



Proposition Public Safety

S.A.F.E.R. Joplin



- **What is Proposition Public Safety?**

It is an effort to improve funding for Police and Fire services within the community through a proposed property tax. The proposed property tax will levy a \$1.00 tax for every \$100 of assessed value on all real and personal property.

Leading to a S.A.F.E.R. community!



PROPERTY TAX LEVY CALCULATION

APPRAISED VALUE OF RESIDENCE (A)	ASSESSMENT RATIO FOR RESIDENTIAL (B)	PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION (C)	PROPERTY TAX RATE (D)	TAX LIABILITY PER YEAR (A X B)/C X D
\$150,000	19%	\$100	\$1.00	\$285.00

APPRAISED VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY (A)	ASSESSMENT RATIO FOR PERSONAL (B)	PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION (C)	PROPERTY TAX RATE (D)	TAX LIABILITY PER YEAR (A X B)/C X D
\$30,000	33%	\$100	\$1.00	\$100.00

ANNUAL COST	\$385.00
MONTHLY AMOUNT	\$32.08

S.A.F.E.R - Service



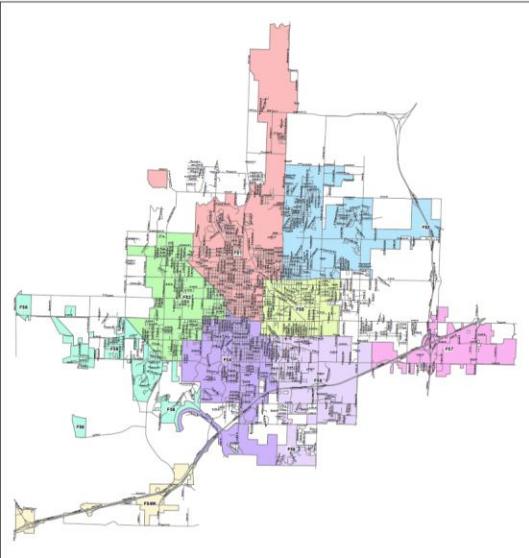
An investment into public safety will strengthen the community for the future.

- As of this publication, the City has 16 openings but needs an additional 22 officers to meet nationally recognized law enforcement standards. Employment trends show law enforcement careers as less desirable which creates more competition among cities to attract new officers.
- Similarly, careers within the Fire Service are not as attractive when compared to the opportunities in the private sector. The City will need to add additional firefighters, new stations, and new fire trucks to reduce response times, maintain ISO rating, meet NFPA standards and provide the infrastructure that allows for economic development.



S.A.F.E.R – Service - Fire

- Since 2016, the Joplin Fire Department has lost a total of 29 firefighters to other fire departments and to other private sector jobs for better pay, with an additional 20 retirements, for a total loss of 49 firefighters.
- Cost of Training, Benefits, and equipment per firefighter in their first year is \$78,000. Since 2016, that equates to a cost of \$3,822,000.



S.A.F.E.R – Service - Police



The Police Department is faced with a critical shortage of officers to patrol and enforce the laws within the City.

- Recent Resource Study shows the need for 22 additional officers.
- Declining availability of applicants nationwide.
- Since 2012 the Joplin Police Department has lost 150 officers (136% attrition rate).
- Status quo v improvement.
- Provides a stable platform for current and future challenges.



