

**NOTICE OF WORK MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE,
WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH**

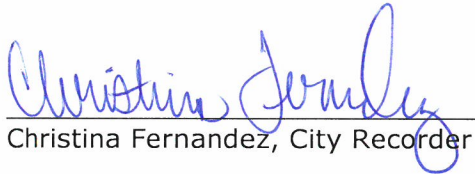
Public Notice

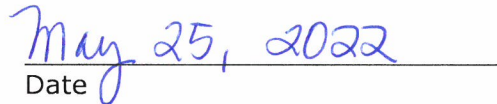
Public notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of St. George, Washington County, Utah, will hold a work meeting in the Emergency Operations Center, St. George City Commons Building, located at 220 North 200 East, St. George, Utah, on Thursday, May 26, 2022, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Call to Order
Invocation
Flag Salute

- 1. Discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.**
- 2. Reports from Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager.**
- 3. Request a closed session to discuss litigation, property acquisition or sale or the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.**


Christina Fernandez, City Recorder


Date

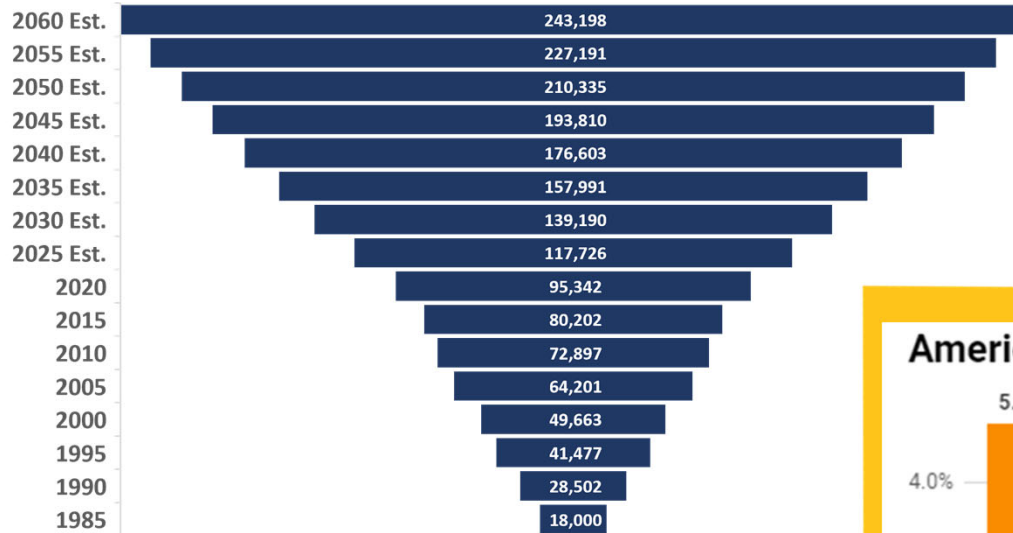
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SAFE ST. GEORGE 5-Year Plan

City of St. George - Brighter - Safer



St. George City's Population
Compare 1985 through Estimated 2060



**ST. GEORGE'S POPULATION
GROWTH & DEMAND AS A
REGIONAL HUB IS
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SAFETY RESOURCES**

America's Fastest Growing Metropolitan Areas

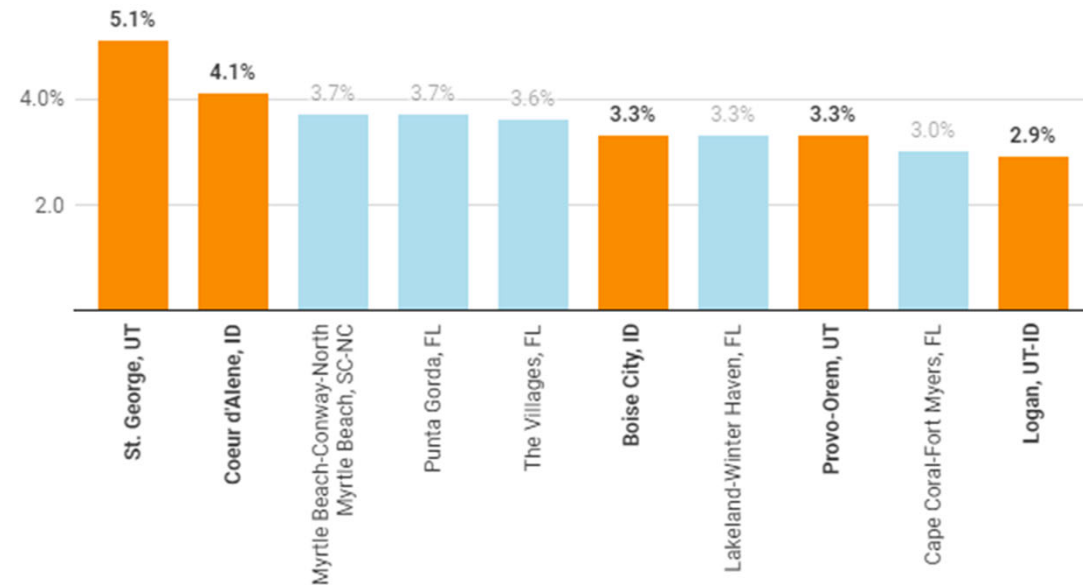


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THE INCREASE WILL IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS THE CITY WILL ADD APPROXIMATELY:



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46 POLICE OFFICERS
22 CIVILIAN POSITIONS



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34 FIREFIGHTERS
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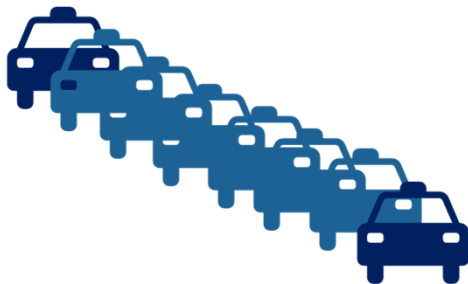
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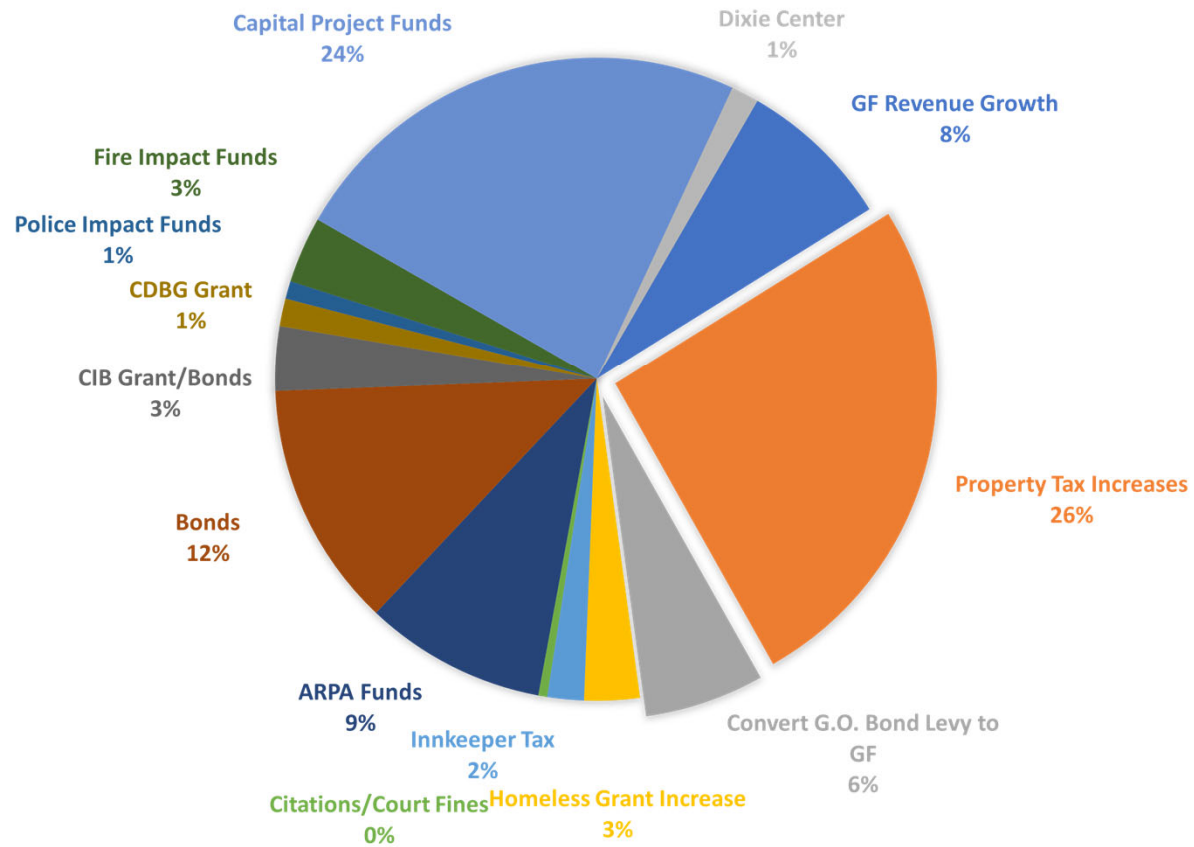


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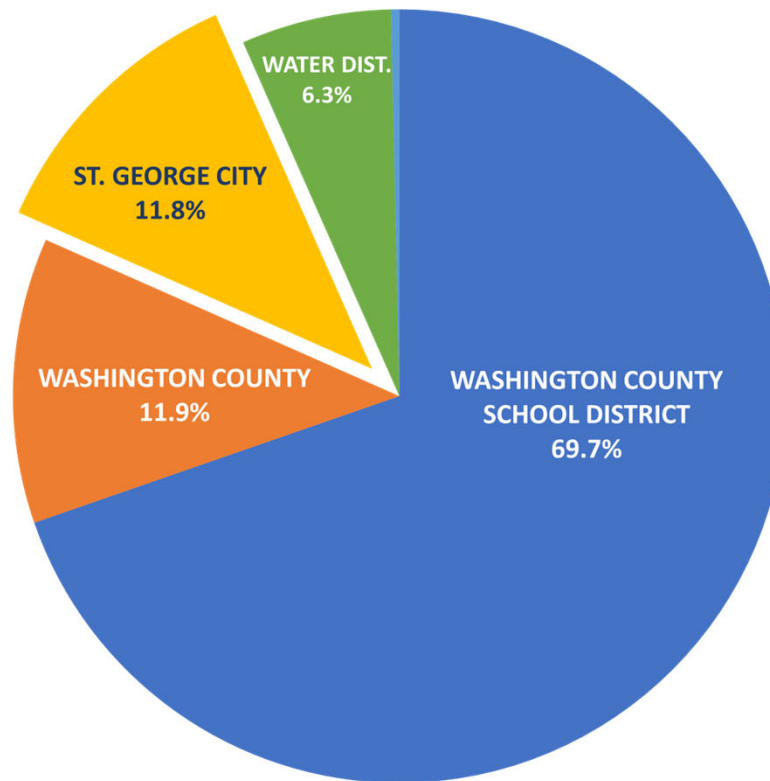
\$89.8M FUNDING SOURCES OVER 5 YEARS
EACH FUNDING SOURCE'S PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL





Estimated \$5 per
MONTH
or
\$60 per YEAR
For a primary
home with an
average market
value of
\$548,000*

