

ORDINANCE 76-82

An Ordinance Concerning the City  
Operating and Capital Improvements Budget

WHEREAS, the budgetary process is the vehicle in which overall city policy is made, put into effect and controlled; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure that the Common Council has ample opportunity to meet its responsibilities to the citizens of Bloomington by performing its proper legislative role of setting overall city policy and fixing the city's property tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington annual operating and capital improvements budget is the most important recurring ordinance that the Common Council must consider;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA THAT:

SECTION I. Definitions: as used in this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given them by this section:

"Capital Improvements Program" shall mean a detailed outline of public works and related equipment to be built or purchased by the City of Bloomington and the manner of financing such projects over a period of years. The first year of the multi-year program becomes the annual capital budget for the current year. The program should be updated each year, revised where necessary and extended one year in the future.

"Capital Improvements" or "Public Improvements" are major projects requiring the expenditure of public funds, over and above annual operating expenses, for the purchase, construction, or replacement of the physical assets of the City of Bloomington.

SECTION II. The proper officers of the City of Bloomington to give notice to taxpayers of the estimated budget and proposed tax rate and tax levy, as required by IC 6-1.1-17-3, shall be the Mayor, Controller and the Common Council.

SECTION III. The City of Bloomington Plan Commission shall advise the Common Council as to the consistency of the Annual Capital Budget with the City's Master Plan and Capital Improvements Program, in accordance with IC 18-7-5-37. All Capital Improvements undertaken by the City of Bloomington shall comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. THIS ORDINANCE shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon the      day of      , 1976.

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Clem J. Blume, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

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Karel Dolnick, City Clerk

THIS ORDINANCE PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon the      day of      , 1976.

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Nora M. Connors, Deputy City Clerk

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon the      day of      , 1976, at the hour of      o'clock,      .m.

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Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

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Indiana state law provides that once the estimated City Budget and the proposed tax rate and tax levy is published and notice is given to taxpayers, line items cannot be raised by the Common Council but can be reduced.

Section II of this ordinance provides for the participation of the Mayor, Controller and Common Council in making budgetary decisions and setting the scope of City policy before publication of the Budget, as required by IC 6-1.1-17-3.

Since 1947, Indiana law (IC 18-7-5-37) has conferred the power upon City Plan Commissions to develop a long-range development program of public works projects and financial program of governmental expenditures as part of its Master Plan.

Section III of this ordinance requires the City Plan Commission to advise the Common Council as to the consistency of the Annual Capital Budget with the City Master Plan and multi-year Capital Improvements Program.

I HEREBY MOVE THAT ORDINANCE 76-82

BE INTRODUCED AND READ AT FIRST READING AT THE COUNCIL

MEETING ON November 4, 1976

Jack Morrison  
(Signature)