



THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

Police, Fire & Emergency Services Millage Proposal

Public Information Session – September 24, 2026



POLICE, FIRE, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

On the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot, the City of the Village of Clarkston will be asking residents to vote on a new Public Safety Millage to address significant increases in Police, Fire and Emergency Services costs.

Ballot Wording:

SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE THE TAX LIMITATION IMPOSED UNDER ARTICLE IX, SEC. 6 OF THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION ON GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON, OAKLAND COUNTY, BY THE AMOUNT OF 7.0 MILLS (\$7.00 PER \$1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2027 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2031, INCLUSIVE, TO FUND A CONTINUATION OF POLICE PROTECTION, FIRE FIGHTING, FIRE PROTECTION, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES; IT IS ESTIMATED THAT APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL WOULD RESULT IN A NEW AUTHORIZATION TO COLLECT A TOTAL OF \$ 457,116 IN THE FIRST YEAR FOR THE STATED PURPOSES.

[] YES

[] NO



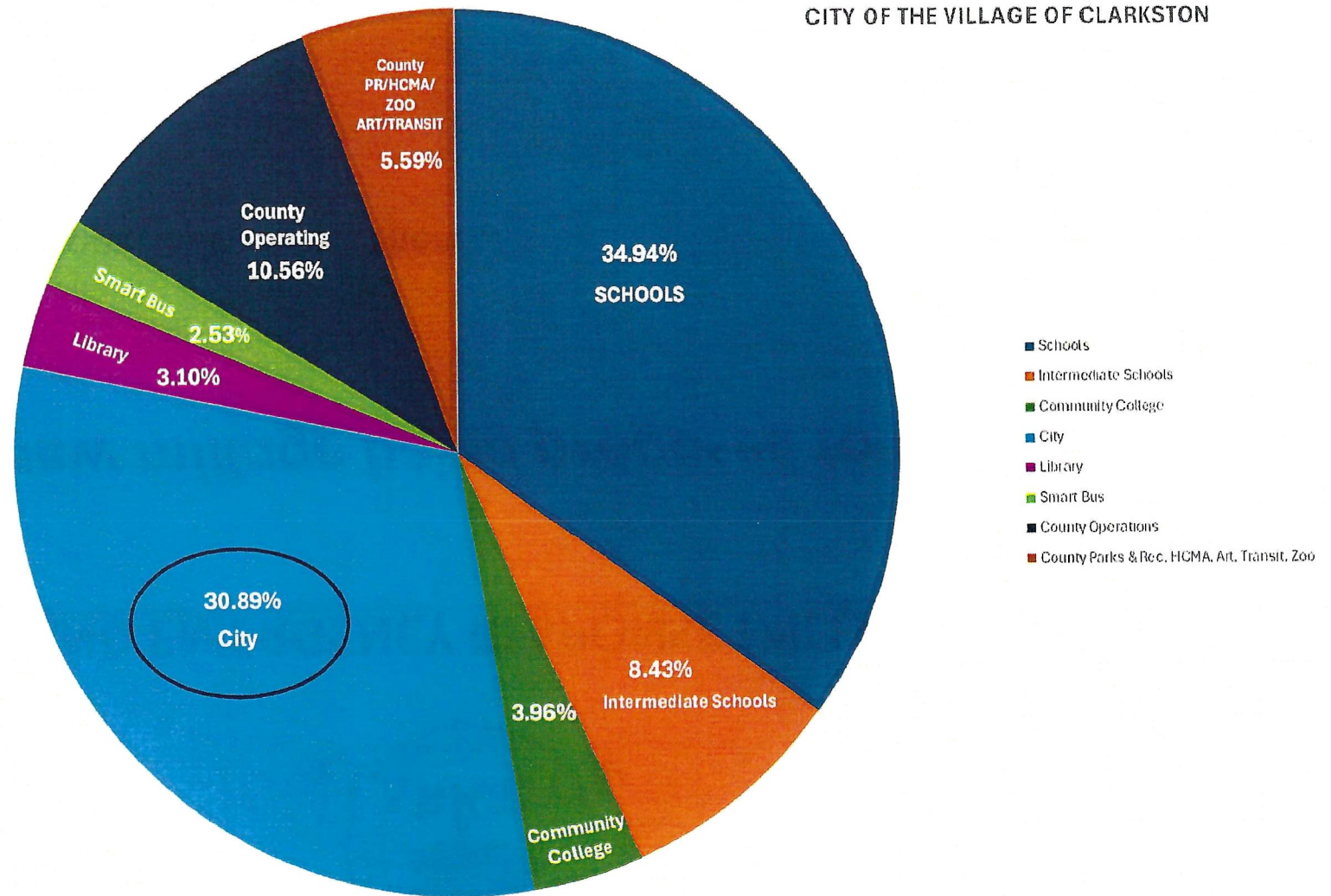
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Why is this new millage being proposed to the voters in the City?

