

OUR CITY OF MADISON



Assessor Budget Overview

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Our Agency's Operating Budget Overview

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Our Agency's Operating Budget

As of January 2023, our agency maintains an operating budget across one budgeted service:

Service	Operating Budget
This service discovers, lists, and values all taxable property within the City of Madison. Activities performed by the service include (1) assessing residential, personal, and commercial properties, (2) listing real property and preparing tax rolls, (3) conducting Boards of Review and Boards of Assessment, and (4) property tax litigation. The goal of this service is to provide accurate, up-to-date property assessments to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of property taxes	\$3,079,070
TOTAL	\$3,079,070

SERVICE

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Culture &
Character

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Effective
Government

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Economy &
Opportunity

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Green &
Resilient

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Health &
Safety

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Neighborhoods
& Housing

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Land Use &
Transportation

2023 Total Operating Budget

\$3,079,070

Service: Assessor

Citywide Element: Effective Government

Service Description

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Activities Performed by this Service

- **Discover Property:** Maintain accurate maps identifying each parcel of land in the city, ensure that the data is accurate and up-to-date, and monitor businesses that sell, move, or are created in the City to ensure all property receives an equitable assessment.
- **List Property:** Maintain accurate records of ownership, including contact information, property description, legal description, and the correct classification—Residential, Commercial, Agricultural, Agricultural Forest, Undeveloped, Forest, and Other.
- **Value Property:** Value all taxable property in the City on an annual basis including personal property (e.g., office equipment and fixtures). There are over 75,000 parcels in the City that require accurate valuation each year.
- **Communications and Required Reporting:** Provide effective communications to the public and through required state reporting that includes the Municipal Assessment Report and the Statement of Assessment.

Operating Budget by Fund

We are a general fund agency. This means our operations are funded by City levy.

Fund	2023 Adopted Budget
General	\$3,079,070
TOTAL	\$3,079,070

AGENCY Additional Budget Resources

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AGENCY Budget Resources

- [2023 Adopted Operating Budget](#)
- [Wisconsin Property Assessment Manual](#)
 - Chapter 3 Staffing Recommendations
 - Chapter 7 Parcel and Information Systems
 - Chapter 8 Data Collection and Reporting
 - Chapter 11 Computer Assisted Assessment

Upcoming Budget Concerns

The following budget concerns are important for Alders to be aware of:

- **Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) or Valuation System**
 - With the advent of a new system in 2023 (current system is circa 1995), our work comprehensively changes. Today we process data manually on paper and key into a system. Data entry will be nearly eliminated with the new system; statistical analysis and quality control become the mainstay of the work.
 - We will operate more efficiently and effectively. Data will increase with the sophistication of our system, requiring more training and an enhanced skill set from our team. The new system allows for thinking beyond today and moves to thinking about *how can we improve* discovering, listing, and valuing property.
 - Budgetary impact is the increased need for training and a different paradigm for job classifications commensurate with the type of work

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