



# Sam's Lies

I held [housing/property taxes](#) flat during my four years as Waukegan Mayor. My opponent, Sam Cunningham, increased the **property tax levy** by 13.5% and lied about it. The council approves the **property tax levy**, telling the county the dollar amount to collect from Waukegan residents.

Tax	Ann Taylor	Sam Cunningham
Housing/Property Tax Levy	-0.2%	13.5%

## 2017 MAYORAL RACE

When Sam Cunningham ran against Lisa May in 2017, he promised to oppose property tax increases while Lisa May would raise your taxes.

	Sam Cunningham Democrat	Lisa May Republican
Restore City Services Without Privatizing Work	YES	NO
Advocate for Seniors and Fight Cuts to Meals-on-Wheels	YES	NO
Improve Police Response Times Through Smartphone Application	YES	NO
Oppose Property Tax Increase	YES	NO
Rebuild Lakefront with City Led Development	YES	NO

Election Day is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Early voting is happening now.  
For more information or to get involved, call (773) 216-1499.

**VOTE**  
Cunningham and Kilkelly

Sam then proceeded to raise your taxes while Lisa May voted against them. The December 18, 2017, Council Meeting minutes show both Lisa and I voted against it.

### 11. Ordinances

**Action: A.** Motion by Ald Newsome, second by Ald TenPas to Adopt an Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the City of Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, for the **2017 Tax Levy** Year.

Aye: Ald Bolton, Ald Moisiso, Ald Newsome, Ald TenPas, Ald Valko  
**Nay: Ald Taylor, Ald Seger, Ald Villalobos, Ald May**  
Motion Approved

3.95% Increase

Fool me once, shame on Sam.

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## 2021 MAYORAL RACE

In the 2021 race, I ran against Sam Cunningham. I put out this flyer exposing his tax increases. Proof of these increases is at [AnnTaylorForWaukegan.com/PropertyTax.pdf](http://AnnTaylorForWaukegan.com/PropertyTax.pdf).

**Waukeganites Cannot Afford Four More Years of SAM CUNNINGHAM**

- ↑ 13% Raised Property Taxes
- ↑ 24% Raised Water Rates
- ↑ .25% Raised Sales Tax
- ↑ \$1 MILLION A YEAR Hired 20 Political Allies to Government Jobs

**SAM CUNNINGHAM LIED TO ALL OF US**

When we elected him 4 years ago, he promised to oppose tax increases, but he immediately broke his campaign promise.

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Below is part of a flyer Sam put out lying about his tax increases. He calls me a liar and claims he did not raise your taxes.

**Please Vote April 6th**

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**My Opponent Has Been Lying About Property Taxes. You Deserve Truth.**

**The City of Waukegan tax rate dropped 11% since Mayor Cunningham took office.**

The City receives 23 cents for each dollar in property taxes

Year	Tax Rate
2016	\$3.0239
2017	\$3.076
2018	\$3.030
2019	\$2.873

Source: Lake County Tax Extension Office

Township, Parks and County  
Public Schools District #60  
City of Waukegan & Public Library

Instead of the **tax levy**, his chart shows something completely different called the **tax rate**. The tax rate depends on housing prices. As prices go up, the tax rate goes down. The council does not approve the tax rate and does not have control over housing prices. They approve the **tax levy**. The tax rate adjusts for changes in housing prices, ensuring the approved tax levy is collected. This is a disgraceful attempt to mislead the taxpayers. The tax rate is 2.873% and not \$2,873. Fool me twice, shame on me.

Being willing to tell such a bold lie to the voters, what else is Sam lying about? Believe me, plenty.

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