

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Why is the Arvada Fire Protection District asking for community input now? Arvada Fire is facing rising demand, fire risk, and costs that will begin impacting services starting in 2027. Without new funding, the District would need to reduce spending and likely not be able to maintain current levels of service. Your input helps our leadership weigh its options before any decisions are made regarding the pursuit of additional funding options.

Has the District asked for new taxes before? The District has not asked voters to approve any new tax increase since 2010 (with two exceptions) and has a strong track record of being a good steward of taxpayer dollars and providing services within budget. The two exceptions are: in 2024, voters in the former Fairmount Fire Protection District approved a mill levy increase to match Arvada's — a successful merger that reduced costs and benefited the entire community; and voters approved a measure to de-Gallagherize the District's property tax assessment in 2019.

How much has demand for services grown? Significantly. Calls for service rose from 14,949 in 2016 to 19,025 in 2025. Of those 2025 calls, 74% were emergency medical calls.

What happens without new funding? Without additional revenue, the District would need to reduce spending over the next two years. This would likely mean fewer firefighters and paramedics on duty each day which could affect emergency response times.

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What are the wildfire risks in the area? Wind-driven fires such as the Marshall Fire, Lahaina, and the Los Angeles fires have the potential to affect our entire community, not just the neighborhoods in the Wildland Urban Interface. This necessitates a new level of preparedness with adequate personnel, training, and equipment.

What new revenue options are being considered? Two options are being explored, each designed to raise approximately \$23.1 million annually. The first is a 1% sales tax, made possible by recent state legislation (SB24-194). The second alternative is a 7.25-mill property tax increase. A third option to maintain stability into the future would be to reduce our service level.

If approved, how would the money be used? Additional revenue would support recruitment and training of firefighters and paramedics, wildfire mitigation efforts, community education, emergency response, and physical and mental health programs for firefighters.

Has a final decision been made? No decisions have been made. The District is actively seeking community input as it weighs its options. The future of the Arvada Fire Protection District will be shaped by the feedback received.

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