There are a few reasons, let's review them...

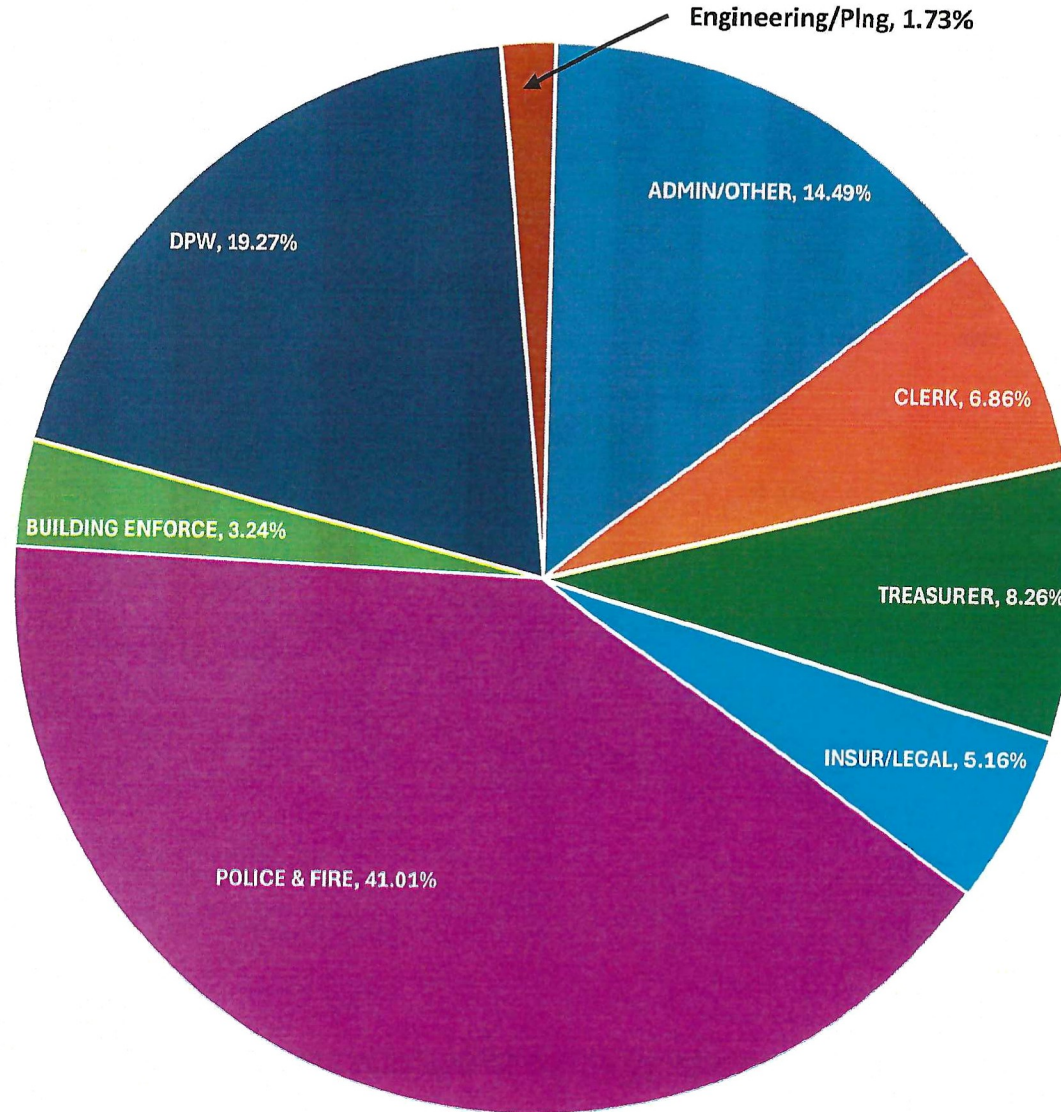


Less Than One-Third of the Taxes Collected Stay with the City