*preliminary estimated
amount for tax year 2022



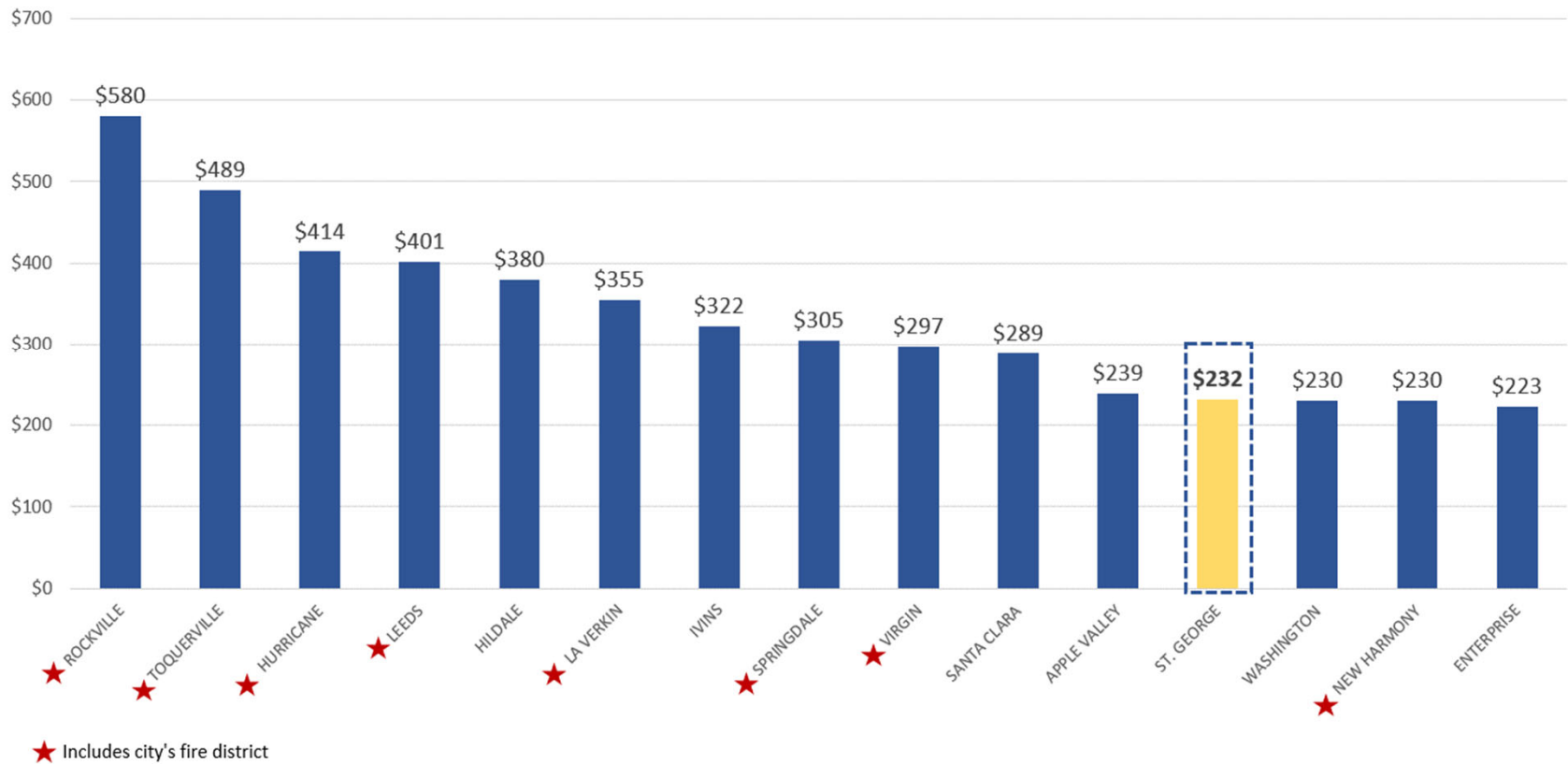
CITY SERVICES PROVIDED:

- 24-HOUR POLICE
- 24-HOUR FIRE
- 24-HOUR 911 DISPATCH
- STREETS
- PARKS
- TRAILS

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Average Property Tax Bill for Top 10 Utah Cities' Operations
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UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING DATES

Budget Public Hearings:

- Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 5:00 PM
- Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Tax Rate Public Hearing:

- Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM (Proposed Date)

All public hearings will be held in the City Council Chambers located at:
175 East 200 North, St. George, UT 84770

SAFE ST. GEORGE 5-Year Plan

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Goals for Public

- Improve Coverage
- Improve Response Times
- Increase Proactive Enforcement
- Reduce Auto Accidents
- Improve Insurance Ratings for our citizens for both Auto Insurance (Police) and Property Insurance (Fire)
\$\$\$ SAVE MONEY FOR OUR CITIZENS
- Maintain current level of service in response to demands created by a growing population
- Provide a sustainable plan for funding future Public Safety needs



Goals for the City — a 5-Year Blueprint

Diverse and Comprehensive



- ✓ Funds positions, compensation, capital outlay
- ✓ Outcomes are measurable
- ✓ Forward-thinking and planning for the future
- ✓ Mitigates impact on the citizens and decision-making for leadership

Sustainable and Resilient



- ✓ Balance of Ongoing Funds to Ongoing Expenses
- ✓ Balance of One-Time Funds to One-Time Expenses
- ✓ Balances multiple resources over multiple years
- ✓ Revenue sources are stable and reliable

Dynamic and Fluid



- ✓ Allows for continued reanalysis of funding mechanisms
- ✓ Allows for continued review of needs by the City's Public Safety Departments and assurance of committed resources
- ✓ Allows for ongoing review by City leadership
- ✓ Informs citizens of our needs and our plans for achievement and success

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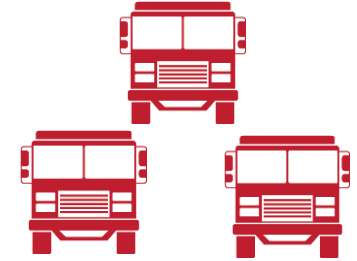
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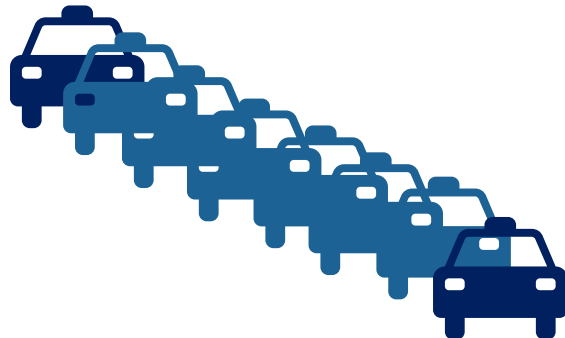
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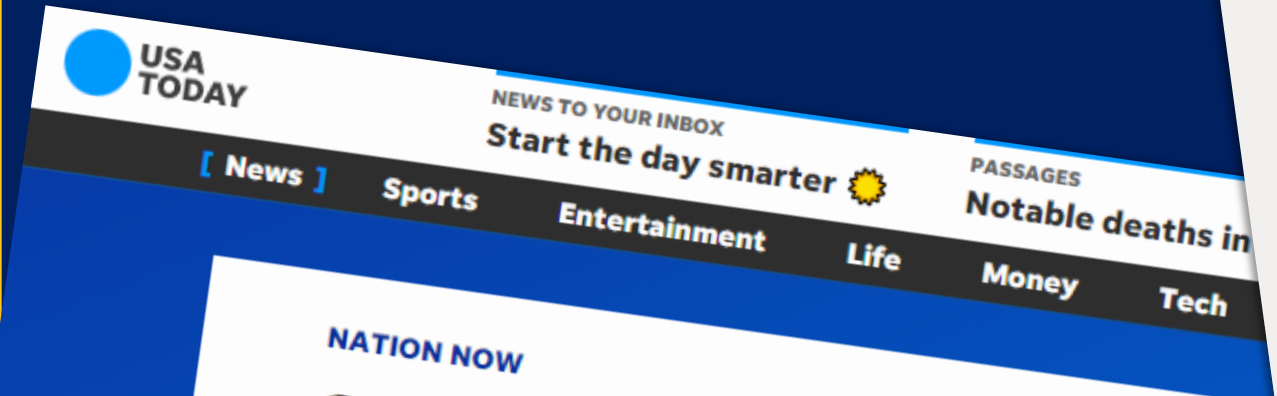


In any given moment
we have two
options: to step
forward into growth
or step back into
safety

Abraham Maslow



ST. GEORGE'S POPULATION IS GROWING AT A RAPID PACE



NATION NOW St. George, Utah, is nation's fastest-growing metro area, Census says

David DeMille The (St. George, Utah) Spectrum
Published 12:05 a.m. ET March 22, 2018 | Updated 12:14 a.m. ET March 22, 2018



St. George is the fastest-growing metro in the US again, Census says

By Sean Hemmersmeier, Associated Press | Posted - April 2, 2022 at 9:41 a.m.



The Desert Canyon development is shown on Aug. 11, 2021, in St. George, Utah. St. George and the rest of Washington County have once again ranked as the fastest-growing metro area in America. The Spectrum reports that a new report from the U.S. Census showed the local population growing by nearly 10,000 new residents between July 1 of 2020 and July of 2021, a 5.1% increase. (Sean Hemmersmeier, The Spectrum via AP)

MOST VIEWED

1. After tech exec gunned down in front of child, family is seeking answers in U.S.
2. Suspect named in killings of Moab couple, but that person has also d
3. Passenger lands plane at Florida airport after pilot was incapacitated
4. Have you seen this? Dude Dad's epic Pinewood Derby track
5. Police investigate fatal crash in St. George City
6. How this rare earth element in Utah push renewable energy independence

3 Utah cities tops in US population growth



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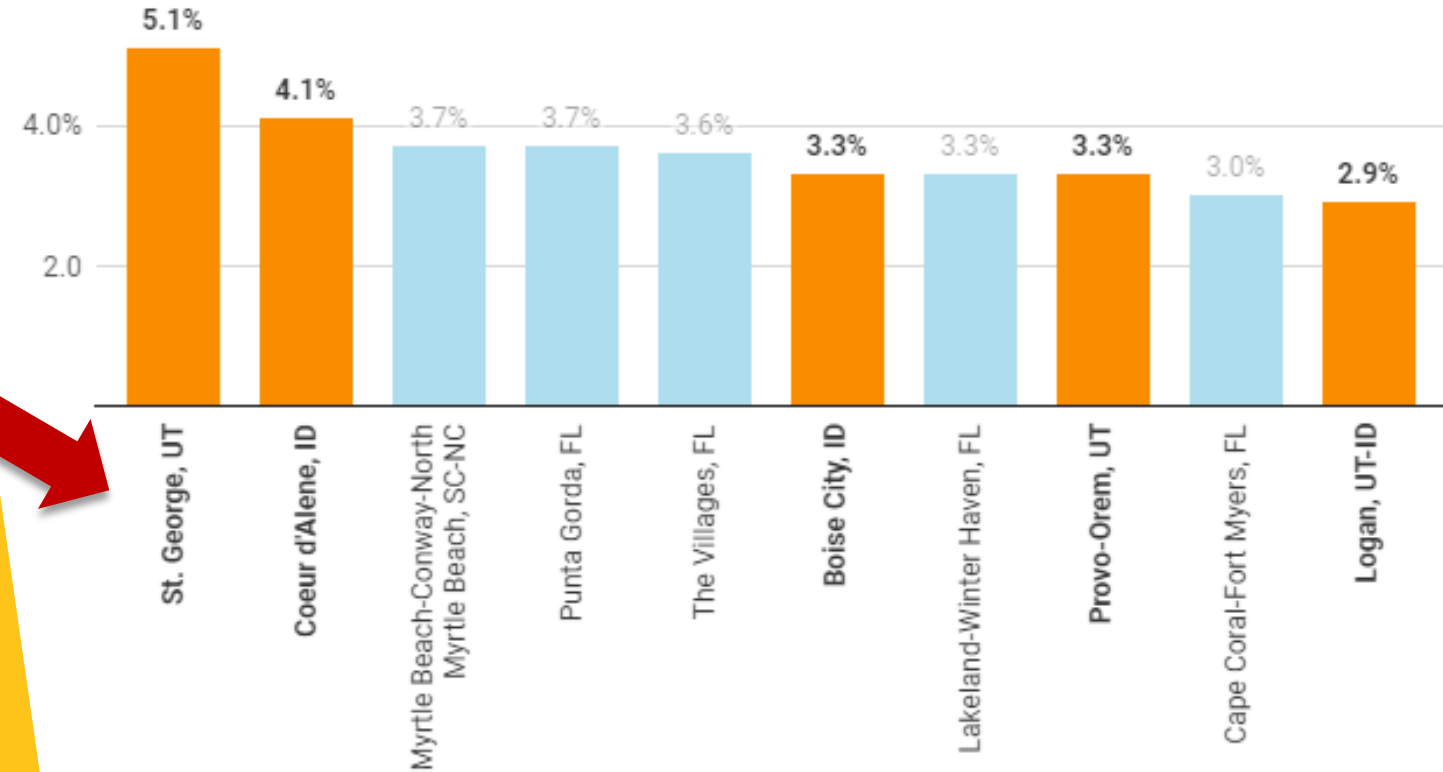
By: Jeff Tavss

Posted at 10:30 AM, Mar 24, 2022 and last updated 7:53 AM, Mar 25, 2022

ST. GEORGE, Utah — New data shows three Utah cities among the Top 10 areas in the U.S. with the largest growth rate.

The **report released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau** is topped by St. George with 5.1% growth recorded between July 2020 and July 2021. A few steps below finds Provo-Orem in 8th, followed by Logan in 10th.

America's Fastest Growing Metropolitan Areas



Population Change in Utah's Metropolitan Areas 2020-21

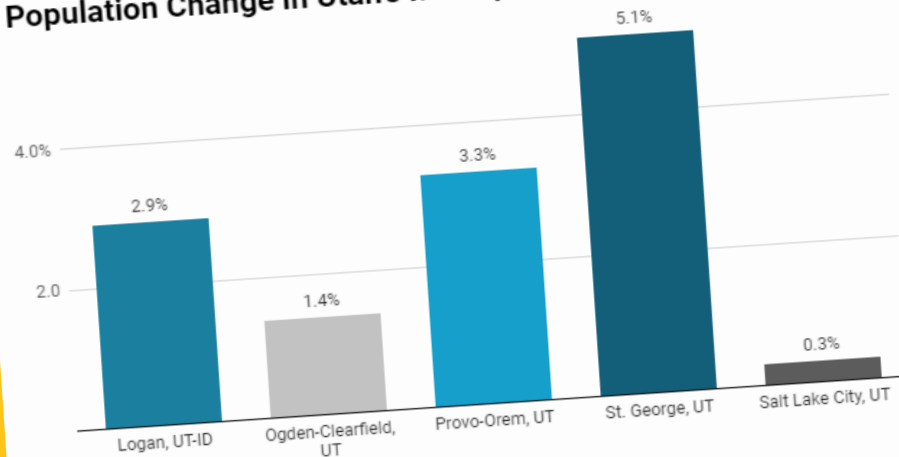


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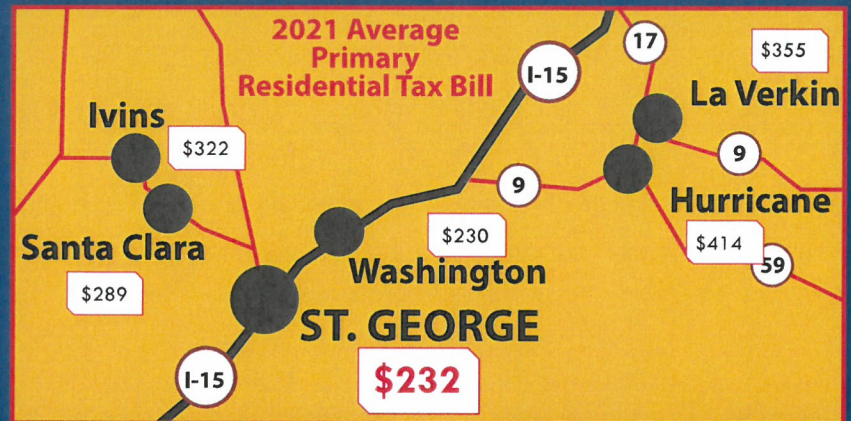
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PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE 2022

SG City has one of the **LOWEST PROPERTY TAXES** of all neighboring cities



SMALL INCREASE

\$5.00* per month
\$60.00* per year

*estimated cost based on an average home price of \$413,000



The City of St. George has not raised taxes in the last 35 years, which has not kept up with inflation.

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The Increase will Improve Public Safety. Over the Next 5 Years the City will Add:



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A Property Tax Increase for Public Safety



KEY OUTCOMES

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- Improve Insurance Ratings (home and auto)



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What is Safe St. George?

Safe St. George is a 5-year plan which provides for investment in personnel, facilities, and equipment essential to the City's Public Safety departments of Police, 911 Dispatch, and Fire. Funding for Safe St. George is centered around a property tax increase which is necessary for the 5-year plan to be successful and sustainable.

The City has grown rapidly over the past 10 years and according to the 2020 Census, St. George was the #1 fastest growing city in the nation. Current revenue sources have not kept pace with the growing demands of our community. In order to maintain our safe community, the City needs a long-term, stable, and resilient revenue source to invest in our current and future public safety needs.

Almost 40% of St. George City's total General Fund revenue is dedicated to funding for Police and 911 Dispatch (27%) and Fire (12%); and both the cost of providing these services, and the demand for public safety services, are increasing.

Why does the City need a property tax increase?

The City has not gone through Truth in Taxation to raise our property tax rate in the past 35 years; all while providing high quality services to our community. For 2021, the average property tax which the City collected from a primary residential property was \$232, which is a cost of only \$19.33 per month for the many services the City provides to our community (police, fire, 911 dispatch, streets, parks, and trails).

The City prides itself in preparing an annual budget that is both conservative and resourceful in our budgeting approach. Our budget strategy incorporates the short- and long-term priorities, and the collective goals and visions of our leadership, of our employees, and of our community.

The Safe St. George 5-year plan will cost an estimated \$89.8 million. The City is proud to share that several other sources have been identified that will help pay for a substantial portion (74%) of the Safe St. George 5-year plan. Other funding sources consisting of impact fees, grants, city reserves, bond issuance, and misc. available revenues will also be used in order to lessen impacts to our citizens. Property taxes will fund an estimated \$23.1 million total over the 5-year period, which is only 26% of the estimated costs.

The City anticipates increasing its property tax rate in small increments over the next 5-year period; and if passed, the proposed property tax increase ranging between 10% and 30% will generate an approximate average of \$4.6 million per year in additional revenue for the City to expand our public safety services (Police, Fire, and 911 Dispatch).

What is the property tax increase Proposed for 2022?

The St. George City Council is weighing a preliminary proposal for a **3% increase to your total, annual property tax bill**, which equals a 29% increase to St. George City's property tax levy for 2022. For a home with a market value of \$431,000, the increase is estimated at \$5 per month, or \$60 per year.

Currently, St. George City receives about 12% of the total property tax you pay. The total property tax St. George receives has diminished over time as other taxing entities have raised their tax rates and St. George has had no property tax increase for 35 years. The preliminary proposal suggests that, if the increase is approved, St. George would receive about 14% of total property tax you pay.

MORE INFORMATION AT
WWW.SGCITY.ORG/SAFESTGEORGE

May 2022

POTENTIAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE PROPOSAL SUMMARY

How can I learn more?

The City has created a Safe St. George webpage where you can find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's), videos, brochures, a property tax calculator, and other information to help you learn more about your property taxes and to assist you in better understanding the property tax increase and its impact on you. Visit www.sgcity.org/safestgeorge to go to the Safe St. George webpage.

What is the timeline for adopting the property tax increase?

Fiscal year taxing entities, such as St. George City, are required to determine if they need to increase their certified tax rate, and shall adopt a tentative budget on or before June 22nd. Specific public notices and public advertisements will then occur in July and August. The taxing entities must then hold a Truth in Taxation public hearing to approve, or not approve, the increased certified tax rate; and then must adopt their final budget on or before September 1st.

On June 16, 2022 the St. George City Council will be asked to approve a Resolution which will signal the City's intent to increase its property taxes and schedule a Truth in Taxation hearing. **The City Council will then have the Truth in Taxation public hearing on August 18, 2022 which will begin after 6:00 p.m.** Citizens will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed property tax increase with the City Council, after which the City Council will vote to approve, or to not approve, the property tax increase. If approved, the new property tax rate will be reflected on the property tax notices mailed to property owners in October 2022, and due in November 2022.

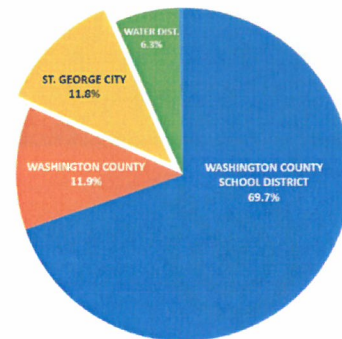
In addition, prior to the Truth in Taxation hearing, on or before July 22nd, the Washington County Clerk/Auditor will provide a notice to all St. George property owners which will reflect both the property tax rate without an increase, and the new property tax rate with the proposed increase. The notice will indicate the dollar amount the new tax rate will generate from the property owner, both in terms of the change in the tax amount and the percentage change. It will also include the time, date, and location for the City's public hearing.

How do I share comments or ask a question?

Residents have many options to provide feedback on the Safe St. George 5-year plan and the proposed property tax increase.

- Visit www.sgcity.org/safestgeorge, and click on "Contact" at the bottom of the page and fill out and submit the comment form.
- Email your Councilmember or the Mayor directly. Find their contact information at www.sgcity.org and follow these steps:
 - Select "How Do I?" in the top menu
 - Select "Contact the Mayor and/or City Council"
 - Select either Mayor Michele Randall or City Council and it will take you to their information and contact
- Attend the scheduled City Council meetings for discussion of the City's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget. Public hearings provide you the opportunity to provide your input and will be held at **5:00 p.m.** at the City Offices on:
June 2, 2022 and June 16, 2022
- Attend the Truth in Taxation public hearing on **August 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** at the City Offices.

CONTACT



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-OR-

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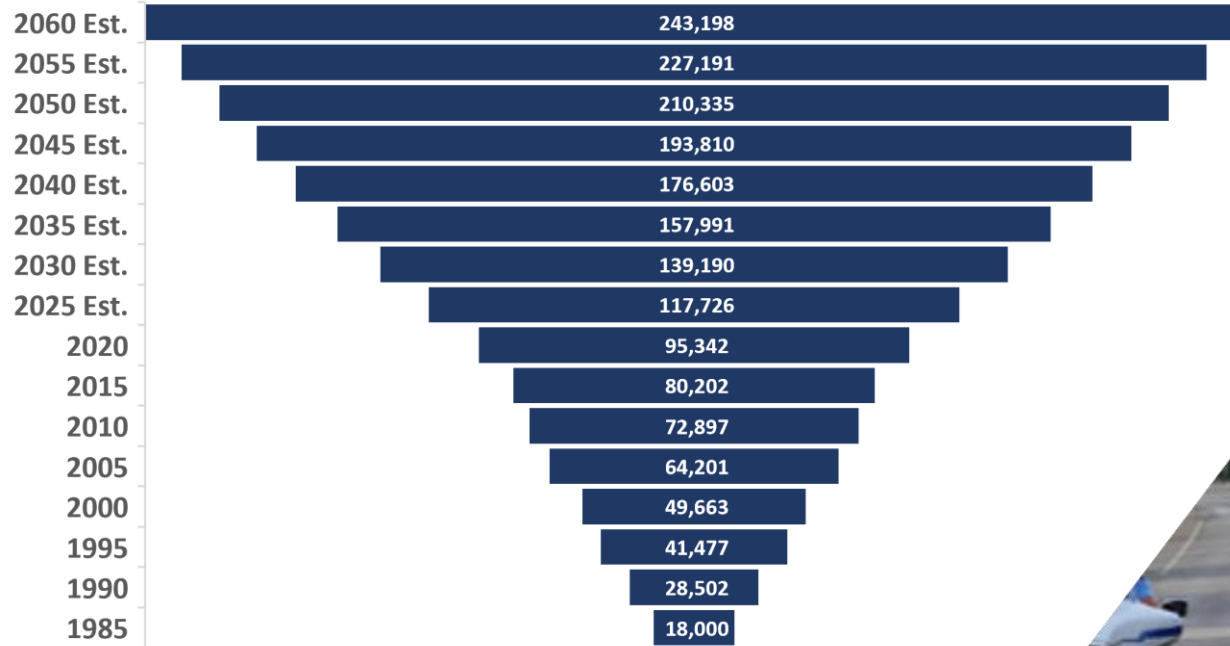


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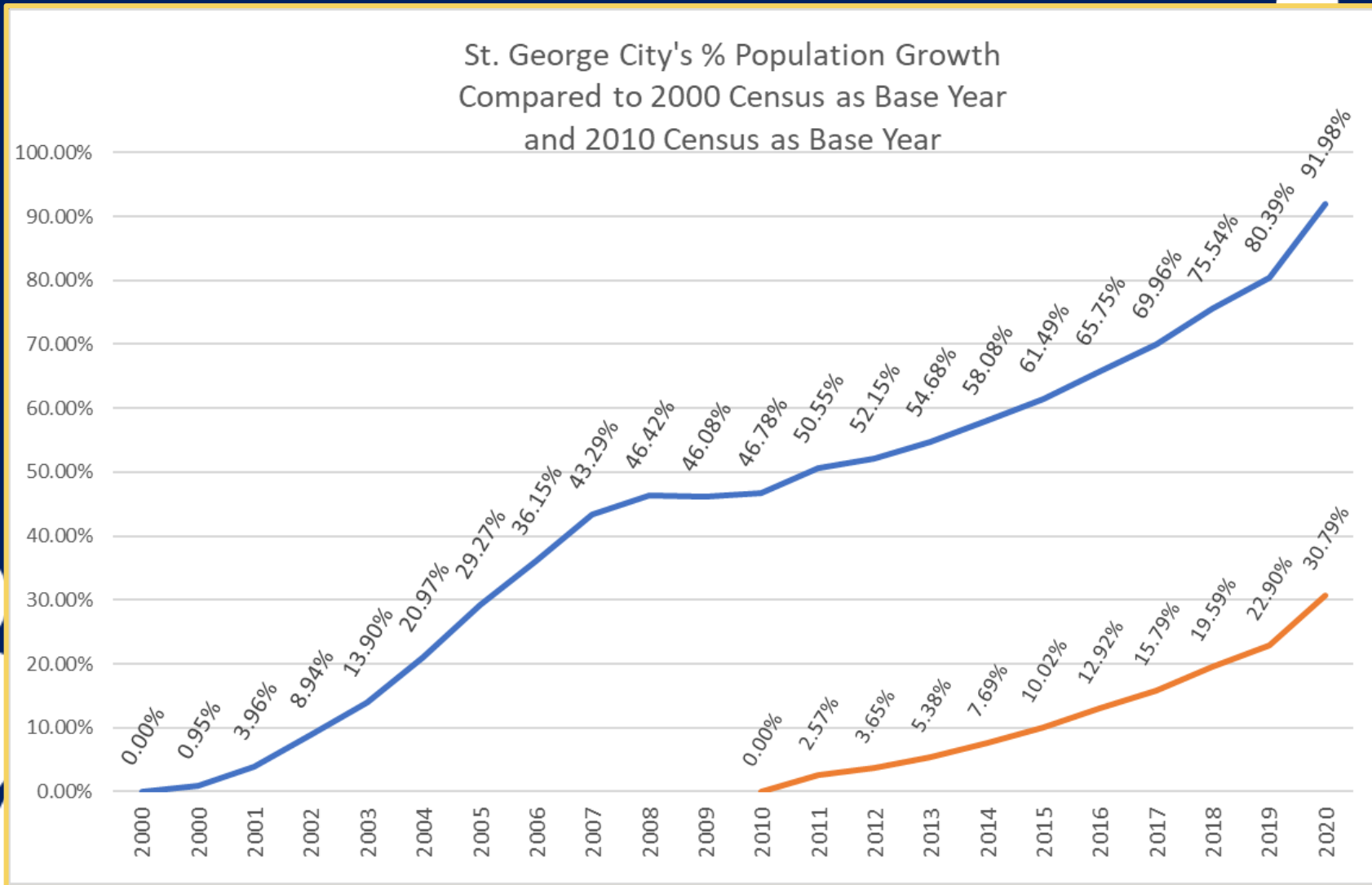
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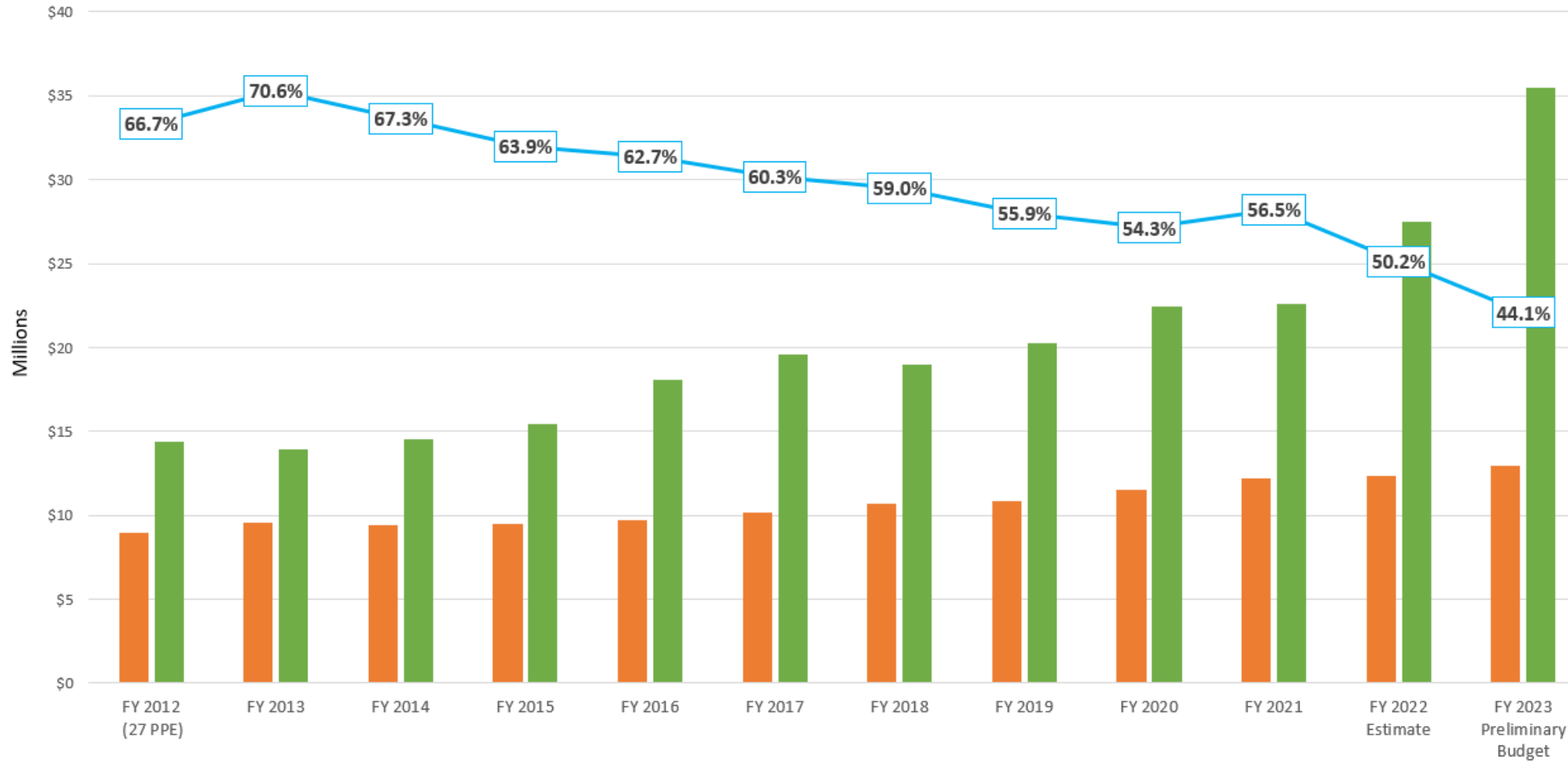




LET'S TALK PROPERTY TAXES



AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE COMPARED TO COMBINED POLICE* & FIRE OPERATING EXPENSES
AND PERCENTAGE WHICH PROPERTY TAX COVERS POLICE & FIRE OPERATING EXPENSES



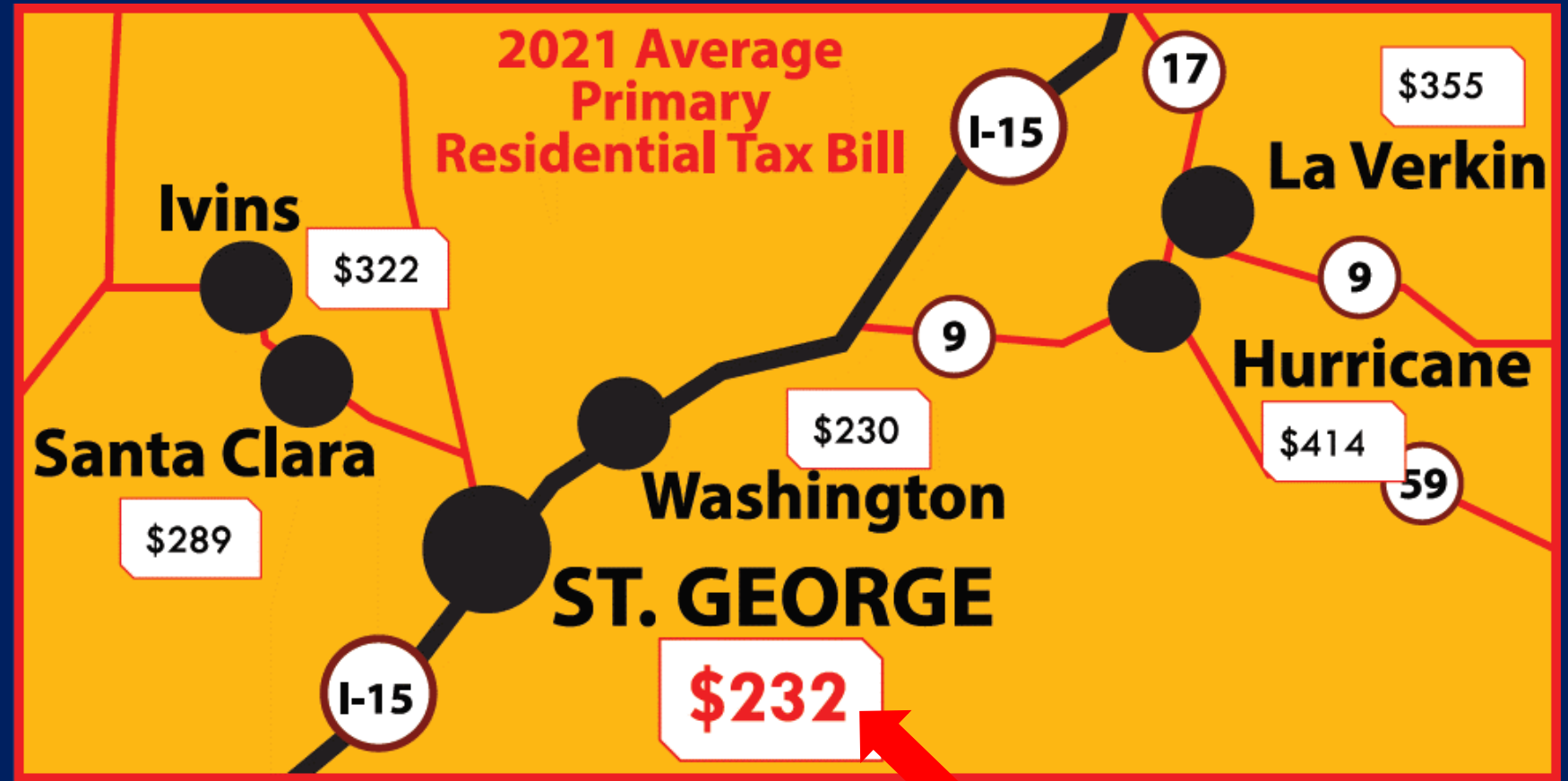
*Does not include 911 Dispatch
**Does not include Capital Outlays

Property Tax Revenue (All Types) Police & Fire Combined % Property Tax Covers Public Safety Budgets**

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FOR **CITY SERVICES** OF OUR NEIGHBORING CITIES
(TAX YEAR 2021)

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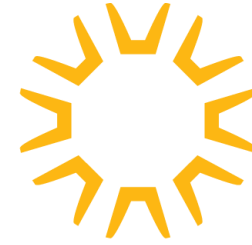
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★ Includes city's 911 district





