

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Hitesh Desai, Chief Financial Officer

Subject: Ordinance 136-O-19, 2019 City of Evanston Tax Levy

Date: November 25, 2019

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 136-O-19, which levies the annual property tax for General Operations, Human Services Fund, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Police and Fire Pension Funds, and the Solid Waste Fund totaling \$34,851,018 as extended (including 3% loss factor). This represents an increase of 10.8% over the 2018 levy of \$31,458,362 as extended.

Council Action:

For Action

Summary:

Each year the City of Evanston must levy a specific dollar amount of property taxes with Cook County. These property tax levies are used to pay for general operations of the City, IMRF, Police and Fire Pension obligations, General Assistance Fund, Library operations and the Solid Waste Fund. Levies for the Library, General Assistance, and Special Service Areas are provided under separate ordinances. The County automatically levies the amounts related to debt service, which is explained in greater detail below.

The table below is a summary of the 2019 Levies as extended including allowable loss factor of 3% by the Cook County as listed in the attached Tax Levy Ordinance:

2019 Proposed City Levy (per 2020 Proposed Budget)

General Corporate Levy	\$ 7,633,673
IMRF Pension Levy	\$ 2,155,296
Human Services Fund Levy	\$ 3,206,186
Solid Waste Fund Levy	\$ 1,373,711
Fire Pension Levy	\$ 9,244,368
Police Pension Levy	\$11,237,784
Total City Levy (excluding Debt Service, General Assistance, Library)	\$34,851,018

Detail of all levies and loss factors are shown in the attachment. The City's budget is based on the net levy, which is the amount the City expects to collect after the loss factor. The 2019 proposed City net levy is \$33,805,487. This is an increase of \$2,976,292 or 9.7% over the 2018 City net levy of \$30,829,195. With the addition of the loss factor the 2019 proposed City gross levy is \$34,851,018. This is an increase of \$3,392,655 or 10.8% over the 2018 City gross levy of \$31,458,362.

Adding the Debt Service, General Assistance, and Library Fund levies, the total proposed net levy for 2019 is \$55,139,563. This is an increase of \$5,426,938 or 10.9% over the 2018 total net levy of \$49,712,625. With the addition of the loss factor, the 2019 total gross levy is \$57,127,104. This is an increase of \$6,629,189 or 13.1% over the 2018 total gross levy of \$50,497,915.

The levy for general obligation debt service is handled differently than a municipal levy for general operating or pension contribution expenses. When a municipality in Cook County issues general obligation debt, the debt amortization schedule is filed with the County after issuance of the bonds, and the County will automatically levy an amount including an allowable 5% loss factor on behalf of the municipality to make the necessary debt payments for both principal and interest. Therefore, the City of Evanston does not levy an annual amount for debt service since the County already does so. Rather, the City must approve and file the necessary abatements for any amounts the City does not desire the County to automatically levy. These tax levy abatements will be introduced to the City Council on November 18, 2019.

Questions regarding the Tax Levy may be directed to the City Treasurer at:

Hitesh Desai Treasurer 847.448.8082 HDesai@cityofevanston.org

Attachments:

Property Tax Attachment

136-O-19 2019 Tax Levy Gen Fund ordinance

136-O-19 Property Tax Exhibits

	20:	19 BUDGET	202	0 BUDGET		2019-2020	2019-2020
	201	8 ADOPTED LEVY	2019	PROPOSED LEVY		PROPOSED CHANGE (\$)	PROPOSED CHANGE (%)
GENERAL FUND - CORPORATE							
Gross Levy		10,552,578		7,633,673		(2,918,904)	
Loss Factor*		211,052		229,010		17,959	
Net Levy	\$	10,341,526	\$	7,404,663	\$	(2,936,863)	-28.4%
GENERAL FUND - IMRF PENSION							
Gross Levy		1,534,466		2,155,296		620,830	
Loss Factor*		30,689		64,659		33,970	
Net Levy	\$	1,503,777	\$	2,090,637	\$	586,860	39.0%
HUMAN SERVICES FUND							
Gross Levy		-		3,206,186		3,206,186	
Loss Factor*		-	_	96,186		96,186	
Net Levy	\$	-	\$	3,110,000	\$	3,110,000	N/A
SOLID WASTE FUND							
Gross Levy		836,735		1,373,711		536,977	
Loss Factor*	•	16,735	¢	41,211	¢	24,477 543 500	62 E0/
Net Levy	\$	820,000	\$	1,332,500	Þ	512,500	62.5%
FIRE PENSION FUND							
Gross Levy		8,149,576		9,244,368		1,094,793	
Loss Factor*		162,992	_	277,331		114,340	40.00/
Net Levy	\$	7,986,584	\$	8,967,037	\$	980,453	12.3%
POLICE PENSION FUND							
Gross Levy		10,385,008		11,237,784		852,775	
Loss Factor*	•	207,700	•	337,134	•	129,433	= 40/
Net Levy	\$	10,177,308	Þ	10,900,650	Þ	723,342	7.1%
TOTAL CITY LEVY		04 450 000		04.054.040		0.000.055	40.00/
Gross Levy Loss Factor*		31,458,362 629,167		34,851,018 1,704,580		3,392,655 1,075,412	10.8%
TOTAL CITY NET LEVY	\$	30,829,195	\$	33,805,487	\$		9.7%
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GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND							
Gross Levy		918,367		1,113,402		195,035	21.2%
Loss Factor*		18,367		33,402		15,035	
TOTAL GA NET LEVY	\$	900,000	\$	1,080,000	\$	180,000	20.0%
LIBRARY FUND							
Gross Levy		6,887,755		7,476,289		588,534	8.5%
Loss Factor*		137,755	•	224,289		86,534	7 40/
TOTAL LIBRARY NET LEVY	\$	6,750,000	\$	7,252,000	\$	502,000	7.4%
DEBT SERVICE FUND		10.070.005		10.100.00=		0.000.00=	
Gross Levy		10,879,993		13,180,980		2,300,987	
Loss Factor*	\$	10,879,993	¢	659,049	¢	659,049 1 641 938	15.1%
Net Levy	φ	10,073,333	φ	12,521,931	Φ	1,641,938	13.170
LIBRARY FUND - DEBT SERVICE		252 427		EOE 440		454.070	
Gross Levy Loss Factor*		353,437		505,416 25,271		151,979 25,271	
Loss Factor* Net Levy - Library Debt	\$	353,437	\$	480,145	\$	25,271 126,708	35.9%
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DEBT SERVICE LEVY		11 222 420		13 606 300		2 452 066	21.8%
Gross Levy Loss Factor*		11,233,430		13,686,396 684,320		2,452,966 684,320	∠1.0%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE NET LEVY	\$	11,233,430	\$	13,002,076	\$		15.7%
CITY AND LIBRARY NET LEVY	\$	49,712,625	\$	55,139,563	\$	5,426,938	10.9%
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Total Loss Factor*		785,290		2,646,590		1,861,300	

^{*}A loss factor is applied to all levies by Cook County.

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AN ORDINANCE

Levying Taxes in the City of Evanston, County of Cook, and State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2020 and Ending December 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston, Illinois, has heretofore adopted an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020, which said Budget document was reviewed at a public hearing and copies of which said Budget document have been continuously available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Evanston at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays; and

WHEREAS, said Budget document contains the expenditures to be made with the monies collected through taxation and other sources during said fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston, Illinois, is a Home Rule unit of local government pursuant to the terms and provisions of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, which said Constitution, in Section 6(a) thereof, grants unto the City of Evanston as a Home Rule unit of local government the power to tax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That, in order to meet expenses and liabilities of the City of Evanston, Illinois, for the current fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020, there is hereby levied on all real property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of said City of Evanston as assessed and equalized for the year 2019 the sum of Thirty-Four million,

Eight hundred Fifty-One thousand, Eighteen dollars (\$34,851,018), being the total of the budget legally made plus allowances for allowable collection losses (3%), which are to be collected from the tax levy of the City of Evanston for the year 2019 and all corporate purposes appropriated and specifically referred to in the FY 2020 proposed Budget to the City Council. Budgeted Funds are to be collected from the tax levy of the current fiscal year of the City of Evanston, Illinois, for:

General Corporate Levy (per FY 20 proposed budget)	\$ 7,633,673
IMRF Pension Levy (per FY20 proposed budget)	\$ 2,155,296
Human Services Fund Levy (per FY 20 proposed budget)	\$ 3,206,186
Solid Waste Fund Levy (Per FY 20 proposed budget)	\$ 1,373,711
Fire Pension Levy (per FY 20proposed budget)	\$ 9,244,368
Police Pension Levy (per FY20 proposed budget)	\$11,237,784

Total Levy (excluding Debt Service, General Assistance and Library) \$34,851,018. Cook County will levy debt service including 5% loss factor based on the debt amortization schedules and 2019 abatements filed with Cook County.

