

## MONTHLY FAMILY HOUSEHOLD BILL COMPARISON

### TYPICAL MONTHLY BILLS



■ Car Insurance (2 cars) \$150	■ Gas Bill \$80
■ Electric Bill \$100	■ Car Payment (1 car) \$300
■ Cell phone (2 phones) \$100	■ City Property Tax Bill \$66
■ Cable Bill (with Internet) \$80	■ Fuel (2 cars) \$175

Police	\$26
Fire	\$14
Public Works	\$12
City Administration	\$5
Gen. Exp. & Capital	\$2
41-A District Court	\$2
Public Library	\$2
Parks & Recreation	\$1
Community Relations	\$1
City Debt	\$1
<b>CITY TAX BILL</b>	<b>\$66</b>

Nearly two-thirds of the total tax bill goes to fund school and county operations. For the average resident, the city-only portion of the tax bill is only \$66 per month, which is lower than many other typical household monthly bills. The city tax bill for the average resident has decreased from amounts paid ten years ago, while most other typical monthly bills have risen.

### TAXES PAID PER RESIDENT

1. Southfield	\$873
2. Dearborn	\$855
3. Ann Arbor	\$717
4. Troy	\$572
5. Livonia	\$569
6. Grand Rapids	\$554
7. Warren	\$546
8. Lansing	\$538
9. Farmington Hills	\$458
10. <b>STERLING HEIGHTS</b>	<b>\$398</b>

### AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL MONTHLY WATER & SEWER BILL

1. Lansing	\$101.44
2. Southfield	\$84.70
3. Dearborn	\$75.08
4. Grand Rapids	\$73.48
5. Farmington Hills	\$63.94
6. Ann Arbor	\$57.50
7. Troy	\$55.15
8. Livonia	\$55.06
9. Warren	\$51.63
10. <b>STERLING HEIGHTS</b>	<b>\$45.02</b>

### FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES PER 1,000 RESIDENTS

1. Grand Rapids	7.9
2. Lansing	7.5
3. Southfield	7.2
4. Dearborn	6.9
5. Ann Arbor	6.1
6. Livonia	5.8
7. Warren	4.7
8. Farmington Hills	4.3
9. Troy	4.0
10. <b>STERLING HEIGHTS</b>	<b>3.4</b>

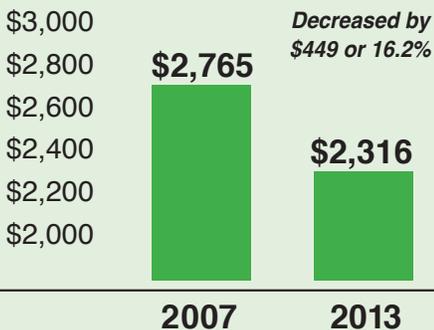
### GENERAL FUND RESERVES PER RESIDENT

1. Troy	\$419
2. Warren	\$241
3. Farmington Hills	\$226
4. Dearborn	\$202
5. Southfield	\$183
6. Grand Rapids	\$140
7. Ann Arbor	\$134
8. Livonia	\$96
9. Lansing	\$47
10. <b>STERLING HEIGHTS</b>	<b>\$40</b>

### TOTAL GOVERNMENT DEBT PER RESIDENT

1. Dearborn	\$2,360
2. Lansing	\$2,255
3. Ann Arbor	\$2,150
4. Warren	\$1,199
5. Grand Rapids	\$907
6. Southfield	\$903
7. Livonia	\$677
8. Troy	\$312
9. Farmington Hills	\$221
10. <b>STERLING HEIGHTS</b>	<b>\$190</b>

