

No Tax Increases

I held taxes flat during my four years as Waukegan Mayor. In contrast, Sam Cunningham increased the Housing Tax by 13.5% and the City's sales tax by 20%.

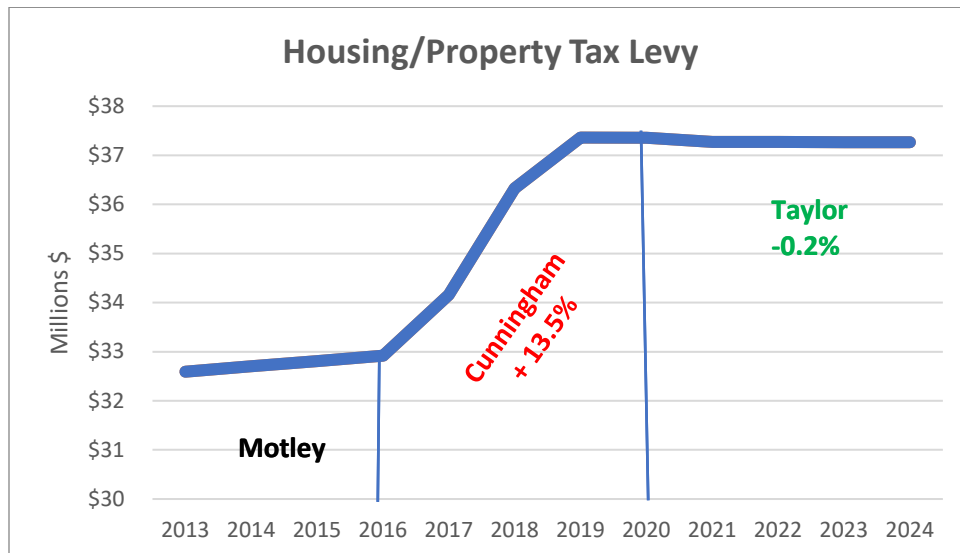
Tax	Ann Taylor	Sam Cunningham
Housing/Property Tax	-0.2%	13.5%
City Sales Tax	0%	20%

Even as an Alderman, I voted against tax increases. I successfully reduced Sam Cunningham's proposed 6.5% tax increase in 2017 to 3.8% in an explosive council meeting, during which Sam Cunningham went on one of his famous rants, yelling out "Liar, Liar."

HOUSING/PROPERTY TAX

The housing tax, more commonly known as the property tax, is levied on all houses, apartment buildings, and other properties. Homeowners pay this tax directly. The landlord pays this tax for renters and passes it on as part of the rent payments. It also impacts business owners.

The council approves the tax levy each year. The levy tells the county how much money to collect from Waukegan residents. See how the tax levy has changed below.



Sam Cunningham increased the property tax levy by 13.5%, taking an additional \$4.4 million annually from Waukeganites. Further details on these property tax increases can be found at AnnTaylorForWaukegan.com/PropertyTax.pdf. Cunningham has repeatedly lied about his increases, including denying he increased your taxes. See AnnTaylorForWaukegan.com/SamsLies.pdf.

THEN WHY DID MY PROPERTY TAXES GO UP?

The City of Waukegan is only 20-25% of your tax bill. Your tax bill contains numerous other taxing bodies. For example, besides the City of Waukegan, there could be:

- College Of Lake County #532
- Lake County
- Lake County Forest Preserve
- North Shore Water Reclamation District
- Waukegan Road And Bridge
- Waukegan Township
- Waukegan Comm Unit School Dist #60
- Waukegan Park Dist

The taxing bodies vary depending on where you live in Waukegan. Most of these taxing bodies have increased their tax levies. Warren Township Waukeganites have seen the largest increases due to significant increases in the levies of Warren Township High School District #121 and Woodland Community Consolidated School District 50.

SALES TAX

The City previously collected an additional 1.25% on top of the state's sales. Under Sam Cummingham, this increased from 1.25% to 1.5%, a 20% increase. Higher sales taxes cost our residents extra money and hurt our businesses by encouraging shopping elsewhere. Further details on these sales tax increases can be found at AnnTaylorForWaukegan.com/SalesTax.pdf.