



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 PRIMARY TAX LEVY AND FINAL BUDGET-** A hearing to receive public input regarding the Town of Clarkdale's proposed primary tax levy, property tax collection, and final budget for fiscal year 2008-2009.

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Meeting Date: July 29, 2008

Background: On July 8, 2008, Town Council adopted the preliminary budget for the Town of Clarkdale which set the maximum limits the Town could spend for fiscal year 2008-2009. All cities and towns in Arizona are subject to some form of expenditure limitation (the amount they can spend in a fiscal year). The Town of Clarkdale has adopted an alternative expenditure limitation in the form of a pure home rule option. This option states that each year the council will, after a public hearing, set the coming year's expenditure limitation (the fiscal year budget).

The final budget includes the expenditures for the following major funds:

General Fund	\$ 2,722,486	
Streets	\$ 804,967	
Wastewater	\$ 1,156,576	
Water	\$ 3,890,408	(includes improvements, O&M, and debt service)
Sanitation	\$ 280,765	

The budget has a built-in figure of \$1,500,000 for grants that, at this time, we are not aware the Town is receiving. By budgeting for this, if funds are received from grant sources, the municipality will be able to expend these funds.

The public hearing is to allow the public a chance to speak in favor, or against the proposed budget. The complete budget has been published in the newspaper and is available at the Town Hall for inspection. The only deadline for adoption of the final budget is triggered by the adoption of the property tax levy. Since the property tax levy must be adopted at the August 12, 2008 council meeting, the adoption of the final budget is scheduled for July 29, 2008.