



**PROPERTY TAXES WAS THE NO. 1 voter
issue in the Madison County Republican
Central Committee Voter Survey.
Herein is what you need to know.**



CITIZEN SILENCE ENCOURAGES PROPERTY TAX GROWTH!

Citizen engagement leads to lower property tax bills!

THERE IS ONLY ONE REASON FOR PROPERTY TAX INCREASES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING!

The amount local governments choose to spend determines your tax bill, not assessments, taxable values, exemptions, or credits!

Let's look at Winterset School District, City of Winterset and Madison County spending for the last Ten Years!

Winterset School District- reasonable tax is the sum of inflation and enrollment growth.

Taxes are increasing 9.8% faster than the combined growth of enrollment and inflation. This is unreasonable.

Enrollment Change	Inflation	Reasonable Tax	Property Tax Growth	Over Taxed By
-2.8%	30.8%	28%	37.9%	9.8%

City of Winterset- reasonable tax is sum of population growth and inflation.

Taxes are increasing 15.8% faster than the combined growth of population and inflation. This is unreasonable.

Population Change	Inflation	Reasonable Tax	Property Tax Growth	Over Taxed By
7.2%	30.8%	38%	53.9%	15.8%

Madison County- reasonable tax is sum of population growth and inflation.

Taxes are increasing 32.7% faster than the combined growth of population and inflation. This is unreasonable.

Population Change	Inflation	Reasonable Tax	Property Tax Growth	Over Taxed By
10%	30.8%	40.8%	73.5%	32.7%

The county, the City of Winterset and Winterset School District have all gone on a spending binge for the last ten years. Spending must be cut and future spending at county, City level has to be tied to population growth and the lesser of 3% or the inflation rate. School Districts' future spending should be tied to enrollment growth and the lesser of 3% or the inflation rate. Voters should ONLY ELECT officials that are willing to pledge to adhere to these guidelines.

Just like ALL Madison County households who have to live within their means and budgets, we should expect no less from our local governments.

We urge All citizens to contact their local representatives and in an "Iowa Nice way," express your opinions on these matters:

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