S.A.F.E.R - Accountability



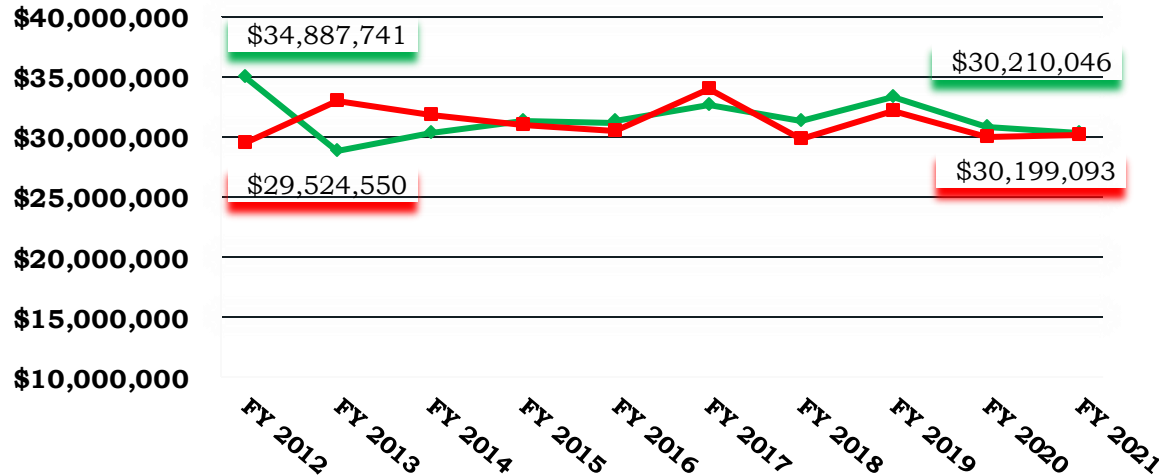
- Serving the citizens and businesses of Joplin is a point of pride for the City's public safety professionals. The private sector cannot provide these critical services which places the accountability and responsibility on a precious few dedicated men and women serving in the City's Police and Fire Departments.



S.A.F.E.R - Financial

General Fund Total Revenues vs. Total Expenditures

— Total Revenues — Total Expenditures



- The City has been forced to control expenditures in past years:
 - Eliminated Positions
 - Wage Freezes
 - Reduced Expenditures



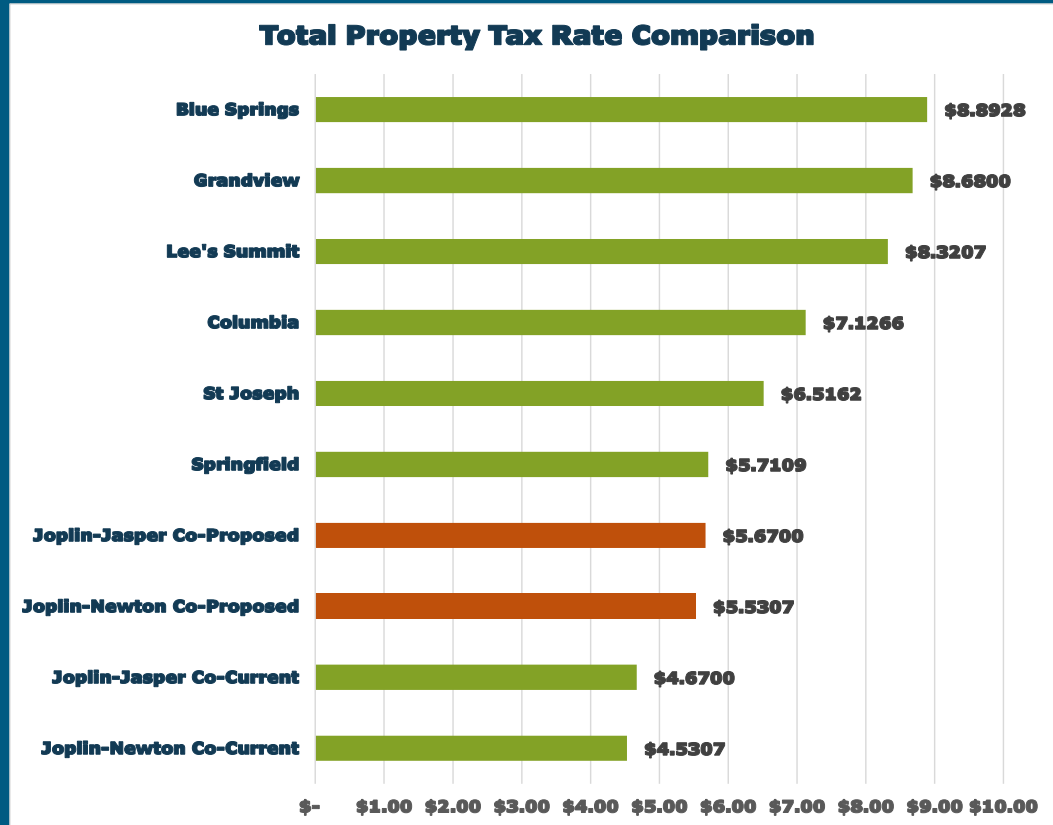
S.A.F.E.R - Financial

CITY	TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE	CITY REAL ESTATE RATE	PERSONAL PROPERTY RATE	GENERAL PROPERTY RATE	TOTAL PROPERTY TAX BUDGET
COJ-Jasper Co	\$4.6700	\$0.1746	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,530,600
COJ-Newton Co	\$4.5307	\$0.1746	\$0.00	\$0.00	Same
Springfield	\$5.7109	\$0.6196	\$0.6196	\$0.6196	\$23,196,862
St Joseph	\$6.5162	\$1.2679	\$1.2679	\$0.67	\$21,941,400
Columbia	\$7.1266	\$0.4032	\$0.4032	\$0.4032	\$9,864,737
Lee's Summit	\$8.3207	\$1.4563	\$1.4563	\$0.9384	\$43,600,000
Grandview	\$8.6800	\$1.2866	\$1.2866	\$0.8095	\$4,793,000
Blue Springs	\$8.8928	\$0.6366	\$0.6366	\$0.5759	\$7,107,588

- City services are predominately funded through taxes generated locally. Cities in Missouri are mostly funded through a combination of sales and property tax.
 - The City of Joplin is near the top of comparable cities for sales tax but is among the lowest for property tax.
- The absence of revenue from property tax limits the City's ability to fund necessary services and exposes the City to financial risk by being overly reliant on sales tax.



S.A.F.E.R - Financial



How will the funds be spent:

Additional Police Staffing \$2,200,000

- Up to 22 Officers

Additional Support Staffing \$155,000

- Up to 3 Positions-Dispatch, Court, etc.

Re-hire Tier 1 at same level \$695,000

Est Cost of Step Plan \$1,850,000

Grand Total \$4,900,000

Additional Fire Staffing \$1,700,000

- Up to 15 for Additional Station, 3 for Station 6, Deputy Fire Marshal
- Doesn't Include Fire Station and Apparatus

Re-hire Tier 1 at same level \$395,000

Est Cost Similar Step Plan \$1,715,000

Grand Total \$3,810,000



S.A.F.E.R – Economic Development



- A vibrant community with a high quality of life must have strong public safety services.
- The City of Joplin's ability to protect people, property, and property value is vital for those looking to invest or relocate to the Joplin community.
- As the City grows, it provides additional opportunities for existing businesses, reducing the burden on existing taxpayers.



S.A.F.E.R – Recruitment & Retention



The City of Joplin pay for public safety employees is well below leaders in the State

- Currently, starting pay for a Police Officer and Fire Fighter is approximately \$37,000 and \$34,000 respectively.
 - Without an improvement, those looking to start public safety careers may never do so because of better opportunities in the private sector.
- To retain existing professionals, the City must continue to enhance pay and opportunities so that these dedicated employees can support their families and continue their essential service.



Election Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022

→ A choice between status quo and a S.A.F.E.R Joplin!

Proposition Public Safety

Shall the City Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, be authorized to levy and impose annually for municipal public safety purposes upon all subjects and objects of taxation within its corporate limits a tax which shall not exceed the maximum rate of one dollar on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation?

Learn more at:
www.joplinmo.org/elections



Questions?

