



Ensuring the Future of Fire Emergency Services for Poudre Valley

The Need for Revenue and the 5.25% Revenue Cap





THE CHALLENGE: A NEW REVENUE CAP

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.





IMPACT ON EMERGENCY SERVICES

This cap restricts the District's ability to retain and spend tax revenue.

The result will be **less funding available** for essential emergency services.





OPERATIONAL COSTS OUTPACE REVENUE

While revenue is capped at 5.25%, the District's **operational costs are increasing** at a much faster rate.

Operational **costs have increased approximately 10.69%** from 2022 to 2026.





HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF FUNDING

In 2018, District voters approved a measure (known as de-Brucing) allowing the District to retain and spend revenues in excess of the Colorado Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) cap.

This allowed the District to continue meeting the community's needs until the imposition of the new 5.25% cap.



THE REALITY OF INFLATION

The cost of hiring and retaining qualified personnel as well as essential life-saving equipment and vehicles has outpaced general inflation, making the new cap particularly restrictive.



INFLATION EXAMPLE: FIRE ENGINE COSTS



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

That's 12.64% year-over-year inflation.





THE PROPOSED SOLUTION

The District is considering a November ballot measure to ask voters to **waive the 5.25% revenue cap.**

The goal is to maintain high-quality emergency services.





WHY THIS IS NOT A TAX INCREASE

Approving the waiver would not increase taxes.

It simply allows the District to retain the revenue voters previously authorized it to keep.



POTENTIAL IMPACTS IF CAP IS NOT WAIVED

- ➔ This waiver is not a "blank check."
- ➔ The District would only retain revenue attributable to new growth above the cap.
- ➔ Any future tax increase would still require voter approval.





THREAT TO WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

The increasing risk of wildfires where grasslands meet neighborhoods **demands robust preparedness.**

Budget cuts would **compromise the District's ability to prepare** for potential incidents, such as those similar to the Marshall Fire.



HOW ADDITIONAL REVENUE WOULD BE USED

Any additional revenues will be strictly allocated to critical infrastructure and frontline needs such as **frontline apparatus:**

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





HOW ADDITIONAL REVENUE WOULD BE USED

Facility Maintenance:

Updating and replacing fire stations to support emergency response.



YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

The Board will be deciding in August whether to refer a question to voters for this November.

We are asking residents to help us determine the best course of action for our community.

Take Action:

Visit www.PoudreValleyFireFunding.org to learn more and provide your feedback.

