

ENSURING THE FUTURE OF FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR POUUDRE VALLEY



Understanding the 5.25% Revenue Cap and its Impact on Emergency Services

- The Poudre Valley Fire Protection District faces an unexpected revenue limitation due to recent statewide legislation. House Bill 24B-1001 imposed a new 5.25% cap on annual property tax revenue growth.
- This **cap restricts the District's ability** to retain and spend tax revenue and **will mean less funding for emergency services.**
- In 2018, District voters passed a measure to allow the District to retain and spend revenues in excess of this cap, set by the Colorado Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR).
- Removing this cap, known as deBrucing, allowed the District to continue to meet the needs of the community until now.

While revenue is capped at 5.25%, the District's operational costs have increased by approximately 10.69% from 2022 to 2026.

The Reality of Inflation

The cost of essential life-saving equipment has outpaced general inflation, making the new cap particularly restrictive.



**The cost of a fire engine in 2021 \$819,161,
in 2024 it was \$1,357,844.**

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The Proposed Solution: Waive the Cap Without Raising Taxes

To maintain high-quality emergency services, the District is considering whether to refer a ballot measure for November to waive the 5.25% revenue cap.

- ✓ **No New Taxes:** Approving the waiver would not increase taxes; it simply allows the District to keep the revenue voters previously authorized.
- ✓ **Accountability:** This is not a "blank check." The District would only retain revenue attributable to new growth above the cap, and any future tax increases would still require voter approval.

What Potential Impacts are at Stake?



Response Times

A top priority that requires adequate personnel and modern equipment.



Wildfire Preparedness

Increasing risk of wildfires where grasslands meet neighborhoods means the District must be prepared for potential incidents such as the Marshall Fire.

How Would Additional Revenue Be Used?



Frontline Apparatus

Replacing and updating large engines, wildland brush trucks, water tenders, and rescue trucks.



Facility Maintenance

Updating and replacing fire stations to support modern emergency response.

Your Input is Needed

We are asking residents to help us determine the best course of action. The Board will decide this summer whether to refer a ballot question to voters in November.

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