



## FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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“Leading Together, By Serving Together”

*Please Read, Important Information!*

March 2022

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

In December 2021, your Fire District provided an information flyer and public opinion survey regarding a potential bond proposal for capital infrastructure within the Fire District for May of 2022. This public opinion poll results came back with over 68% in support of the proposal, 13% against the proposal, and 7% undecided. The Board of Directors and Executive Staff are evaluating all aspects of this proposal to ensure the highest quality of fire and emergency medical services is maintained and provided for all who live, work, and visit here. Our mission statement is, “To enhance your quality of life by always earning trust, reducing loss of life, preventing harm, and protecting property with compassion and integrity.” This is our mission and will always work to achieve this for you.

**The population served by your firefighters and current fire stations locations has been outpacing the fire district’s budget due to aspects out of our control.** This is because the abolishment of the Gallagher Amendment in 2020 and the 2020-2021 pandemic. The District has experienced a loss in revenue the last two years and will see a loss for the next two - three years due to Senate Bill 21-293 and the pandemic. With the removal of the Gallagher Amendment, it allowed the process of state legislators to change the property assessment rates as they see fit. These lower assessment rates will go into effect for 2022 and 2023, decreasing your Fire District’s revenue in 2023 and 2024. Yes, even when our property values increase. It is extremely difficult to maintain and increase services within a growing community. Growth unfortunately does not pay its way, when coupled with stipulations through legislation and limitations on how a Special District can be funded. **Don’t my Metro District taxes help the Fire District?** No. Metro District Taxes do nothing to assist with Fire and Emergency Medical Services within your community. Metro District Taxes only assist your subdivision with infrastructure and amenities provided within your neighborhood.

**Didn’t the citizens just approve a mill levy increase in 2019 for the Fire District?** Yes. The District requested funding in 2018 to hire firefighters, paramedics, build fire stations, and replace aging fire trucks. This request failed in 2018. In 2019, the District prioritized its immediate need of hiring firefighters and paramedics. The citizens approved this measure in 2019 and the District hired 16 personnel in 2020. However, the need for additional fire stations and replacing aging equipment in a growing community did not go away. With no assistance at the state level to help Special Districts with more legislation and initiatives to stabilize Special District funding we are once again asking our local citizens and business owners to help assist us with this funding gap to ensure proper services are maintained. The same issues we had in 2018 are still prevalent in 2022.

***We are committed to providing the highest quality services to our community, but our growing community needs your support:***

- **To reverse the trend of increasing response times, we need additional fire stations equipped in Frederick and Firestone.**
- **To maintain aging fire stations and provide improvements for your firefighters and paramedics.**
- **To replace your aging fleet of fire trucks and ambulances that have reached their lifespan of 15 or more years.**
- **To keep your property insurance rates, lower by maintaining our ISO rating for insurance companies.**
- **To purchase necessary life-saving medical and rescue equipment for our community.**

**FFD’s Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2022-03 at the February 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting calling for a General Election on May 3, 2022, seeking voter approval of a ballot issue related to increasing Fire District debt for the purposes of funding fire, rescue, and emergency medical transport services.** Data shows a \$500,000 home equates to a \$4.00 monthly increase to your property taxes for future build out of fire and emergency medical services for you, your family, and the entire community. This funding request if approved will sunset within 20 year or less and will decrease in cost as the community continues to grow.

***You have entrusted the Fire District with the safety of your family and your money. We have listened and will continue to remain fiscally responsible, good stewards and transparent at every level with all funding.*** The District will ensure current budgets, budget messages and all third-party audit reports are available on the District’s website for our citizens.

Sincerely yours in service,

Jeremy A. Young, MS, EFO, CFO  
Fire Chief

**For more information, please visit our website at [FFD.US](http://FFD.US) “May 2022 Election” or call 303-833-2742.**



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### PLEASE VOTE

May 3, 2022

Mail-In Ballot will be mailed to you mid-April 2022.

#### FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

#### FIRE, RESCUE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

##### AUTHORIZATION TO INCUR DEBT AND INCREASE TAXES TO REPAY SUCH DISTRICT DEBT

SHALL FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED \$19,873,012 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF \$27,975,000 AND SHALL FREDERICK-FIRESTONE TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,398,000 ANNUALLY OR BY SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE FOREGOING DEBT AND ANY REFUNDINGS THEREOF, AT AN INTEREST RATE THAT IS EQUAL TO, LOWER OR HIGHER THAN THE INTEREST RATE ON THE REFUNDED DEBT, SUCH DEBT TO BE IN ANY FORM DETERMINED BY THE DISTRICT AND ISSUED OR INCURRED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND EQUIPPING TWO (2) NEW FIRE STATIONS – ONE (1) IN THE TOWN OF FREDERICK AND ONE (1) IN THE TOWN OF FIRESTONE TO MEET GROWING EMERGENCY SERVICE NEEDS FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AND PROTECTION, TECHNICAL RESCUE, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND AMBULANCE SERVICES TO KEEP RESPONSE TIMES LOW AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL CITIZENS.
- ACQUIRING FIRE TRUCKS, AMBULANCES, AND GENERAL EMERGENCY SERVICES EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, TECHNICAL RESCUE, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCIES; AND
- RENOVATING, REMODELING, AND ENHANCING OLDER FIRE STATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO MEET THE SERVICE NEEDS OF FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

#### REQUIRED LEGAL BALLOT LANGUAGE:

SUCH DEBT TO BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 3.5% PER ANNUM, SUCH INTEREST TO BE PAYABLE AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES, AND WHICH MAY COMPOUND PERIODICALLY AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND SUCH DEBT TO MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR, SUCH DEBT TO BE PAID FROM ANY LEGALLY AVAILABLE REVENUES OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE PROCEEDS OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES; ALL OF THE ABOVE AS DETERMINED BY THE DISTRICT; SUCH TAXES TO CONSIST OF AN AD VALOREM MILL LEVY IMPOSED ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT, WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE OR WITH SUCH LIMITATIONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND IN AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE ANNUAL TAX INCREASE SET FORTH ABOVE OR BY SUCH LESSER AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF ANY SUCH DEBT AND THE REVENUE FROM SUCH TAXES, ANY OTHER REVENUE USED TO PAY SUCH DEBT, AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON, BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT IN FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, OR ANY OTHER LAW, AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT?