

**GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS FOR THE ESTIMATED FUTURE YEARS IN THE  
FY 19-20 BUDGET DOCUMENT**

For many years, the city of Royal Oak has developed a budget document that includes four years future revenue and expenditure estimates. The estimates in the fiscal year 2019-20 budget document make numerous assumptions for future years beyond 2019-20 and are as follows:

**REVENUES**

Property tax revenue is assumed to increase at 2.5% with no Headlee reduction in the millage rates throughout the forecast. Most significant, the forecast assumes the continuation of the renewal of the 5 year public safety millage (approval occurred on November 8, 2016), which provides for the continuation of the significant transfer out of the general fund to the public safety fund. The projections include general fund transfers/revenues to the public safety fund growing from \$21 million in the current year budget to \$22.75 million in the last year of the forecast. State Shared revenue is estimated to increase 2% each year. The cable franchise fee is projected to decrease by -5% each year based upon recent trend (its assumed fewer people are using traditional cable). Interest revenue is estimated to decrease 15% due to lower fund balance projections. A 2% annual increase is projected for the indirect cost revenue due to projected personnel cost increases. The estimates assume an annual \$737,000 transfer in to the general fund from the DDA for its contribution to the civic center project. All other revenues are assumed to remain constant.

**EXPENDITURES**

Full-time employee wages (and wage based benefits) are assumed to increase 2.5% to 4.5%, depending on the department. The higher percentage increase is due to significant percentage of staff within certain departments that will be climbing their wage scale in addition to an assumed cost of living increase. A 2.5% part-time wage increase is utilized. Medical is assumed to increase 5% which was the average increase in recent years. General liability coverage costs are assumed to increase by 5%. All non-personnel operating costs are estimated to remain flat. All projects in the CIP have been included in the future estimated years (with the exception of park projects) whether funding is available or not.