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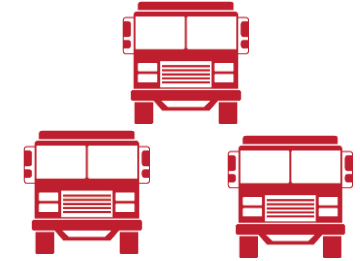
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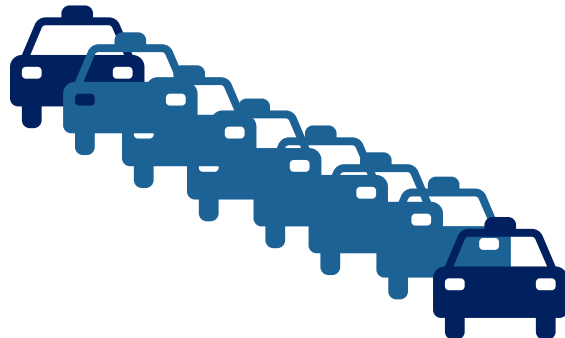
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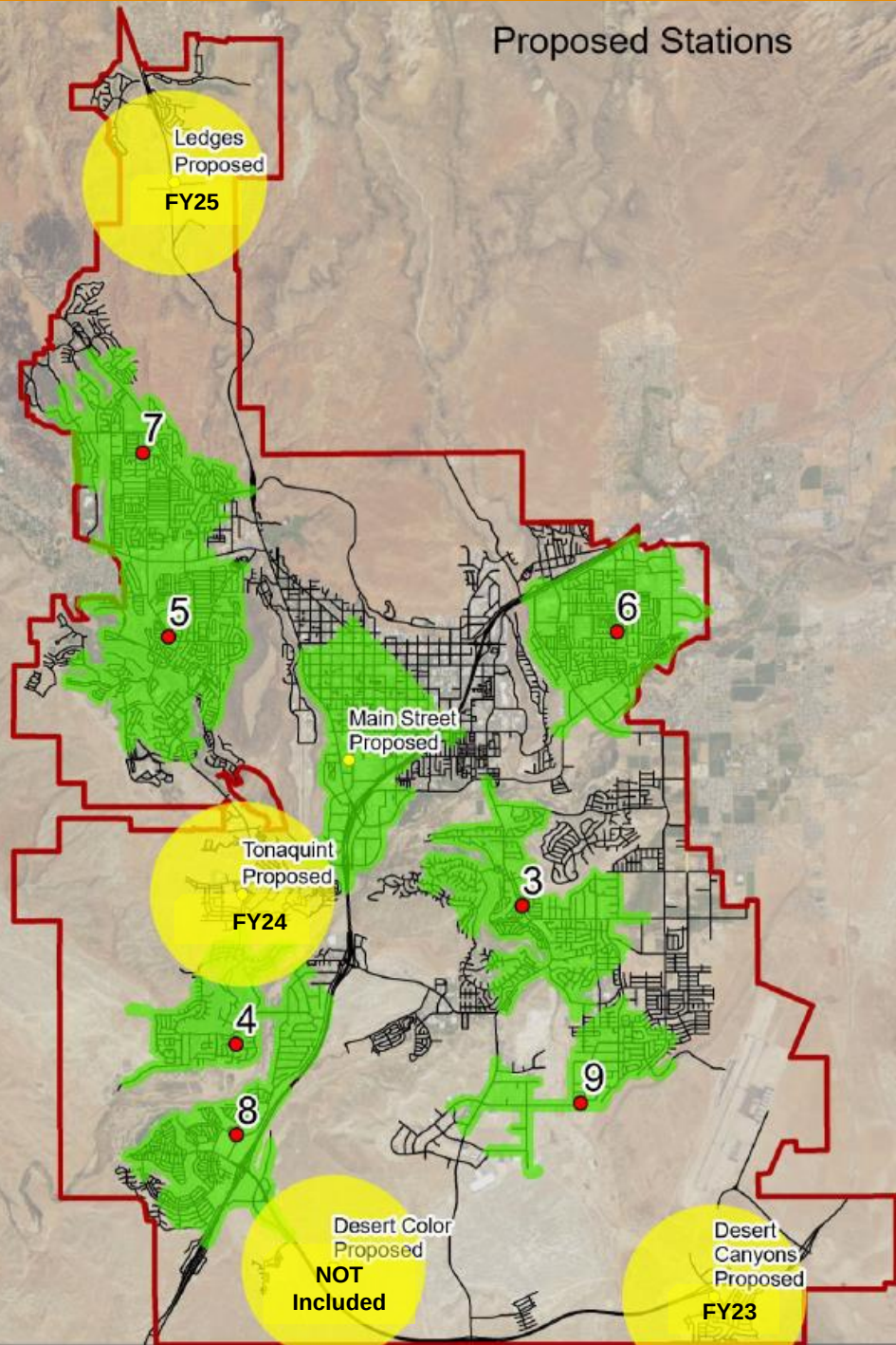


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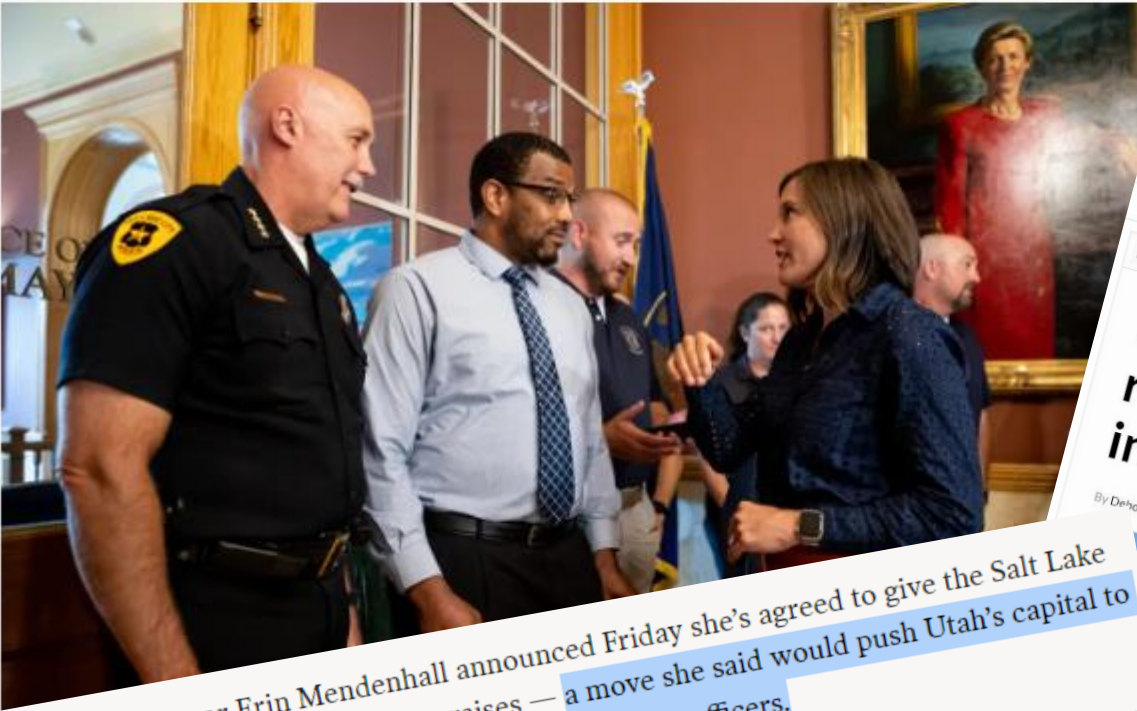


Salt Lake City agrees to dramatic pay raises for police

Entry-level Salt Lake City police getting 30% pay raise in agreement with police union, mayor announces

By Katie McKellar | Jun 25, 2021, 6:01pm MDT

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Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall announced Friday she's agreed to give the Salt Lake City Police Department dramatic pay raises — a move she said would push Utah's capital to the top of the market to attract and retain quality police officers.

Standing outside her office at the Salt Lake City-County Building during a news conference, the mayor announced the big pay bumps for police — nearly 30% for entry-level officers and 12% for senior-level officers — along with more modest pay raises for other union-represented city employees.

The Salt Lake Tribune

After struggles with retention and rising crime, Salt Lake City police see more applicants after promised raises

The department lost more than 60 officers during a chaotic 2020 that brought anti-police protests, a pandemic and more crime.

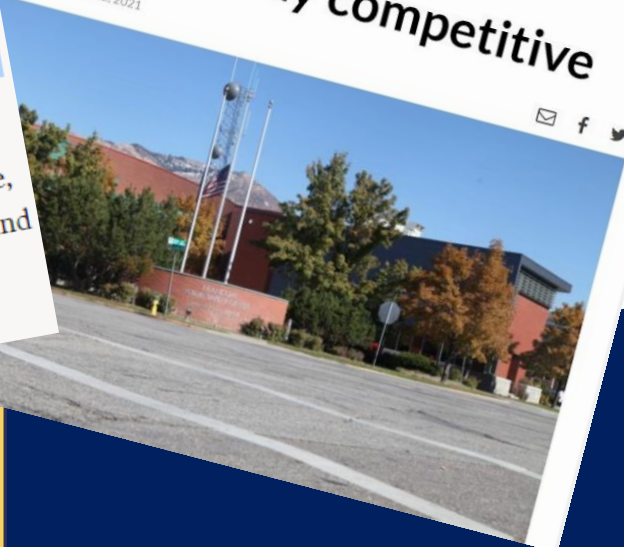
Standard-Examiner

NEWS LIFESTYLE OPINION SPORTS POLICE & FIRE OBITUARIES DEALS

Ogden police officers to receive immediate pay increase to stay competitive

By Deborah Wilber - | Oct 22, 2021

Home / News / Government / Ogden police officers to receive immediate pay increase to stay competitive



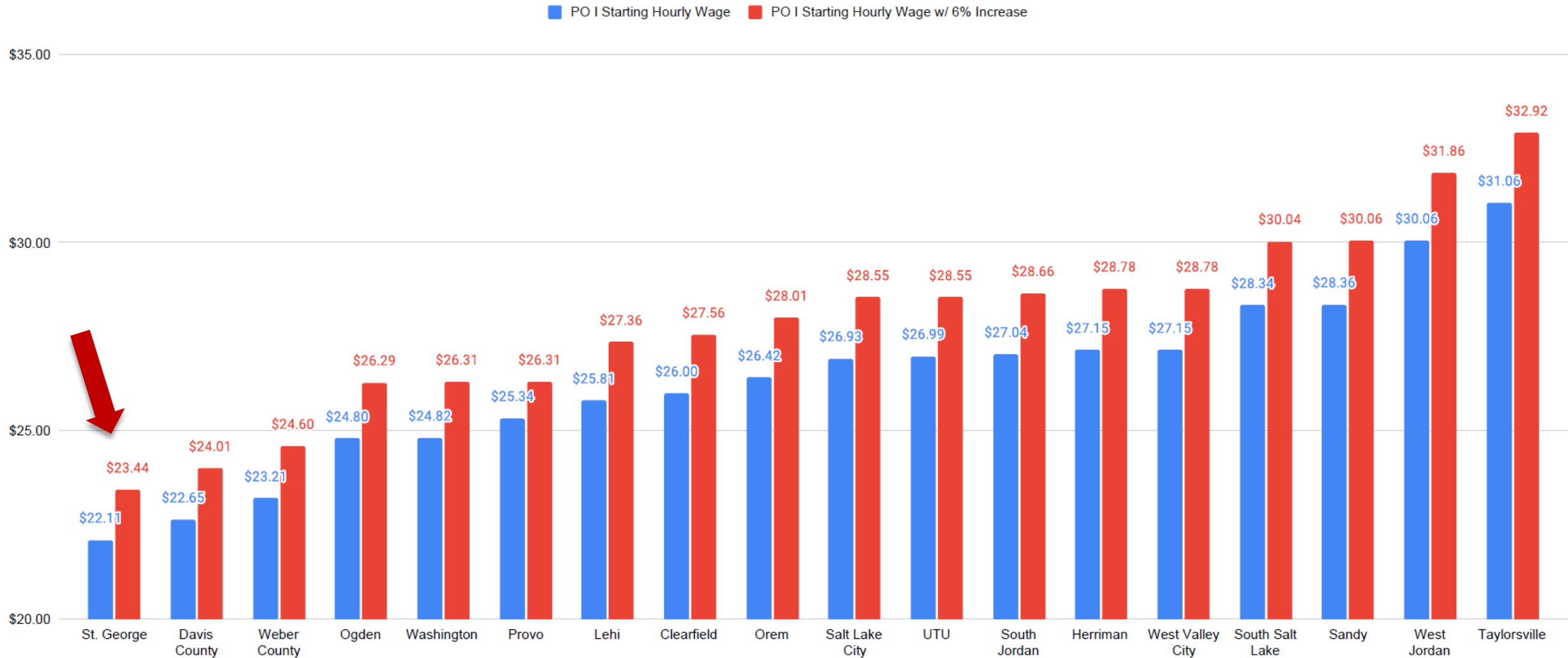
(The Salt Lake Tribune) A Salt Lake City police officer gives a thumbs up to protesters marching in Salt Lake City on Tuesday. Mayor Erin Mendenhall announced the raises for officers at the department, which had been struggling to retain and recruit officers after a year of protests, a pandemic and other struggles.

aten Harkins | July 14, 2021, 5:15 a.m. | Updated: 11:36 a.m.