The specific amounts hereby levied for the various purposes and funds are designated by being placed in separate columns under the heading "To Be Raised By Taxation," and are identified in that manner on the following pages of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: That there be budgeted for the City of Evanston: A) Seven million, Six hundred and thirty-three thousand, six hundred and seventy-three dollars (\$7,633,673) for the General Corporate Purposes; B) Two million, One hundred and Fifty-five thousand, two hundred ninety-six dollars (\$2,155,296) for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Pension (IMRF); C) Three million two hundred and six thousand, one hundred and eighty-six dollars (\$3,206,186) for the Human Services Fund; D) One Million, Three hundred Seventy- Three Thousand, Seven hundred Eleven dollars (\$1,373,711) for the Solid Waste Fund; E) Nine million, Two hundred Forty-Four thousand, Three hundred Sixty-Eight dollars (\$9,244,368) for the Fire Pension Fund;

and F) Eleven million, Two hundred Thirty-Seven thousand, Seven hundred Eighty-four dollars (\$11,237,784) for the Police Pension Fund, as outlined in the City of Evanston Tax Levy Filing with Cook County FY 2020 Budget – Tax Levy Year 2019 to be Received in FY 2020, attached hereto as "Exhibit 1" and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3: That the foregoing recitals are found as fact and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: That this Ordinance 136-O-19 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced:	, 2019	Approved:	
Adopted:	, 2019		, 2019
		Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor	
Attest:		Approved as to form:	
Devon Reid, City Clerk		Michelle Masoncup, Corporation (Counsel

	FY2020 Budget	Sources Outside Levy	2019 Tax Lev
LOO GENERAL FUND			
13 CITY COUNCIL			
Salary and Benefits	469,059	439,425	29,635
Services and Supplies Miscellaneous	80,300	75,227	5,073
14 CITY CLERK	3,250	3,045	205
Salary and Benefits	147,152	137,855	9,297
Services and Supplies	33,921	31,778	2,143
Interfund Transfers	1,000	937	63
15 CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE		-	-
Salary and Benefits	3,155,164	2,955,822	199,342
Services and Supplies	1,250,798	1,171,773	79,025
Miscellaneous	27,550	25,809	1,741
Interfund Transfers	2,161,485	2,024,924	136,561
Contingencies	150,000	140,523	9,47
Insurance and Other Chargebacks	1,470,164	1,377,280	92,884
17 LAW	CO7 9CC	-	20.40
Salary and Benefits	607,866	569,461	38,405
Services and Supplies Insurance and Other Chargebacks	68,664 7,047	64,326 6,602	4,338 44!
19 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	7,047		-
Salary and Benefits	6,384,554	5,981,182	403,373
Services and Supplies	3,729,965	3,494,308	235,65
Interfund Transfers	31,297	29,320	1,97
Capital Outlay	2,000	1,874	120
Contingencies	165,000	154,575	10,42
Insurance and Other Chargebacks	98	92	
21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		-	-
Salary and Benefits	3,145,299	2,946,581	198,71
Services and Supplies	621,023	581,787	39,23
Miscellaneous	25,500	23,889	1,61
Interfund Transfers	41,827	39,184	2,64
Community Sponsored Organizations	123,886	116,059	7,82
Capital Outlay	150,000	140,523	9,47
Contingencies	5,000	4,684	310
Insurance and Other Chargebacks 22 POLICE	21,469	20,113	1,350
Salary and Benefits	27,323,034	25,596,779	1,726,25
Services and Supplies	1,165,608	1,091,966	73,64
Miscellaneous	127,500	119,445	8,05
Interfund Transfers	929,297	870,585	58,71
Contingencies	2,500	2,342	15
Insurance and Other Chargebacks	11,583,788	10,851,931	731,85
23 FIRE MGMT & SUPPORT		-	-
Salary and Benefits	14,395,374	13,485,882	909,49
Services and Supplies	464,763	435,400	29,36
Miscellaneous	100,702	94,340	6,36
Interfund Transfers	857,353	803,186	54,16
Capital Outlay	70,000	65,577	4,42
Insurance and Other Chargebacks	10,097,524	9,459,568	637,95
24 HEALTH	4 005 050	-	-
Salary and Benefits	1,035,653	970,221	65,43
Services and Supplies	191,551	179,449	12,10
Miscellaneous Interfund Transfers	120,832	113,198	7,63
Insurance and Other Chargebacks	19,867 6,274	18,612 5,878	1,25 39
30 PARKS, REC. AND COMMUNITY SERV.	0,274	3,878	-
Salary and Benefits	6,433,434	6,026,973	406,46
Services and Supplies	4,087,628	3,829,374	258,25
Miscellaneous	273,657	256,368	17,28
Interfund Transfers	346,322	324,442	21,88
Capital Outlay	86,000	80,567	5,43
Insurance and Other Chargebacks	434,410	406,964	27,44
40 PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY		-	-
Salary and Benefits	8,261,295	7,739,351	521,94
Services and Supplies	1,922,419	1,800,962	121,45
Interfund Transfers	1,576,854	1,477,229	99,62
		39,346	2,65
Capital Outlay	42,000		
Contingencies	1,000	937	63
Contingencies Insurance and Other Chargebacks	1,000 1,163,514	937 1,090,004	73,51
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Contingencies	1,000 1,163,514	937 1,090,004	73,51

7,404,663

Amount to be raised by taxes

Account Type	Expenses		
	FY2020 Budget	Sources Outside Levy	2019 Tax Levy
100 GENERAL FUND			
13 CITY COUNCIL			
61710 - IMRF	7,506	-	7,506
14 CITY CLERK			
61710 - IMRF	4,787	-	4,787
15 CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE			
61710 - IMRF	208,663	-	208,663
17 LAW			
61710 - IMRF	41,243	-	41,243
19 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES			
61710 - IMRF	396,466	-	396,466
21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
61710 - IMRF	208,611	-	208,611
22 POLICE			
61710 - IMRF	315,839	-	315,839
23 FIRE MGMT & SUPPORT			
61710 - IMRF	21,985	-	21,985
24 HEALTH			
61710 - IMRF	66,739	-	66,739
30 PARKS, REC. AND COMMUNITY SERV.			
61710 - IMRF	335,539	-	335,539
40 PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY			
61710 - IMRF	483,258	-	483,258
Grand Total	2,090,637	-	2,090,637
Total to be Levied	2,155,296		
Loss Factor	64,659		
Amount to be raised by taxes	2,090,637		
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	FY2020 Budget	Sources Outside Levy	2019 Tax Levy
176 HUMAN SERVICES FUND		•	
Salary and Benefits			
61010 - REGULAR PAY	1,050,502	257,748	792,754
61050 - PERMANENT PART-TIME	125,187		125,187
61110 - OVERTIME PAY	8,000		8,000
61510 - HEALTH INSURANCE	226,439		226,439
61615 - LIFE INSURANCE	762		762
61625 - AUTO ALLOWANCE	1,575		1,575
61626 - CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE	4,032		4,032
61710 - IMRF	96,101		96,101
61725 - SOCIAL SECURITY	72,093		72,093
61730 - MEDICARE	17,129		17,129
Services and Supplies			
61060 - SEASONAL EMPLOYEES	560,000		560,000
62205 - ADVERTISING	500		500
62210 - PRINTING	2,800		2,800
62275 - POSTAGE CHARGEBACKS	2,950		2,950
62295 - TRAINING & TRAVEL	6,560		6,560
62360 - MEMBERSHIP DUES	1,400		1,400
62371 - WOMEN OUT WALKING EXPENSE	6,000		6,000
62509 - SERVICE AGREEMENTS/ CONTRACTS	6,000		6,000
62513 - COMMUNITY PICNIC-SPECIAL EVENTS	8,000		8,000
62705 - BANK SERVICE CHARGES	250		250
64540 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS - WIRELESS	1,210		1,210
65020 - CLOTHING	2,500		2,500
65025 - FOOD	7,250		7,250
65085 - MINOR EQUIPMENT & TOOLS	1,000		1,000
65090 - SAFETY EQUIPMENT	3,000		3,000
65095 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	450		450
65546 - COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMS	736,373		736,373
Miscellaneous			·
62490 - OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	270,000		270,000
66461 - Aging Well Conference Expenses	3,000		3,000
Interfund Transfers	•		-
62305 - RENTAL OF AUTO-FLEET MAINTENANCE	1,086		1,086
62309 - RENTAL OF AUTO REPLACEMENT	2,266		2,266
Community Sponsored Organizations	•		,
62491 - COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PROGRAM COSTS	143,333		143,333
Grand Total	3,367,748	257,748	3,110,000
Total to be Levied	3,206,186		
Loss Factor	96,186		
Amount to be raised by taxes	3,110,000		

