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JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

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541-899-6873

Monday, Tuesday,

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8:30 am-2:00 pm

Inspection Request

541-484-9043 or

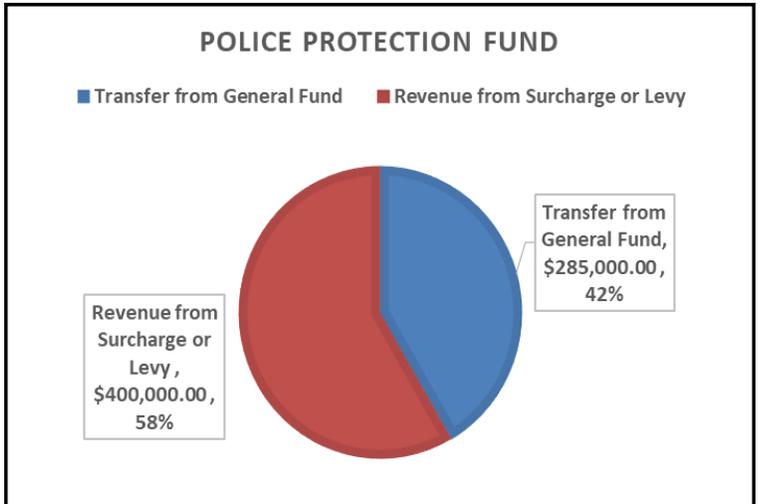
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FUNDING OUR POLICE PROTECTION FUND

We have every reason to be proud of Jacksonville's police force. We can continue to support the men and women who serve us so well by carefully considering how we fund our police.

Historically, we have funded police services with our general fund, which, in turn comes mainly from property tax revenues. Today, those tax revenues are stretched very thin trying to cover other needed services and police. In fact, police services account for almost 100% of our property tax revenue in the general fund. So, we are looking at some alternatives to help fund the police, freeing up some general funds for other vital needs.

The City needs to find a revenue stream of about \$400,000 annually, which would go directly into a special Police Protection Fund only for police services. The \$400,000 revenue would partially fund the Police Protection Fund at 58% and the remaining 42% will be transferred from the general fund. This will free up general funds to be applied to projects such as street repair, historic preservation, building Fire Department capital and Parks.



The Budget Committee has been considering multiple options over the last couple of years and had narrowed it down to the following two options:

Raising funds could be done through a property tax levy on all properties in Jacksonville. This levy would be \$1 per \$1,000 of property assessed value (AV). For example, a property with an AV of \$450,000 would have a \$450 per year property tax increase. By law, this levy can last only 5 years and must be voter approved. *(please see table on back page for more info)*

The other option would be a surcharge on the utility bills, like we now do for our fire department. This surcharge would be \$20 per month or \$240 per year, collected monthly. While no vote is required, it must be authorized by an ordinance, approved by City Council. The Police Protection Surcharge would also have the same relief program as the current Fire Protection Surcharge.

The City must provide police protection for its citizens. At the December 14, 2017 meeting, the Budget Committee recommended that the Council consider the surcharge as the fairest and most equitable funding source.

No decision will be made until the City Council fully considers the need for funding, the proposed methods and obtains public comment, both written and in public forum. Notices of coming actions will be provided.

We thank Budget Committee member Doug Phillips for his contributions below.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY—CONSIDERATIONS

1. How much would a property tax levy cost me?
 - a. Look at your most recent tax bill to determine your **“ASSESSED VALUE”**
 - b. Divide your **“ASSESSED VALUE”** by 1000
 - c. Multiply that number by \$1.00
 - d. Example:
 - ASSESSED VALUE = \$450,000
 - Divide by 1000 = \$450
 - Multiply by \$1.00 = \$450 increased taxes

2. Remember that Property Taxes are a TAX DEDUCTION **NOT** a TAX CREDIT
 - a. As a CREDIT you can deduct the full amount off of your tax bill.

 - b. As a DEDUCTION you only reduce your TAXABLE INCOME, which reduces your tax bill, but only by a small % of the amount you paid.

3. How much of a property tax levy can I deduct from my Federal & State income taxes?
 - a. If you use the **STANDARD DEDUCTION** (70% of filers do so currently) you get **NO** tax benefit from paying this property tax levy.

 - b. If you **ITEMIZE DEDUCTIONS** you can **“DEDUCT”** this increase as part of your property tax deduction, which will decrease your TAXABLE INCOME. You only get a small % of the increase as a reduction of your tax bill.

4. So, if I ITEMIZE how much will I save in income tax?
 - a. It depends on your effective tax rate which is different for every taxpayer, but the most it could be is 37% but it will probably be much less.

 - b. Example:
 - Property Tax Levy = \$450.00
 - Highest Effective Tax Rate = 37%
 - Income tax savings = \$166.50
 - Net cost of increase = \$283.50

If your Effective Tax rate is less (most likely) then, your savings will be less.

5. What is the impact of the new Tax code for 2018 (as understood today)
 - Increase** in **STANDARD DEDUCTION** - More people will use this (est 85%)
Therefore NO tax savings from Property Tax Levy.

 - Lower TAX RATES** – less tax benefit for those who ITEMIZE

 - Cap** on **PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION** – Property Tax & Income Tax are combined with a cap of \$10,000, therefore there might not be any benefit of the tax increase if your Income tax + current Property tax already equal or exceed \$10,000.



City Offices will be CLOSED ON
New Years Day, January 1st
Martin Luther King Jr., Day January 15th

How particles, colors and odors show up in our drinking water

Have you ever wondered what causes a sink to develop a color under the faucet or why there are suddenly flecks in your water glass? Most of the time these are harmless by-products of your household plumbing which can be easily flushed out.

If your water starts to have a color in it, it could be from a number of sources. Blue-green shades usually are caused by corrosion of copper piping. A blue-green stain in the sink will develop if a faucet drips. Brown, red, orange or yellow water is usually caused by rust from iron pipes. Milky white or cloudy water is a sign of air bubbles and will clear if you let the glass stand. Odors or a taste in your drinking water can come from pipe scaling or flaking too.

Flushing your water lines by turning on several or all faucets in the house for a few minutes should clear out any loose flakes or scales in the water pipes. When the water starts running clear, the loose material in the pipes should be all flushed out. Also, unscrew the screen on the end of the faucet and rinse out any material coating the screen. If you don't use a lot of water in your household, the hot water heater may not get enough flow through it to keep that line flushed well. Practically everything is vulnerable to corrosion by water, but simple maintenance of flushing your lines and keeping faucet screens clean helps keeps your drinking water clear.

Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council	Tuesday, January 2nd	6:00pm	Old City Hall
Planning Commission	Wednesday, January 10th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
City Council	Tuesday, January 16th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
HARC	Wednesday, January 24th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
Parks, Rec, Visitors and Svcs Committee	Thursday, January 25th	5:00 pm	New City Hall Conference Room