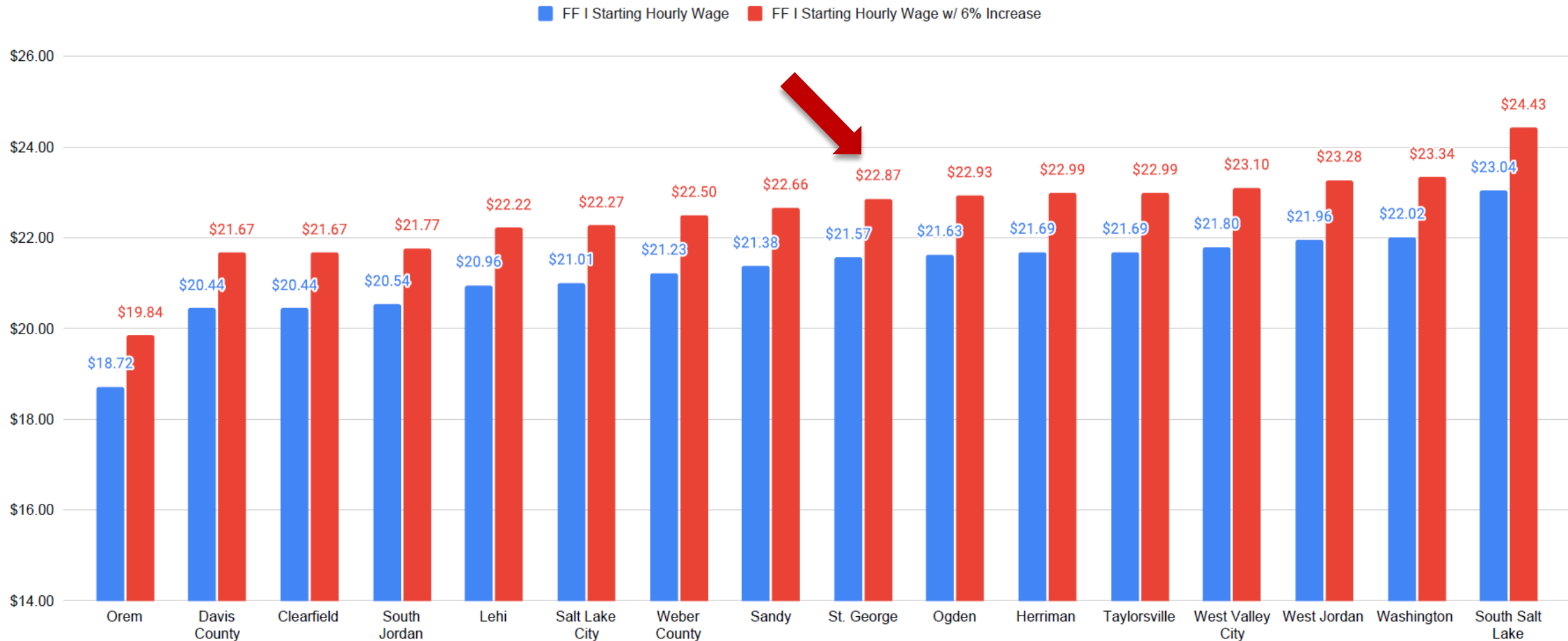
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPENSATION — POLICE OFFICERS

PO I Starting Hourly Wage and PO I Starting Hourly Wage w/ 6% Increase



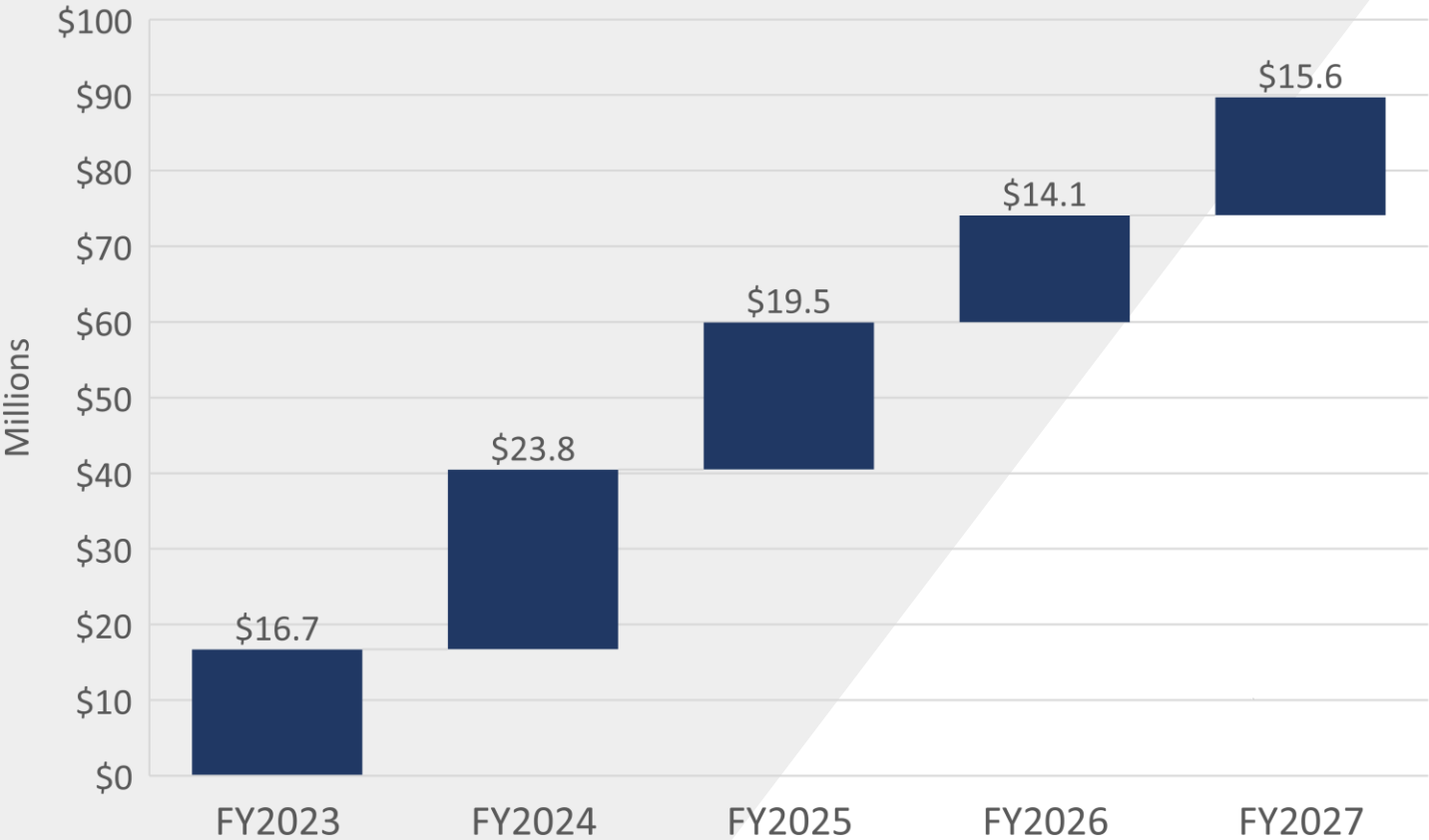
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPENSATION — FIREFIGHTERS

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ANNUAL PLAN INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC SAFETY

Annual Expenses per Fiscal Year
Totaling \$89.8M



YEAR	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
	8	8	10	11	9	46
	12	9	12	1	0	34
	6	7	5	2	4	24
	29	29	33	32	30	153
	2	0	1	1	1	5
	1	2	1	0	0	4
TOTAL	58	55	62	47	44	266



Needs
Analysis &
Refinement

Bond
Issuance

Growth in
Other
Revenue
Sources

Use of
Reserves

Property
Tax TNT

Impact
Fees
(buildings)



ONE-TIME VS. ONGOING



ONGOING Revenues and Expenses

- Sales Tax and Innkeeper Tax
- Property Tax
- Citations/Court Fines



- Compensation: Salaries, Retirement, Health Insurance
- Operating Costs (Fuel, training, utilities)