	FY2020 Budget	Sources Outside Levy	2019 Tax Levy
520 SOLID WASTE FUND		-	
Salary and Benefits	1,380,102	_	
61010 - REGULAR PAY	947,967	947,967	-
61070 - JOB TRAINING AND INTERNSHIPS	20,000	20,000	-
61110 - OVERTIME PAY	65,000	65,000	-
61510 - HEALTH INSURANCE	186,912	186,912	-
61615 - LIFE INSURANCE	563	563	-
61625 - AUTO ALLOWANCE	310	310	-
61630 - SHOE ALLOWANCE	3,794	3,794	-
61710 - IMRF	82,853	82,853	-
61725 - SOCIAL SECURITY	58,897	58,897	-
61730 - MEDICARE	13,806	13,806	-
Services and Supplies	3,651,621		
61060 - SEASONAL EMPLOYEES	95,220	95,220	-
62295 - TRAINING & TRAVEL	800	800	-
62380 - COPY MACHINE CHARGES	1,326	1,326	-
62390 - CONDOMINIUM REFUSE COLL	451,000	451,000	-
62405 - SWANCC DISPOSAL FEES	743,125	743,125	-
62415 - RESIDENTIAL DEBRIS/REMOVAL CONTRACTUAL COSTS	1,667,000	334,500	1,332,50
62417 - YARD WASTE REMOVAL CONTRACTUAL COSTS	689,100	689,100	-
62705 - BANK SERVICE CHARGES	1,000	1,000	-
64540 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS - WIRELESS	500	500	-
65015 - CHEMICALS/ SALT	200	200	-
65020 - CLOTHING	250	250	-
65055 - MATER. TO MAINT. IMP.	400	400	-
65085 - MINOR EQUIPMENT & TOOLS	700	700	-
65090 - SAFETY EQUIPMENT	1,000	1,000	-
Miscellaneous	10,000		
67107 - OUTREACH	10,000	10,000	-
Interfund Transfers	438,462		
62305 - RENTAL OF AUTO-FLEET MAINTENANCE	322,362	322,362	-
66156 - TRANSFER TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	116,100	116,100	-
Capital Outlay	357,520		
65550 - AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT	292,520	292,520	-
65625 - FURNITURE & FIXTURES	65,000	65,000	-
and Total	5,837,705	4,505,205	1,332,500
Total to be Levied	1,373,711		
Loss Factor	41,211		
Amount to be raised by taxes	1,332,500		

	FY2020 Budget	Sources Outside Levy	2019 Tax Levy
700 FIRE PENSION FUND			
61715 - Pension Management Fees	100,000	100,000	-
61755 - PENSION-ADMIN. EXPENSE	125,000	125,000	-
61770 - RETIRED EMPLOYEES PENSION	6,716,297	873,860	5,842,437
61775 - WIDOWS' PENSIONS	1,560,000		1,560,000
61785 - DISABILITY PENSIONS	1,420,000		1,420,000
61795 - QILDRO'S	155,600	11,000	144,600
Grand Total	10,076,897	1,109,860	8,967,037
Total to be Levied	9,244,368		
Loss Factor	277,331		
Amount to be raised by taxes	8,967,037		

	FY2020 Budget	Sources Outside	2019 Tax Levy
705 POLICE PENSION FUND		Levy	
61715 - Pension Management Fees	325,000	325,000	-
61755 - PENSION-ADMIN. EXPENSE	75,000	75,000	-
61770 - RETIRED EMPLOYEES PENSION	11,060,870	1,500,000	9,560,870
61775 - WIDOWS' PENSIONS	1,087,000	387,000	700,000
61785 - DISABILITY PENSIONS	825,960	211,357	614,603
61790 - SEPARATION REFUNDS	50,000	50,000	-
61795 - QILDRO'S	25,177		25,177
Grand Total	13,449,007	2,548,357	10,900,650
Total to be Levied	11,177,981		
Loss Factor	277,331		
Amount to be raised by taxes	10,900,650		