



**CITY OF CLERMONT**  
**Special Meeting**  
**5:30 PM, Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Welcome to our Council meeting. In the interest of time efficiency and ensuring that everyone who wishes to address the Council is given the opportunity to do so, the following will apply to all comments made by the public. Each speaker will be permitted three (3) minutes to address the Council. These time limits may be changed by the Mayor or by a majority vote of the Council. Thank you for participating in your City Government.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Item No. 1 - Resolution No. 2025-029R

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-029R adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Ad Valorem Millage Rate of 4.5900.

Item No. 2 - Resolution No. 2025-030R

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2025-030R adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

**ADJOURN**

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# AGENDA ITEM

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<b>Agenda Item Name</b>		
Resolution No. 2025-029R		
<b>Requested Action</b>		
<b>Staff Report</b>		
<p>As required by Florida Statute 200.065, Resolution No. 2025-029R provides for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 final ad valorem millage rate. Based on the adoption of Resolution 2025-027R at the First Public Budget Hearing on September 4th, the rate proposed in this resolution is 4.5900 mills. The proposed rate was advertised on Monday, September 15th (attached).</p> <p>The public must be allowed time for public comments prior to the adoption of the millage rate.</p> <p>Prior to the conclusion of the public hearing, the Council must adopt a final millage rate.</p>		
<b>Additional Analysis</b>		
<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>		
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*CITY OF CLERMONT*  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-029R**

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ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF  
TAXES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Clermont, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute § 200.065; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the revenue for the City's 2025-2026 fiscal year general government budget must be raised from the assessment and levy of an ad valorem tax on each dollar of taxable property in the City of Clermont, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Lake County has been certified by the Lake County Property Appraiser to the City of Clermont as \$6,318,943,548.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Clermont, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 final operating millage rate is 4.5900 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 4.6185 mills by 0.62 %.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.



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Other Taxes	7,935,000	5,900,000	-	-	-	-	13,435,000		
Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,798,500	6,285,000	-	-	5,807,000	-	16,890,500		
Intergovernmental	6,622,200	-	-	-	1,188,000	-	8,810,200		
Charges For Services	3,705,804	4,200	-	-	35,405,967	7,738,700	46,854,661		
Fees & Forfeitures	105,000	-	-	-	-	-	105,000		
Miscellaneous	3,437,336	588,800	12,000	110,000	1,388,500	463,280	6,989,916		
Interfund Transfers	3,393,450	-	3,693,778	17,275,000	2,342,119	-	36,714,347		
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Public Safety	41,444,823	7,873,150	-	974,622	-	-	50,092,595		
Physical Environment	-	-	-	-	44,114,955	-	44,114,955		
Transportation/Public Works	6,502,747	3,845,287	-	13,877,000	-	-	24,225,034		
Economic Environment	154,100	-	-	-	-	-	154,100		
Human Services	1,270,801	-	-	-	-	-	1,270,801		
Culture & Recreation	6,803,351	2,275,000	-	209,000	-	-	10,387,351		
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**WHEREAS**, the City of Clermont, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimates for the Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$262,304,819 included in Exhibit A, attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Clermont, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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ATTEST:

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THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF CLERMONT, FLORIDA ARE 25.6% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES									
General Fund Millage per \$1000	4.9900	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Fund	Total Budget		
CLASSIFICATION	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Fund	Total Budget		
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>									
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 28,307,540	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,307,540		
Other Taxes	7,935,000	5,900,000	-	-	-	-	13,435,000		
Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,798,500	6,285,000	-	-	5,807,000	-	16,890,500		
Intergovernmental	6,622,200	-	-	-	1,188,000	-	8,810,200		
Charges For Services	3,705,804	4,200	-	-	35,405,967	7,738,700	46,854,661		
Fees & Forfeitures	105,000	-	-	-	-	-	105,000		
Miscellaneous	3,437,336	588,800	12,000	110,000	1,388,500	463,280	6,989,916		
Interfund Transfers	3,393,450	-	3,693,778	17,275,000	2,342,119	-	36,714,347		
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>58,474,830</b>	<b>12,378,350</b>	<b>3,615,778</b>	<b>17,385,000</b>	<b>46,189,576</b>	<b>8,201,980</b>	<b>146,165,434</b>		
<b>NON-REVENUES</b>									
Beginning Reserves	26,307,406	25,812,109	2,843,883	4,684,562	49,864,251	6,527,384	116,139,385		
<b>NON-REVENUES</b>	<b>26,307,406</b>	<b>25,812,109</b>	<b>2,843,883</b>	<b>4,684,562</b>	<b>49,864,251</b>	<b>6,527,384</b>	<b>116,139,385</b>		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; RESERVES</b>	<b>84,782,236</b>	<b>38,190,459</b>	<b>6,459,661</b>	<b>22,069,562</b>	<b>96,073,807</b>	<b>14,729,294</b>	<b>262,304,819</b>		
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>									
General Government	8,834,840	127,800	3,693,777	3,470,000	-	8,072,381	24,098,988		
Public Safety	41,444,823	7,873,150	-	974,622	-	-	50,092,595		
Physical Environment	-	-	-	-	44,114,955	-	44,114,955		
Transportation/Public Works	6,502,747	3,645,287	-	13,877,000	-	-	23,025,034		
Economic Environment	154,100	-	-	-	-	-	154,100		
Human Services	1,270,801	-	-	-	-	-	1,270,801		
Culture & Recreation	6,803,351	2,275,000	-	209,000	-	-	10,387,351		
Interfund Transfers	5,216,422	2,387,236	-	-	5,735,969	-	13,339,627		
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>69,927,184</b>	<b>16,308,353</b>	<b>3,693,777</b>	<b>20,436,122</b>	<b>49,850,124</b>	<b>8,072,381</b>	<b>167,293,191</b>		
Ending Reserves	15,755,052	21,881,886	2,850,084	1,633,440	46,223,683	6,656,903	95,006,829		
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The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above mentioned taxing authority as a public record.									