

Ballot Initiative Discussion

Black Forest taxpayers entrust the Fire Districts Board of Directors with a significant responsibility; to maintain an effective fire and EMS response model for the community while doing so in the most fiscally responsible manner.

Unlike other elected officials, our focus is singular: Fire/EMS. Being able to focus on one mission has allowed to truly evaluate the needs of our community and to be extremely judicious with your tax dollars. We have developed a strategic plan and we will need your help to implement it.

With all of the growth in the district and the way our revenue streams are allocated, we will be asking for a mill levy increase this fall. We are accountable to you, the community and we thank you for joining us at our town hall/board meeting to hear our plans and to question us on the reasoning for this request.

The community can only have the fire protection and EMS service it is willing to pay for. It is your department and it should reflect your values. Thank you again for joining us.



How Did We Get Here?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXbrsdQqrZ8&sns=em>

Fire District Mill Levy's

		Mill Levy Rates					
Current AV (7.2%)	Mill	Revenue	Difference		District	All	Comparable
160,320,010	9.215	\$1,477,348.89	0		Big Sandy	8	
	10.215	\$1,637,668.90	\$160,320.01		Black Forest	9.215	9.215
	11.215	\$1,797,988.91	\$320,640.02		Broadmoor	4.5	
	12.215	\$1,958,308.92	\$480,960.03		Calhan	5.971	
	13.215	\$2,118,628.93	\$641,280.04		Cascade	10.245	
	14.215	\$2,278,948.94	\$801,600.05		Cimarron Hills	15.286	15.286
	15.215	\$2,439,268.95	\$961,920.06		Donald Wescott	21.9	21.9
					Edison	9	
					Elbert	8.5	
					Ellicott	9.85	
Proposes AV (6.11%)					Falcon	8.612	8.612
140,242,632	9.215	\$1,292,335.85	0		Gr Mt Fl & Chp Pk	9.763	
	10.215	\$1,432,578.49	\$140,242.63	1	Hanover	7.366	
	11.215	\$1,572,821.12	\$280,485.26	2	Peyton	6.13	
	12.215	\$1,713,063.75	\$420,727.90	3	Security	10.002	10.002
	12.715	\$1,783,185.07	\$490,849.21	3.5			
	13.215	\$1,853,306.38	\$560,970.53	4	S.W. Hwy.115	13.2	
	14.215	\$1,993,549.01	\$701,213.16	5	Stratmoor Hills	12.811	
	14.5	\$2,033,518.16	\$741,182.31	5.285	Tri-County	3	
	15.215	\$2,133,791.65	\$841,455.79	6	Tri-Lakes Monument	18.5	18.5
					Woodmen Valley	9.05	
			556,170		Average	10.04505	13.91916667

2011 Mill Levy Ballot Question

5B - BLACK FOREST FIRE/RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SHALL BLACK FOREST FIRE/RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$565,660 ANNUALLY, OR BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE RAISED BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATE OF NOT MORE THAN 4.25 MILLS, RESULTING IN A TOTAL DISTRICT MILL LEVY RATE, EXCLUSIVE OF REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS, OR DEBT SERVICE, NOT TO EXCEED 4.215 MILLS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICES, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2012, AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND ALL OTHER AMOUNTS RECEIVED ANNUALLY FROM ANY REVENUE SOURCES WHATSOEVER AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SECTION 26-1-301, C.R.S., OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES

NO

2018 Proposed Mill Levy

EXHIBIT A TO ELECTION RESOLUTION

A REFERRED MEASURE OF THE BLACK FOREST FIRE RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SHALL BLACK FOREST FIRE-RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$550,000.00 IN 2019, AND BY SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY OF UP TO 5.285 MILLS, FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. MAINTAINING TIMELY EMERGENCY SERVICES AND 911 RESPONSE TIMES;
2. ATTRACTING AND RETAINING EXPERIENCED FIRST RESPONDERS, AND MITIGATING COSTLY TURNOVER RATES;
3. FULLY STAFFING FIRE STATION TWO WITH AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE DUTY CREW; AND
4. FUNDING A LONG-TERM APPARATUS REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE TO ALLOW FOR TIMELY REPLACEMENT OF FIRE APPARATUS;

AND SHALL THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL MILL LEVY OF UP TO 14.5 MILLS BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER TO OFFSET REVENUE LOSSES FROM REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS AND ANY CHANGE TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUATION, SO THAT TAX REVENUES COLLECTED ARE NOT LESS THAN WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN COLLECTED HAD SUCH CHANGE NOT OCCURRED?

Wage Comparison By Agency



