

Comparative Annual Cost of Services – residential property owners

Each year, the City of Lakeland compares the amount paid by typical residential property owners, to the amount paid in other comparable cities in the state of florida. This exercise is performed in order to make sure that Lakeland’s cost of providing services is reasonable in comparison to our peers.

The chart below shows what the average residential homeowner pays in annual property taxes, annual sales and annual utility taxes, (Electric, water, wastewater, solid waste and stormwater) to the amount an average residential property owner would pay in each of the cities’s shown below.

These amounts are based on the proposed municipal property tax rate adopted by each city, the average taxable residential property value in each city, the prevailing utility rates in effect for each city, and the locally adopted sales and utility tax rates.

This list of cities represents all the municipalities in the state of florida that own and operate the electric utility, plus a handful of other cities (Bartow, Tampa, West Palm Beach and St Pete).

