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Bountiful City Recognized for Low Cost of Government by Watchdog Group

Utah Taxpayers Association ranks Bountiful among the top 5 most conservative large cities in Utah for taxes and fees.

Bountiful, Utah - The Utah Taxpayers Association, a watchdog for government spending, recently ranked Bountiful City among the top 5 most fiscally-conservative cities in the State, according to its *2017 Cost of City Governments* report. Of the State's 50 largest cities, Bountiful ranks 46th in taxes and fees paid by residents. "One of our priorities is financial balance and accountability," said Mayor Randy Lewis. "We are proud of the services we provide at such low cost for residents."

Bountiful residents pay an average of \$13.78 in taxes and fees for every \$1,000 of income, or 1.3% of their annual income. By comparison, residents of South Salt Lake, which ranked first on the survey, pay over \$60 per \$1,000 of income (6%). The state average is \$24.54 (2.4%).

According to the Taxpayers Association, the *Cost of City Governments* report is published each year to compare "how well elected officials in Utah's cities control public spending." Bountiful's rank of 46th out of 50 cities bests its 2016 mark of 40th. Regarding the improved ranking, Mayor Lewis suggested that "Bountiful has a history of prudent financial management, which has served residents well. The current city leaders continue to place great value in that ideal."

The entire *2017 Cost of City Government* report can be found by visiting the Utah Taxpayers Association website at <http://www.utahtaxpayers.org>.

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