

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

2026

The governing body of

**Harper**

will meet on September 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, KS 67058 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, KS 67058 and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget.

Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	1,083,062	51.558	1,062,982	43.554	1,128,348	575,624	46.571
Debt Service	61,851	4.818	88,451	3.453	159,113	22,482	1.819
Library	60,950	5.827	72,750	5.461	73,250	68,288	5.525
Airport	31,081		16,500		45,022	0	0.000
Police & Fire Equipment	22,690	2.147	29,209	2.266	31,209	29,216	2.364
Employee Benefits	189,761	17.624	202,817	16.108	216,286	179,363	14.512
Special Highway	41,863		366,800		78,808		
Special Parks & Recreation					41,351		
Equipment Reserve	472,863		363,523		437,983		
Fire Equipment Reserve	14,973		600,000		177,777		
Street Reserve			55,000		83,254		
Capital Improvement Progra	36,925		11,457		60,958		
Economic Incentive	17,960		305,100		155,758		
Transient Guest Tax	27,964		42,500		92,475		
Infrastructure Sales Tax	222,673		307,735		368,702		
Street/Infrastructure Sales T	238,723		1,377,679		786,816		
Cobblestone CID	66,817				65,695		
Water Utility	619,237		717,932		761,172		
Sewer Utility	279,625		313,419		334,148		
Water Reserve	103,180		173,750		224,078		
Sewer Reserve	7,500		53,750		561,674		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	40,427						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	3,771						
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	13,788						
Totals for City	3,657,684	81.974	6,161,354	70.842	5,883,877	874,974	70.791
City Revenue Neutral Rate (excluding Recreation Commission)**							71.871
Recreation	41,700	3.310	42,984	3.270	62,800	61,513	4.977
Totals Includes Recreation	3,699,384	85.284	6,204,338	74.112	5,946,677	936,487	75.768
Less: Transfers	368,367		599,138		372,888		
Net Expenditure	3,331,017		5,605,200		5,573,789		
Total Tax Levied	864,328		888,311		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed							
Valuation	10,544,290		12,539,513		12,360,056		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

January 1,

202320242025

G.O. Bonds

2,925,200

2,595,700

3,260,000

Revenue Bonds

0

0

0

Other

22,001

14,741

0

Lease Purchase Principal

0

0

0

Total

2,947,201

2,610,441

3,260,000

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

\*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

**Tiffany M. Cooperrider**

City Official Title: City Administrator/Clerk