



Board of Aldermen Request for Action

MEETING DATE: 9/23/2025

DEPARTMENT: Finance

AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing Pertaining to the 2025 Property Tax Levy

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION

Hold a Public Hearing pertaining to the 2025 Property Tax Levy.

SUMMARY

The City of Smithville is required to hold a public hearing before the property tax levy for 2025 can be set. The public hearing allows citizens to offer public comment on setting the property tax levy. Holding the public hearing is required by Section 67.110, RSMo.

Final assessed valuations were received by the City from the County Clerks for Platte County on August 19, 2025, and for Clay County on September 10, 2025.

The City's adjusted assessed valuation increased 10.6853% which does not include growth due to new construction and personal property tax. Total figures are provided to the State Auditor's Office, which prepares the tax rate computations for the City's 2025 tax rate ceiling. The computations determined a general tax rate ceiling of 0.3607 and the City does not levy a property tax to pay general obligation debt. The Debt Service Fund is supported through the Capital Improvement Sales Tax, and therefore no property tax revenue is necessary. Staff recommends adopting the maximum general tax rate of 0.3607. A reduction from the 2024 levy of 0.3880.

Staff posted a notice of public hearing in 3 separate locations around the City of Smithville: US Post Office, Mid Continent Public Library and Casey's General Store. These postings occurred on the afternoon of September 15, 2025. Section 67.110, RSMo states, "the governing body shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed rates of taxes at which citizens shall be heard prior to their approval. The governing body shall determine the time and place for such a hearing. A notice stating the hour, date and place of hearing shall be published in at least one newspaper qualified under the laws of the state of Missouri of general circulation in the county within which all or the largest portion of the political subdivision is situated, **or such notice shall be posted in at least three public places within the political subdivision**. Such notice shall be published or posted at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The property tax levy is set on an annual basis by the Board of Aldermen.

POLICY ISSUE

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Setting the property tax rate allows for collection of property tax which constitutes about 18% of General Fund total revenues.

ATTACHMENTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Plans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Minutes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Published Locations | |

September 18, 2025

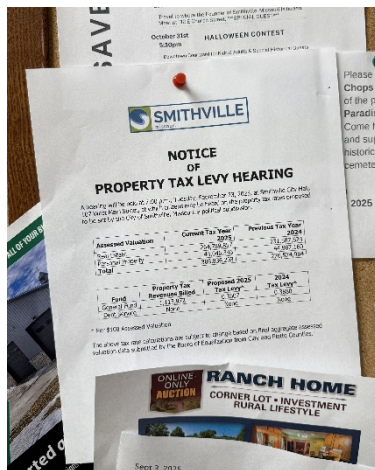
City of Smithville
107 West Main Street
Smithville, Missouri 64089

In accordance with RSMo 67.110, which outlines how a Notice of Public Hearing for Property Tax Levy may be published, the City posted a Notice of Property Tax Hearing on the City website, FaceBook page and Nextdoor and in 3 separate locations around the City of Smithville on the early afternoon of September 15, 2025, to notify the public of a public hearing for the upcoming property tax levy (7 days in advance) scheduled at the City of Smithville City Hall for Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM. The locations which featured the postings included:

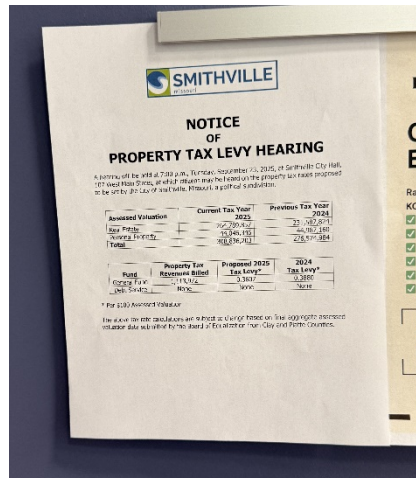
Casey's General Store - 119 US 169 Highway, Smithville Missouri, 64089
Mid Continent Public Library - 120 Richardson St, Smithville Missouri, 64089
U.S. Post Office - 206 Richardson Street, Smithville Missouri, 64089

Below are photos of the postings:

Casey's General Store



Mid Continent Library



U.S. Post Office



Thank you,

Linda Drummond
City Clerk, City of Smithville, Missouri



NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY HEARING

A hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Smithville City Hall, 107 West Main Street, at which citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed to be set by the City of Smithville, Missouri, a political subdivision.

Assessed Valuation	Current Tax Year 2025	Previous Tax Year 2024
Real Estate	264,789,857	231,587,824
Personal Property	44,046,346	44,987,160
Total	308,836,203	276,574,984

Fund	Property Tax Revenues Billed	Proposed 2025 Tax Levy*	2024 Tax Levy*
General Fund	1,113,972	0.3607	0.3880
Debt Service	None	None	None

* Per \$100 Assessed Valuation

The above tax rate calculations are subject to change based on final aggregate assessed valuation data submitted by the Board of Equalization from Clay and Platte Counties.

**PRO FORMA - STATE AUDITOR'S REVIEW OF DATA SUBMITTED****9/15/2025****Summary Page****(2025)****For Political Subdivisions Other Than School Districts Levying a Single Rate on All Property**

City of Smithville

09-024-0022

General Revenue

Name of Political Subdivision

Political Subdivision Code

Purpose of Levy

The final version of this form MUST be sent to the county clerk.

The information to complete the Summary Page is available from prior year forms, computed on the attached forms, or computed on this page. Information on this page takes into consideration any voluntary reduction(s) taken in previous even numbered year(s). If in an even numbered year, the political subdivision wishes to no longer use the lowered tax rate ceiling to calculate its tax rate, it can hold a public hearing and pass a resolution, a policy statement, or an ordinance justifying its action prior to setting and certifying its tax rate. The information in the Informational Data, at the end of these forms, provides the rate that would be allowed had there been no previous voluntary reduction(s) taken in an even numbered year(s).

**For Political
Subdivision Use
in Calculating
its Tax Rate**

A. **Prior year tax rate ceiling** as defined in Chapter 137, RSMo, revised if the prior year data changed or a voluntary reduction was taken in a non-reassessment year (Prior year Summary Page, Line F minus Line H in odd numbered year or prior year Summary Page, Line F in even numbered year)

0.3880

B. **Current year rate computed** pursuant to Article X, Section 22, of the Missouri Constitution and Section 137.073, RSMo, if no voter approved increase (Form A, Line 18)

0.3607

C. **Amount of rate increase authorized by voters for current year** if same purpose. (Form B, Line 7)

D. **Rate to compare to maximum authorized levy to determine tax rate ceiling** (Line B if no election, otherwise Line C)

0.3607

E. **Maximum authorized levy** the most recent voter approved rate

1.0000

F. **Current year tax rate ceiling** maximum legal rate to comply with Missouri laws Political subdivisions tax rate (Lower of Line D or E)

0.3607

G1. **Less required sales tax reduction** taken from tax rate ceiling (Line F), if applicable

G2. **Less 20% required reduction 1st class charter county political subdivision NOT submitting an estimated non-binding tax rate to the county(ies)** taken from tax rate ceiling (Line F)

H. **Less voluntary reduction by political subdivision** taken from the tax rate ceiling (Line F)

WARNING: A voluntary reduction taken in an even numbered year will lower the tax rate ceiling for the following year.

I. **Plus allowable recoupment rate** added to tax rate ceiling (Line F) If applicable, attach Form G or H.

J. **Tax rate to be levied** (Line F - Line G1 - Line G2 - Line H + Line I)

AA. **Rate to be levied for debt service**, if applicable (Form C, Line 10)

BB. **Additional special purpose rate authorized by voters** after the prior year tax rates were set. (Form B, Line 7 if a different purpose)

Certification

I, the undersigned, _____ (Office) of _____ (Political Subdivision) levying a rate in _____ (County(ies)) do hereby certify that the data set forth above and on the accompanying forms is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Please complete Line G through BB, sign this form, and return to the county clerk(s) for final certification.

(Date)	(Signature)	(Print Name)	(Telephone)

Proposed rate to be entered on tax books by county clerk**based on certification from the political subdivision: Lines****J** _____ **AA** _____ **BB** _____

Section 137.073.7 RSMo, states that no tax rate shall be extended on the tax rolls by the county clerk unless the political subdivision has complied with the foregoing provisions of this section.

(Date)	(County Clerk's Signature)	(County)	(Telephone)