

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ALAN ALTON, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) adopt the Article XIII B appropriation limit for the City of Santa Rosa at \$331,203,000 for Fiscal Year 2024-25; and 2) approve the inflation and population factors used in the calculation of the limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to establish the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 appropriation limit for the City of Santa Rosa, an annual requirement under the provisions of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

BACKGROUND

Article XIII B of the California Constitution and related implementing legislation circumscribe the amount of tax revenues that state and local governments can appropriate annually, and require that the governing body of each local jurisdiction establish its appropriation limit by resolution annually.

The appropriations limit does not apply to the entire City budget; rather the limit applies solely to the appropriation of "proceeds of taxes" in the City's "general government" type funds.

From FY 1980-81 to FY 1989-90, each year's appropriation limit was established from the previous year's limit, then multiplied by the percentage change in population and the percentage change in the United States Consumer Price Index or the change in California per capita income, whichever was less.

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Proposition 111, which was approved by the voters in June 1990, amended the factors used in the calculation of each year's appropriations limit. The current factors are now as follows:

1. Price Factor - At the City's option, either the change in California per capita income or the increase in non-residential assessed valuation due to new construction.
2. Population Factor - At the City's option, either the annual change in the City or the County population.

The Finance Department recommends that the City use the greater calculation within each of the two factors.

Each year after the appropriation limit is adopted by the Council, the calculation is reviewed by the City's auditor and an Agreed-Upon Procedures Report or Audit is completed that corroborates the City's calculations were accurate.

State law requires that documentation used in the determination of the appropriations limit be made available to the public 15 days prior to the Council's consideration of the matter. That documentation has been available to the public on the City's website since May 23, 2024.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

The City Council reviews and adopts an Appropriation Limit each year. The Appropriations Limit for FY 2024-25 has not been previously reviewed by the City Council.

ANALYSIS

Annually, the State of California, Department of Finance provides inflation and population factors to be used in the calculation of the appropriations limit.

The Finance Department recommends that the factors used in the calculation of the FY 2024-25 limit be as follows:

1. Price Factor (percentage change in California per capita personal income):
1.0362
2. Population Factor (percentage change in Santa Rosa population): -0.07.

Using these factors, the calculated appropriations limit for FY 2024-25 is \$331,203,000 (FY 2023-24 limit multiplied by price and population factors converted to ratios). The appropriations that will be subject to the limit total are projected to be \$204,422,000 which

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is approximately \$126,781,000 less than the calculated appropriation limit. The City of Santa Rosa is not at risk of exceeding the limit.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from adopting the appropriation limit.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment and no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Article XIII B Appropriations Limit Calculation and Appropriations Subject to Limitation, FY 2024-25
- Resolution

PRESENTERS

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