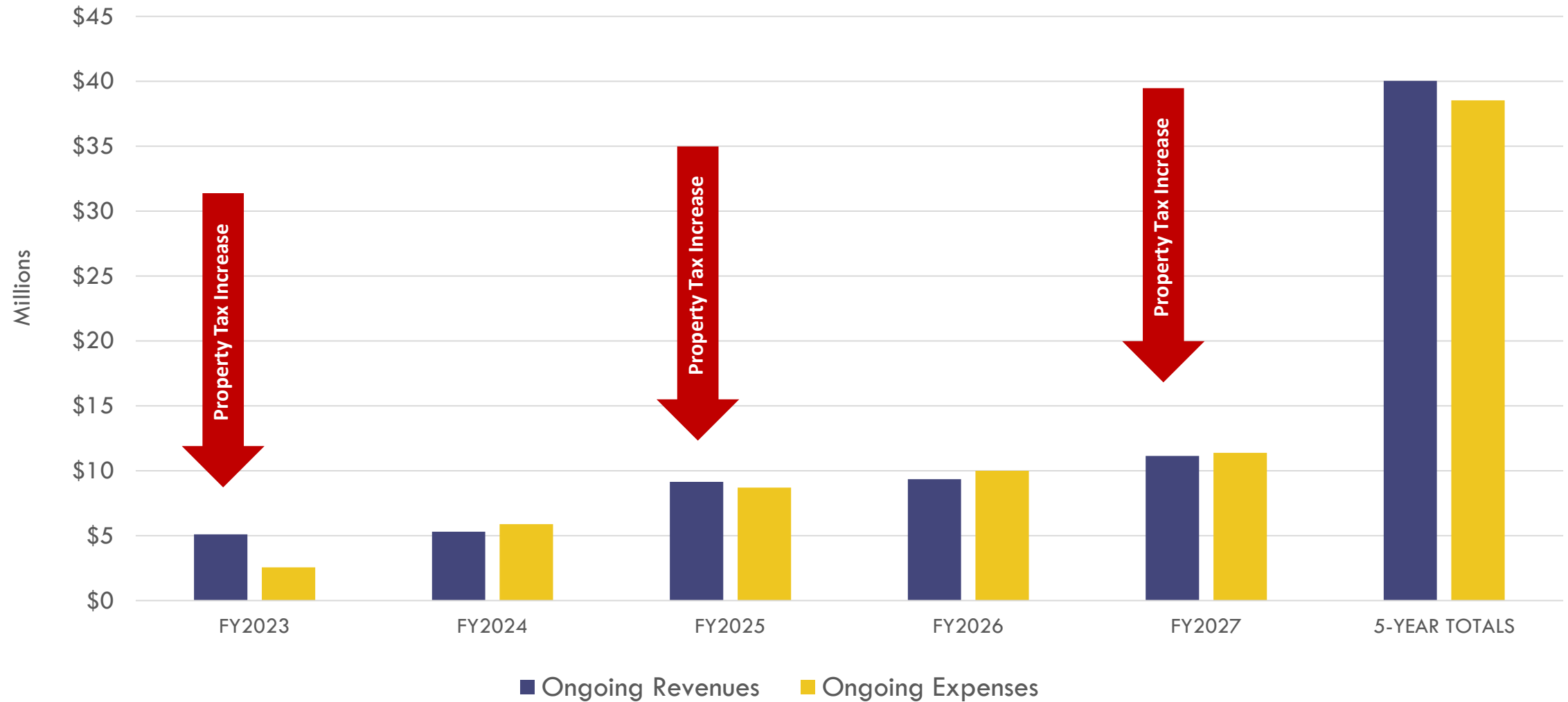
ONE-TIME Revenues and Expenses

- Impact Fees – Police & Fire
- Grants
- Bonds
- Reserves



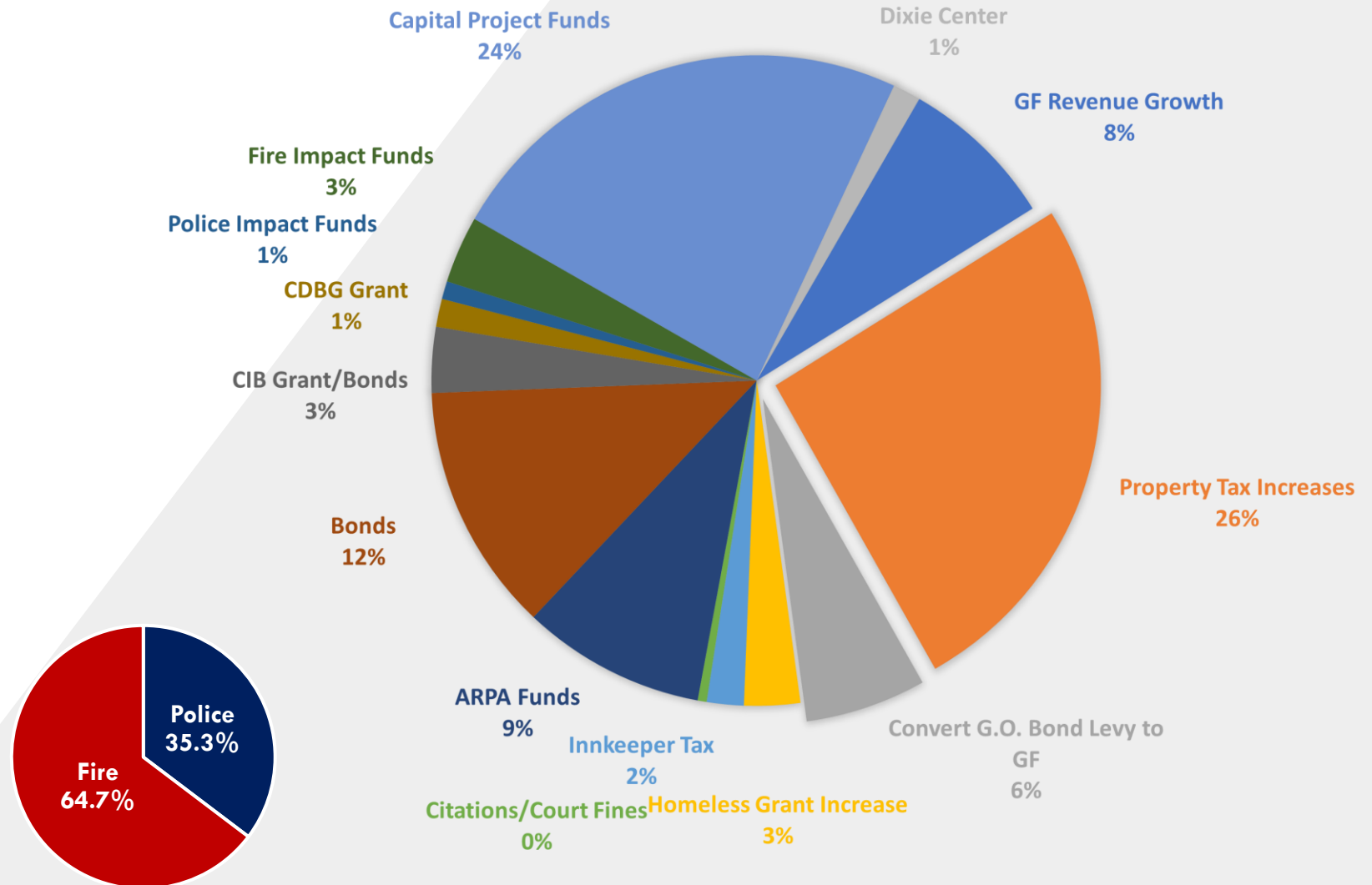
- Construct Facilities
- Fire Apparatus
- Vehicles
- Bond Payments

Ongoing Revenues Compared to Ongoing Expenses



SOURCES OF FUNDS (16 SOURCES)		
GF Revenue Growth	7,000,000	7.8%
Property Tax Increases	23,087,570	25.7%
Convert G.O. Bond Levy to GF	5,400,000	6.0%
Homeless Grant Increase	2,500,000	2.8%
Innkeeper Tax	1,650,000	1.8%
Citations/Court Fines	400,000	0.4%
ARPA Funds	8,200,000	9.1%
Bonds	11,092,000	12.3%
CIB Grant/Bonds	2,930,000	3.3%
CDBG Grant	1,250,000	1.4%
Police Impact Funds	800,000	0.9%
Fire Impact Funds	3,000,000	3.3%
Capital Project Funds	21,256,000	23.7%
Grants (OJP, FEMA-SAFER)	0	0.0%
Dixie Center	1,250,000	1.4%
County TRT/TRCC	0	0.0%
Combined SOURCES of Funds	89,815,570	100%
USES OF FUNDS		
Police - S&B	15,660,992	17.4%
Police - Equipment	8,491,333	9.5%
Police Compensation Adj.	7,565,831	8.4%
Fire - S&B	14,754,118	16.4%
Fire - Operational Costs	550,000	0.6%
Fire - Facilities	31,866,824	35.5%
Fire - Apparatus	8,228,500	9.2%
Bonds - P&I (5 years of 25)	2,600,000	2.9%
Contingency	97,973	0.1%
Combined USES of Funds	89,815,570	100%
Police	31,718,156	35.3%
Fire	58,097,414	64.7%
Public Safety USES of Funds	89,815,570	100.0%

\$89.8M FUNDING SOURCES OVER 5 YEARS EACH FUNDING SOURCE'S PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL



ESTIMATED AVERAGE IMPACT OF PROPERTY TAX ON RESIDENTIAL CITIZEN

BASED ON **2021** AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL MARKET VALUE OF \$412,685,
& PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL TAXABLE VALUE OF \$226,977

ONLY APPLIES TO THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX BILL

FY23 INCREASE BY EST. 29%

- \$60 AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE
- \$ 5 AVERAGE MONTHLY INCREASE

FY25 INCREASE BY EST. 13%

- \$34.15 AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE
- \$ 2.85 AVERAGE MONTHLY INCREASE

FY27 INCREASE BY EST. 10%

- \$29.70 AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE
- \$ 2.50 AVERAGE MONTHLY INCREASE

5-YEAR TOTALS FOR THE CITY PORTION

- \$123.85 TOTAL INCREASE FROM 2021
- \$ 10.35 TOTAL AVG. MONTHLY INCREASE FROM 2021



3% INCREASE TO
YOUR TOTAL,
ANNUAL
PROPERTY TAX
BILL
- OR -
\$5/MONTH
estimated
based on a
primary home
with a market
value of
\$431,000

Proposed
Tax Rate

\$ Comparison



**Starbucks
Average
Coffee
\$4.30**



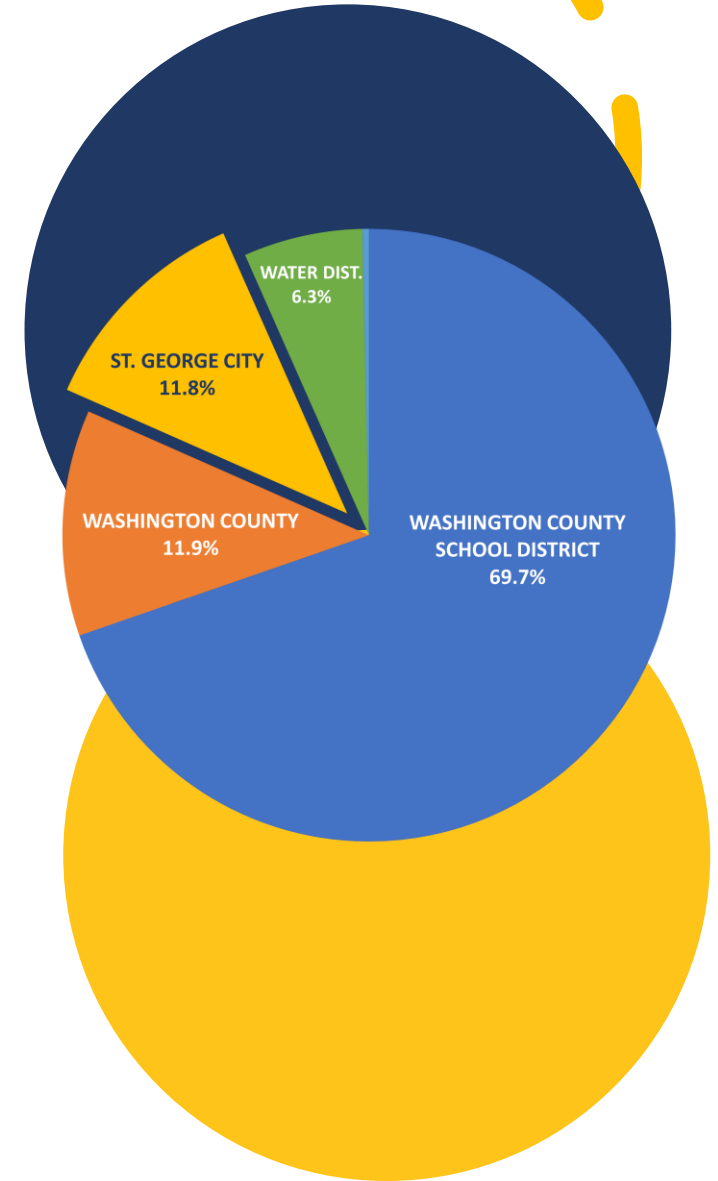
**Netflix
Basic
\$9.99/mo.***



**Average
Cheese
Pizza
\$7.53**

\$5.00

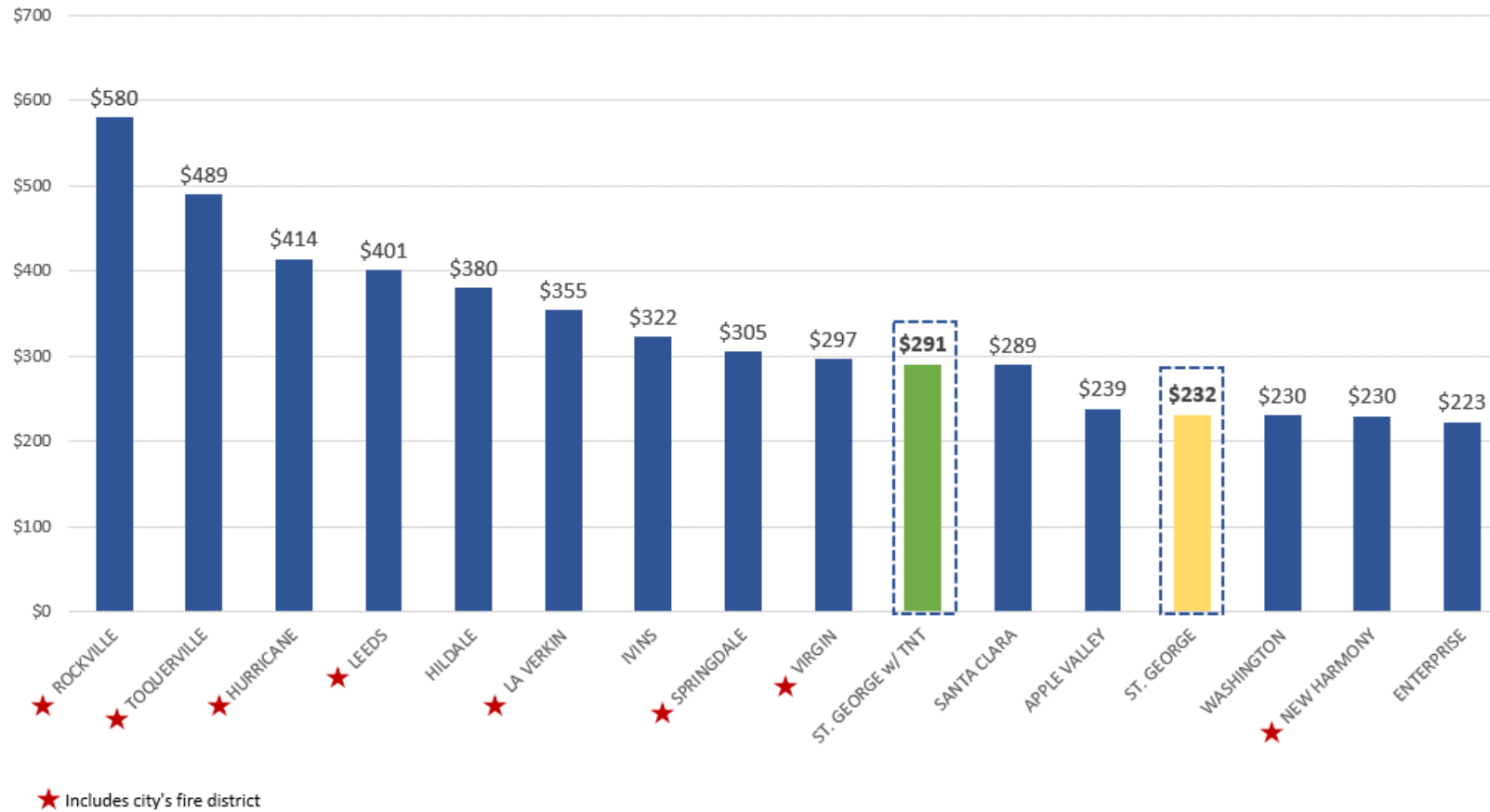
**Proposed
Monthly Tax
Increase**



**ST. GEORGE CITY'S
AVERAGE FOR A
PRIMARY
RESIDENTIAL
PROPERTY AT
\$232 PER YEAR
(OR \$19.33 PER
MONTH) IS ONE
OF THE LOWEST
AMOUNTS FOR
MUNICIPAL
SERVICES IN
WASHINGTON
COUNTY**



