



PROTECTING LIVES, REDUCING RESPONSE TIMES AND PREPARING FOR TOMORROW.

Overview

City Council discussed public safety needs during their budget retreats in January 2025 and supported the exploration of a ballot measure and a Citizens Committee in September 2025. City staff met with Citizen Committee members from November 2025 through May 2026 which led to the Committee's recommendation of a 0.5% (or half cent for every dollar) sales tax and \$40 million general obligation bond to meet the highest priority needs in Fire, Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, Police, and Emergency Management.

Proposition 404 – Sales Tax to Enhance Public Safety Services

- 0.5% (or half cent for every dollar) provides an average of \$18.2 million for 15 years
- Increase the City tax from 2.486% to 2.986%
- Half of Arizona cities have a rate of 3.00% or higher
- Funding more public safety personnel, specialized equipment and more supplies
- Produces a larger amount of funding than primary property tax
- 37% of sales tax is paid by Flagstaff visitors
- Does not apply to items such as food in the grocery store or residential rent
- Does apply to items such as the purchase of a refrigerator or vehicle or eating out at a restaurant

Proposition 405 – General Obligation Bond for Public Safety Infrastructure and Equipment

- \$40 million general obligation bond
- Supplemented by \$15 million of Development Impact Fees revenue
- Funding to public safety facility construction, equipment, and more vehicles



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- Adding a bond reduces the amount of sales tax increase
- Maintain a flat rate within \$95 million in general obligation bond capacity
- Coconino County Assessor evaluates the property's assessed value annually
- If residential property assessed value increased by 5%, then approximate cost is \$14.93 per year
- Due to state statutes related to assessment ratios, for fiscal year 2027 commercial properties will likely see a decrease in their tax bill this year related to City of Flagstaff property tax levies.



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