

The last time property taxes were raised in Toquerville was back in 2007. The rate was at .000427 and was increased to .000845, an increase of almost double the rate. During the budget process it was determined there was a need for a city manager. The tentative budget approved on May 14, 2020 to include a budget of \$250,000.00 (an increase of \$130,000.00) and the budget message described the need for the truth and taxation process.

I've done a little bit of preliminary figures. I obtained from the Assessor's office the average residence in Toquerville is assessed at \$335,680. The state rounds it up to \$336,000.00. Residents pay \$154.68 a year on property taxes for a home of that value, which breaks down to \$12.89 each month. I created a quick guide to explain the different budget amounts and how they affect property taxes. The treasurer at the time met with city council members and it was discussed how much of an increase would be needed.

Budgeted Revenue Amount	Proposed Tax Rate	Proposed Increase Per Year	Total Tax Amount	Increased Amount Each Month	Total Amount Each Month
\$250,000.00	0.001650	\$150.00	\$304.92	\$12.52	\$25.41
\$225,000.00	0.001485	\$119.75	\$274.43	\$9.98	\$22.87
\$200,000.00	0.001320	\$89.26	\$243.94	\$7.44	\$20.33

The state requires cities to show a shortfall to increase property taxes. The current budget provides current needs through the fund balance. Toquerville's short fall comes in needs of managing future growth. There are no funds available to meet staff requirements, specifically a city manager, within our current financial management system.

I hope this explains why we need the truth and taxation.

.000837 is the current rate, the proposed rate will be .001650.

Here is some information regarding a city manager and surrounding municipal tax rates:

Fiscal Year	Payee	Payer	Title	Wages	Benefits	Total Compensation
2019	FAWCETT, CLARK	Hurricane	City Manager	\$132,829.96	\$53,558.83	\$186,388.79
2019	GUBLER, KYLE	La Verkin	City Administrator / Recorder	\$88,897.25	\$27,399.49	\$116,296.74
2020	LEHNARD, ADAM	St. George	CITY MANAGER	\$173,583.05	\$61,224.33	\$234,807.38
2020	CARTER, ROGER	Washington City	City Manager	\$135,048.08	\$63,294.80	\$198,342.88

Current City Tax Rate

	Current Rate:	Proposed Rate:
Toquerville	0.000837	.001650
LaVerkin	0.001451	
Hurricane	0.001332	
Washington City	0.001104	
St. George	0.001163	