**Average Property Tax Bill for City/Town Operations
(Based on a Primary Residence and Tax Year 2021 Values and Tax Rates)**



**ST. GEORGE CITY
HAS BEEN ABLE TO
KEEP OUR PROPERTY
TAX RATE AS ONE
OF THE LOWEST
RATES IN
WASHINGTON
COUNTY**

**WE HAVE NOT
GONE THROUGH
TRUTH IN TAXATION
TO RAISE OUR TAX
RATE ABOVE THE
PROPOSED
CERTIFIED TAX RATE
IN 35 YEARS**

COMMUNICATION WITH OUR CITIZENS



PLAN TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR CITIZENS



Website

- FAQ's
- Link to Property Tax Calculator
- Links to Videos



Print

- InSide St. George
(runs July 1 to September 1)
- Infographics cards
- Utility inserts
- Press Release
- TNT Ad



Videos

- Mayor and Council, Fire Chief, Police Chief, discuss Safe St. George
- Property Tax 101
- Whiteboard video



Social Media

- City's general
- Police
- Fire



Radio Ads





HOME

HOLLADAY@20 PROCESS

PROPERTY TAX

STORM WATER

The City Council will consider the Group's recommendation for a property tax increase as part of Holladay's five year 2021-2022 annual budget process. The Council will seek and welcome feedback from our residents as they weigh this critical decision together. The City will provide several opportunities for public input beginning in Winter 2020 through Summer 2021 - details on events, public hearings, and other offerings will be promoted across all City communication platforms - the newsletter, social media, email distribution list, website and more.

To help kickoff the [8-month process](#), the City Council has prepared a video series that explains the City's priorities, needs, budget challenges, funding tools, and basics of property taxes.

See the [Holladay City Council District Map](#) to identify the [City Council member](#) that represents you.

LEARN MORE – WATCH THE VIDEO SERIES



Property Type
Assessed Value

Annual Projection
Monthly Projection

Primary Residential \$350,000.00		
Current Property	Property Tax	Projected Property
\$210.98	\$69.30	\$280.28
\$17.58	\$5.78	\$23.36

*A component of the proposed tax rate increase would be the elimination of the Street Lighting Fee assessed to all properties. The values expressed here represent the minimum amount saved from that reduction.



KEY OUTCOMES

- Improve Coverage
- Improve Response Times
- Increase Proactive Enforcement
- Reduce Accidents
- Improve Insurance Ratings (home and auto)



46 POLICE OFFICERS
22 CIVILIAN POSITIONS



34 FIREFIGHTERS
2 CIVILIAN POSITIONS



3 NEW FIRE STATIONS
1 REPLACE HQ STATION



5 FIRE TRUCKS
7 BRUSH/ADMIN. TRUCKS



46 POLICE VEHICLES
FOR NEW POSITIONS
100 REPLACEMENT VEHICLES

ST. GEORGE CITY SAFE ST. GEORGE A Property Tax Increase for Public Safety



What is Safe St. George?

Safe St. George is a 5-year plan which provides for investment in personnel, facilities, and equipment essential to the City's Public Safety departments of Police, 911 Dispatch, and Fire. Funding for Safe St. George is centered around a property tax increase which is necessary for the 5-year plan to be successful and sustainable.

The City has grown rapidly over the past 10 years and according to the 2020 Census, St. George was the #1 fastest growing city in the nation. Current revenue sources have not kept pace with the growing demands of our community. In order to maintain our safe community, the City needs a long-term, stable, and resilient revenue source to invest in our current and future public safety needs.

Almost 40% of St. George City's total General Fund revenue is dedicated to funding for Police and 911 Dispatch (27%) and Fire (12%); and both the cost of providing these services, and the demand for public safety services, are increasing.

Why does the City need a property tax increase?

The City has not gone through Truth in Taxation to raise our property tax rate in the past 35 years; all while providing high quality services to our community. For 2021, the average property tax which the City collected from a primary residential property was \$232, which is a cost of only \$19.33 per month for the many services the City provides to our community (police, fire, 911 dispatch, streets, parks, and trails).

The City prides itself in preparing an annual budget that is both conservative and resourceful in our budgeting approach. Our budget strategy incorporates the short- and long-term priorities, and the collective goals and visions of our leadership, of our employees, and of our community.

The Safe St. George 5-year plan will cost an estimated \$89.8 million. The City is proud to share that several other sources have been identified that will help pay for a substantial portion (74%) of the Safe St. George 5-year plan. Other funding sources consisting of impact fees, grants, city reserves, bond issuance, and misc. available revenues will also be used in order to lessen impacts to our citizens. Property taxes will fund an estimated \$23.1 million total over the 5-year period, which is only 26% of the estimated costs.

The City anticipates increasing its property tax rate in small increments over the next 5-year period; and if passed, the proposed property tax increase ranging between 10% and 30% will generate an approximate average of \$4.6 million per year in additional revenue for the City to expand our public safety services (Police, Fire, and 911 Dispatch).

What is the property tax increase Proposed for 2022?

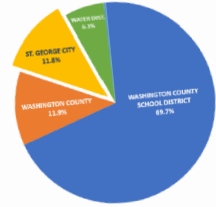
The St. George City Council is weighing a preliminary proposal for a 3% increase to your total, annual property tax bill, which equals a 29% increase to St. George City's property tax levy for 2022. For a home with a market value of \$431,000, the increase is estimated at \$5 per month, or \$60 per year.

Currently, St. George City receives about 12% of the total property tax you pay. The total property tax St. George receives has diminished over time as other taxing entities have raised their tax rates and St. George has had no property tax increase for 35 years. The preliminary proposal suggests that, if the increase is approved, St. George would receive about 14% of total property tax you pay.

MORE INFORMATION AT
WWW.SGCITY.ORG/SAFESTGEORGE

May 2022

- Attend a Taxation public hearing on August 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Offices.



3% INCREASE TO YOUR
TOTAL ANNUAL
PROPERTY TAX BILL

-OR-

\$5/MONTH
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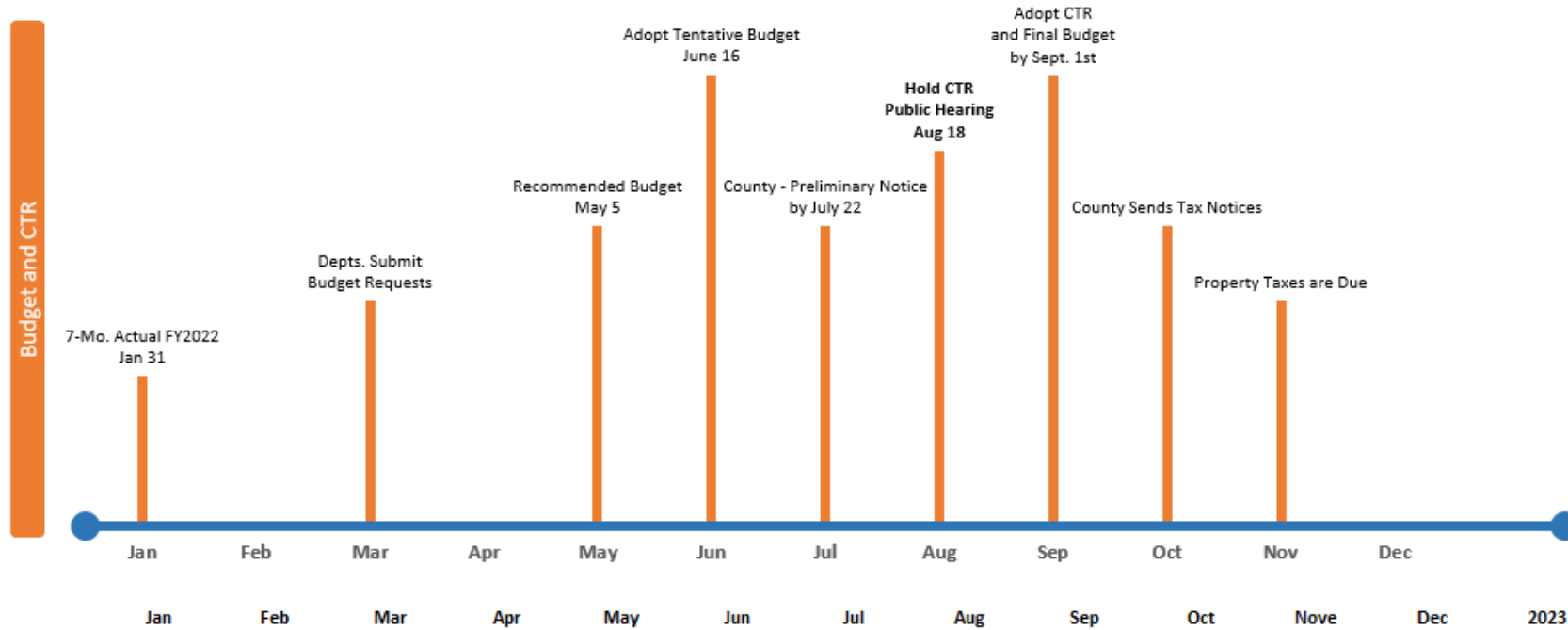
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St. George, UT
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St. George
THE BRIGHTER SIDE

THE SAFER SIDE

Budget, CTR, and G.O. Bonds
Timeline for 2022



Budget	Jan. 31st 7-mo. FY2022 Actuals	Feb to March - Depts Submit FY2023 Budget Requests for Budget Team Review	April - City Manager meets with Depts.	May - City Council meets with Depts.	June - Public Hearings and Adopt Tentative FY2023	Aug.18 Adopt FINAL FY2023		
CTR and Truth in Taxation	Staff Prepares Evaluation of Additional Tax Revenue Needs	Obtain Public Relations Consultant, Prepare Historical Info and Educational Material	May through July - Hold CTR Open Houses		June 15 Receive Proposed CTR from County	By July 22 County Sends Notice of Property Valuation & Tax Change to Property Owners	Aug.18 Public Hearing/Adopt CTR	By Sept. 1 Submit Resolution to County and State Tax Commission
2023								



QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU



The Golf fee increases for FY23 are proposed as follows:

- Increase of Non-resident green fees. Varies from \$2.00 per nine holes up to \$2.50 per nine holes.
- Increase of cart fee. Fee per nine holes goes from \$8 to \$10.
- Increase in driving range fee. Fee goes from \$3 per small bucket to \$4 per small bucket and from \$6 per large bucket to \$8 per large bucket.
- Increase Loyalty Card purchase from \$30 to \$40 and eliminate the couples discount. We did not forecast any revenue changes for this one as we are not sure of the impact and feel comfortable keeping where it is.