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More Aldermen Upstest Over 22 Percent Tax Increase

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Pete Curtis

Budget deliberations begin at city hall in just over two weeks but the heated rhetoric is well underway.

You can add Joe Connelly and Andre Chabot to a list that already includes Rick McIvor and Diane Colley-Urquhart who are opposed to the much-talked about 22% increase for home owners over three years.

That includes a 9.5% increase next year.

According to The Herald, for the average homeowner, that bump, along with increased fees for water, sewer, garbage and recycling will mean they'll be paying an extra 330 dollars to the city next year.

Chabot tells The Sun, the city needs to follow the lead of home-owners who are making due with less during these tight economic times.

Connelly says he understands having to pay more for police, new fire stations, and L-R-T lines, but 25 million dollars for a couple of pedestrian bridges, is a bit too rich.

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