



PUT PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST

Get the Facts About the Public Safety Millage

ON APRIL 9, 2016:

A public safety millage will be on the ballot for voter consideration.

The public safety millage includes 5 mills dedicated for police and 2.5 mills dedicated for fire protection. The mills are dedicated and are not subject to the homestead exemption. Proceeds from the millage are needed to hire and pay for additional police officers to reduce crime and response times and pay firefighters what they are owed as part of the pension settlement announced last year.

WHY DO WE NEED THIS?

Public safety is our top priority.

The City has seen unprecedented growth in recent years, fueled by a growing population, rising property values, and substantially increased sales tax from new retail establishments. That growth has been prioritized to public safety. We're spending tens of millions more each year on NOPD, NOFD and the Sheriff. Unfortunately, that growth is starting to level off in 2016 and is expected to slow in 2017.

To continue to hire 150-200 police officers each year, even with standard attrition, requires not only revenue from growth but also money from a dedicated millage. The firefighters pension requires additional funds. Combined and with other looming liabilities hanging out there like the Sheriff's consent decree, these demands far outpace our growth.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST ME?

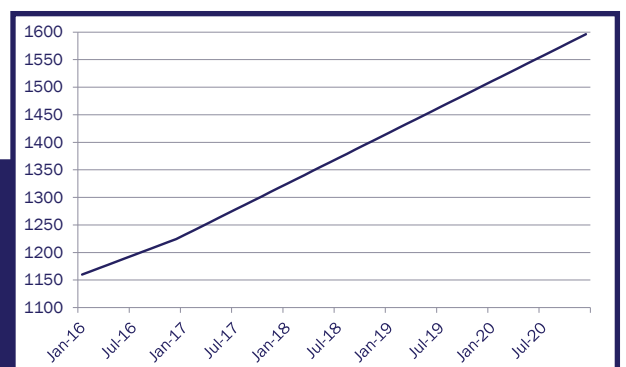
According to the Census Bureau, the median value of owner-occupied housing in Orleans Parish is approximately, \$183,700. If passed, the owner of a \$183,700 home will pay \$138 more in property taxes annually.



WHAT DOES THIS PAY FOR?

Police and fire protection for the City of New Orleans

Funds raised from the 5 mills for police in the public safety millage will be dedicated solely to hiring and paying for additional police officers so we can grow to 1600 officers. The 2.5 mills in the public safety millage for fire protection will pay firefighters what they are owed, including fully funding the pension as part of an agreement with the firefighters union on the decades long firefighters back pay lawsuit and pension lawsuit announced in October 2015.



FIVE YEAR PLAN

In order to reach a police force size of 1600 within five years, NOPD must be able to add a net of 90 officers per year. With attrition this means that 185 new officers must be hired each year from 2017-2020 to reach this goal by the end of 2020.