### Average Homeowner's Tax Bill Remains Lower Than in 2002



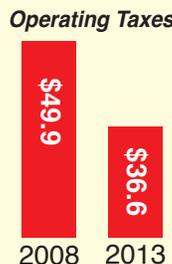
### PERCENT OF CITIES STATE-WIDE THAT HAVE HIGHER TAX RATES: 90%

#### Where Your Tax Dollar Goes



**Lowest City Staffing Levels Since the 1970s**  
Reduced 201 Full Time Positions

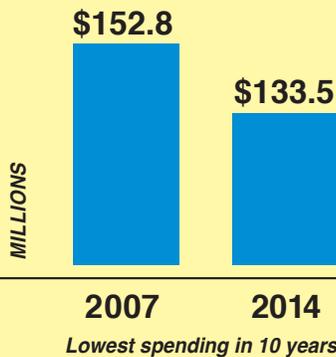
### Declining City Revenues



### MACOMB COUNTY CITY TAX RATES

1. Centerline	37.50
2. Warren	27.87
3. Eastpointe	25.96
4. Roseville	24.85
5. Utica	22.62
6. Fraser	20.84
7. St. Clair Shores	20.54
8. Richmond	16.65
9. Mt. Clemens	15.99
10. New Baltimore	14.92
11. <b>STERLING HEIGHTS</b>	<b>12.69</b>

## TOTAL CITY BUDGET



## CITY BOND RATINGS

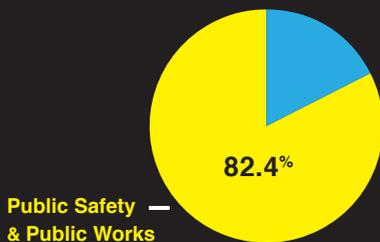
1. TROY	AAA
2. <b>STERLING HEIGHTS</b>	<b>AA+</b>
3. ANN ARBOR	AA+
4. FARMINGTON HILLS	AA+
5. GRAND RAPIDS	AA
6. LANSING	AA
7. LIVONIA	AA
8. SOUTHFIELD	AA
9. WARREN	AA
10. DEARBORN	A+

## Full-Time Staffing Reductions by Department

Community Relations...	-64%
City Administration .....	-56%
Community Services .....	-54%
Public Works .....	-39%
Fire .....	-24%
Police .....	-19%
District Court.....	-11%

*There has been a 50% reduction in Management positions in 20 years*

## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



The city has worked hard to control and cut costs over the years.

To the right is a summary of operational savings implemented to date.

## EXPENDITURE SAVINGS

Category	Savings
Eliminated 201 full-time positions .....	\$15.9 million
Wage & benefit contract savings 15% .....	\$6.2 million
Reduced overtime costs .....	\$2.3 million
Program cuts & vendor savings.....	\$2.1 million
Outsourced custodial, detention & dispatch .....	\$1.6 million
Increased employee health care .....	\$1.5 million
co-pays and deductibles	
Reduced future retiree health care costs.....	\$1.5 million
and eliminated benefits for new hires	
Reduced existing fixed pensions for all .....	\$1.2 million
employees & eliminated public safety DROP	
Eliminated fixed pensions for general employees .....	\$0.5 million

**TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS ..... \$32.8 MILLION**

## General Fund Reserves



## Funding for Long-Term Retirement Liabilities



## TOP TEN BUDGET FACTS

- The city's total spending is the lowest in 10 years and the lowest in 18 years on an inflation adjusted basis.
- The city has successfully negotiated new employee labor contracts achieving 15% wage and benefit concessions and reducing long-term legacy costs.
- The city has reduced full-time staffing by 31% since 2002 to its lowest levels since the 1970's. Non-public safety staffing is down by 50%. The city has the lowest number of employees of any comparable city in Michigan.
- The city tax base has fallen by 37.1% over the past six years to the lowest level since 1999.
- The city has lost \$20.5 million in property tax revenues since 2008 and \$33.1 million in State funding cuts since 2002. Tax revenues are now at their lowest level since 2005.
- The average homeowner's total tax bill has decreased \$449 or 16.2% since 2007. Tax bills remain lower than in 2002.
- The city's tax rate is lower than 90% of cities in the State and 2.5 mills lower than any city in Macomb County. The average city property tax bill is only \$66 per month, which is less than most other household bills.
- The city is fully funding its long-term obligations. No new debt has been issued in the past four years, and debt has fallen to the lowest level in 25 years.
- Public Safety and Public Works total over 82% of the General Fund budget.
- Despite \$32.8 million in operational savings, the city's bond rating was recently downgraded to AA+ as city reserves continue to decline.