

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



1. Why is the Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) facing a budget limitation?

The Poudre Fire Authority faces an unexpected budget limitation because recent statewide legislation (HB24B-1001) established a new 5.25% cap on the amount of annual property tax revenue growth the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District can retain.

2. What action is the District considering to address the revenue cap?

To maintain the high level of fire and emergency services, the District is considering seeking voter approval to waive the 5.25% cap. If approved, this would allow the District to collect the full amount of tax revenue voters originally approved in 2018.

3. Will approving the ballot measure increase taxes?

No, waiving the revenue cap would require a ballot measure and voter approval, but it would not increase taxes.

4. How does the 5.25% revenue cap impact emergency services?

If the 5.25% revenue cap is not waived, emergency services and response will be impacted. The revenue is needed to ensure the District has the necessary personnel and equipment to respond. Emergency response times are a top priority.

5. Why is the 5.25% growth cap insufficient to meet the District's costs?

The District's day-to-day costs have increased approximately 10.69% from 2022 to 2026, a rate that is nearly double the 5.25% limit on annual property tax revenue growth. For example, the cost of a fire engine increased from \$819,161 in 2021 to \$1,357,844 in 2024, representing a 12.64% year-over-year inflation cost increase.

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6. What specific threat is a top priority for PFA funding?

Preventing and responding to wildfires is a top priority, especially as wildland fires in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)—like the Marshall Fire—define the modern-day risk that requires Poudre Fire Authority to be prepared with adequate personnel and equipment.

7. If the ballot measure passes, what will the additional revenues be used for?

The additional revenues would go towards replacing and updating frontline fire apparatus, such as large engines, wildland brush trucks, water tenders, and rescue trucks, as well as fire stations.

8. Does waiving the cap give the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District a "blank check"?

No, it is not a "blank check". It would only allow the District to retain and expend additional revenue attributable to new growth above the 5.25% cap.

9. If the cap is waived, will the District still need voter approval for future tax increases?

Yes, if voters approve waiving the 5.25% cap, the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District would still be required to go to voters to pass any future tax increase. The ballot measure would only remove the current cap.

10. Where can residents find more information and provide feedback?

No decisions have been made, and the District is asking residents for input. Residents can visit www.PoudreValleyFireFunding.org to learn more and provide feedback.

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