Nail	_____	_____	_____	_____	Shoemaker	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Creel	_____	_____	_____	_____					

ACTION TAKEN:

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Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE THAT WILL PROVIDE THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES AND SPENDING PLAN INCORPORATED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

WHEREAS, Section 27-39-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, requires public hearings to consider the budget and tax levy and the content of such advertisement; and

WHEREAS, the current City ad valorem tax millage of 30.10 has remained unchanged for over twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Biloxi citizens currently pay less than the majority of citizens from neighboring Gulf Coast cities; as shown on the 2024-2025 total ad valorem tax millage table attached as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Administration believes a millage increase is necessary to increase revenues for the 2026-2027 proposed budget, and to enable the City to provide services at a satisfactory level; and

WHEREAS, by way of example, an increase of three (3) mills from 30.10 to 33.10 on a homestead residence with true value of \$200,000 (as assessed by Harrison County Tax Assessor) would equate to an additional \$60 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Administration believes such millage increase is necessary to allow the City to keep up with inflation and costs related to City services; and

WHEREAS, attached as Exhibit "B" is the Notice of Public Hearing with the language included for the proposed millage increase; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Mayor and City Council to approve the attached Notice for publication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL,
OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The findings, conclusions and statements of fact contained in the preamble are hereby adopted, ratified and incorporate herein.

Section 2: The Notice of Tax Increase and a Public Hearing attached as Exhibit "B" is hereby approved for publication.

Section 3: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.

TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX MILLAGE 2025/2026

	CITY	SCHOOL	COUNTY	TOTAL
Biloxi	30.10	45.25	36.42	111.77
Bay St. Louis	26.75	46.49	46.46	119.70
Diamondhead	29.50	45.29	50.71	125.50
D'Iberville	28.63	48.75	36.42	113.80
Gautier	43.00	56.79	50.36	150.15
Gulfport	34.00	61.54	36.42	131.96
Long Beach	53.63	66.41	36.42	156.46
Moss Point	62.68	58.65	50.36	171.69
Ocean Springs	28.92	65.76	50.36	145.04
Pascagoula	54.50	51.29	50.36	156.15
Pass Christian	51.74	56.22	36.42	144.38
Waveland	41.15	46.49	46.46	134.10

**NOTICE OF A TAX INCREASE AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FOR CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI**

The City of Biloxi will hold a public hearing on a proposed ad valorem tax revenue increase for fiscal year 2026-2027 and on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2026-2027 on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located at 140 Lameuse Street, Biloxi, Mississippi.

The City of Biloxi is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$244,794,057. (21.8 percent) or \$53,367,061 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$235,293,275. Of that amount, (23.9 percent) or \$56,302,697 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For next fiscal year, the City of Biloxi plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate by three (3) mills from 30.10 mills to 33.10 mills. The proposed increase is necessary to enable the City to provide services at a satisfactory level. The current millage will not allow the City to do so. This increase means that you will pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

Any citizen of Biloxi is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax increase, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Publish: August 21 & 28, 2026

Note to Publisher: Publish twice. Notice shall be no less than one-fourth (1/4) page in size and no smaller than 18 point and surrounded by a one-fourth inch (1/4") solid black border. The notice may not be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. Section 27-39-203, Mississippi Code of 1972.