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Levy Increases Outstrip Inflation & SS Growth (Except Oak Grove & Bethel)

In 2018, the City of Oak Grove will have the lowest tax increase in the county at \$0. Over the past five years, the amount they have annually taxed residents has fallen by \$4,618.



Oak Grove Mayor
Mark Korin

Since 2014, the cities of Oak Grove and Bethel are the only two local governments that have kept increases below the rate of inflation

and less than growth in Social Security income.

Oak Grove Mayor Mark Korin addressed the city's tax rate at a recent city council meeting, stating "We had a plan to restructure the city to operate more in line like the private sector. To run the city for the best value at the most optimum pricing that we could."

Mayor Korin credited the council and staff for helping cut 33.5% out of the original tax levy when he took office, and keeping a 0% levy increase for the past five years. Councilmember Mike Wylie cited cost saving measures such as only having legal council attend meetings when needed. Councilmember Dan

Denno personally thanked current City Administrator Loren Wickham, and past Administrator Rick Juba.

Councilmembers joked about how the Star Tribune and KSTP spoke as if the sky was falling several years ago when they made these changes. Mayor Korin noted that many residents have thanked the council for their work.

Editor's Note: Anoka County Property Records & Taxation Division staff prepare information charts on an annual basis which allow the public to compare tax rates between the county, cities, schools, and other taxing jurisdictions.

Tax Capacity and Market Value Levies for Anoka County County, Cities, Towns - 5 Years - 2014 vs. 2018

	2014 Total Levy	2018 Total Levy	5-Year Total Increase	Average Annual Increase	5-Year Inflation	5-Year Social Security Increase
BLAINE	19,602,000	27,213,275	38.8%	7.8%	7.2%	5.5%
COLUMBUS	2,237,031	3,051,502	36.4%	7.3%	7.2%	5.5%
RAMSEY	8,772,143	11,374,395	29.7%	5.9%	7.2%	5.5%
FRIDLEY	11,891,926	15,284,936	28.5%	5.7%	7.2%	5.5%
CIRCLE PINES	1,994,293	2,550,055	27.9%	5.6%	7.2%	5.5%
CENTERVILLE	2,276,300	2,755,680	21.1%	4.2%	7.2%	5.5%
ANOKA CITY	5,906,684	7,090,335	20.0%	4.0%	7.2%	5.5%
SPRING LAKE PARK	2,751,330	3,282,441	19.3%	3.9%	7.2%	5.5%
LINO LAKES	8,296,044	9,776,732	17.8%	3.6%	7.2%	5.5%
NOWTHEN	1,242,752	1,461,196	17.6%	3.5%	7.2%	5.5%
COON RAPIDS	23,579,026	27,570,674	16.9%	3.4%	7.2%	5.5%
ST FRANCIS	2,988,086	3,488,791	16.8%	3.4%	7.2%	5.5%
LEXINGTON	1,013,128	1,182,106	16.7%	3.3%	7.2%	5.5%
ANDOVER	10,843,925	12,416,357	14.5%	2.9%	7.2%	5.5%
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS	10,095,593	11,549,505	14.4%	2.9%	7.2%	5.5%
HAM LAKE	4,217,428	4,797,978	13.8%	2.8%	7.2%	5.5%
ANOKA COUNTY	122,049,349	136,210,293	11.6%	2.3%	7.2%	5.5%
HILLTOP	562,500	619,660	10.2%	2.0%	7.2%	5.5%
LINWOOD	1,500,000	1,625,000	8.3%	1.7%	7.2%	5.5%
EAST BETHEL	5,249,972	5,642,300	7.5%	1.5%	7.2%	5.5%
BETHEL	248,267	260,680	5.0%	1.0%	7.2%	5.5%
OAK GROVE	2,188,510	2,183,892	-0.2%	0.0%	7.2%	5.5%

Tax Capacity and Market Value Levies for Anoka County County, Cities, Towns - 2017 vs. 2018

	2017 Total Levy	2018 Total Levy	2017-2018 Increase	Inflation % Increase	Social Security % Increase
BLAINE	\$24,714,025	\$27,213,275	10.1%	2.0%	2.0%
LEXINGTON	\$1,082,481	\$1,182,106	9.2%	2.0%	2.0%
RAMSEY	\$10,479,058	\$11,374,395	8.5%	2.0%	2.0%
ST FRANCIS	\$3,244,573	\$3,488,791	7.5%	2.0%	2.0%
NOWTHEN	\$1,361,332	\$1,461,196	7.3%	2.0%	2.0%
COLUMBUS	\$2,848,001	\$3,051,502	7.1%	2.0%	2.0%
HILLTOP	\$584,814	\$619,660	6.0%	2.0%	2.0%
FRIDLEY	\$14,530,612	\$15,284,936	5.2%	2.0%	2.0%
BETHEL	\$248,267	\$260,680	5.0%	2.0%	2.0%
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS	\$11,005,302	\$11,549,505	4.9%	2.0%	2.0%
COON RAPIDS	\$26,338,000	\$27,570,674	4.7%	2.0%	2.0%
SPRING LAKE PARK	\$3,136,082	\$3,282,441	4.7%	2.0%	2.0%
HAM LAKE	\$4,593,101	\$4,797,978	4.5%	2.0%	2.0%
ANDOVER	\$11,938,555	\$12,416,357	4.0%	2.0%	2.0%
ANOKA COUNTY	\$131,234,565	\$136,210,293	3.8%	2.0%	2.0%
EAST BETHEL	\$5,464,000	\$5,642,300	3.3%	2.0%	2.0%
ANOKA CITY	\$6,871,230	\$7,090,335	3.2%	2.0%	2.0%
CIRCLE PINES	\$2,473,964	\$2,550,055	3.1%	2.0%	2.0%
LINO LAKES	\$9,491,855	\$9,776,732	3.0%	2.0%	2.0%
CENTERVILLE	\$2,704,521	\$2,755,680	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%
LINWOOD	\$1,600,000	\$1,625,000	1.6%	2.0%	2.0%
OAK GROVE	\$2,183,892	\$2,183,892	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%

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