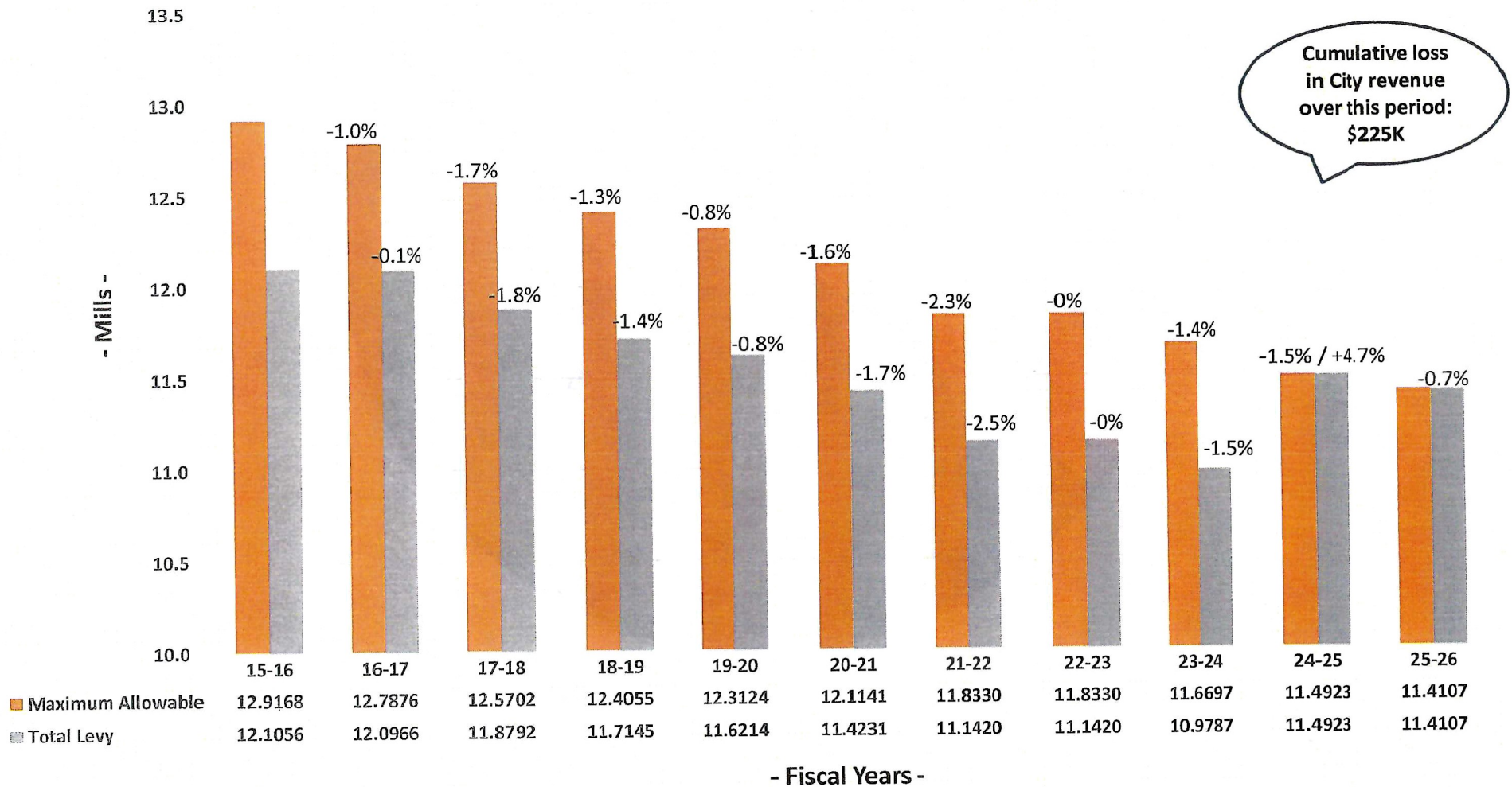
Of the Taxes Staying with the City 41% is Spent on Police & Fire Services





Impact of the Headlee Amendment

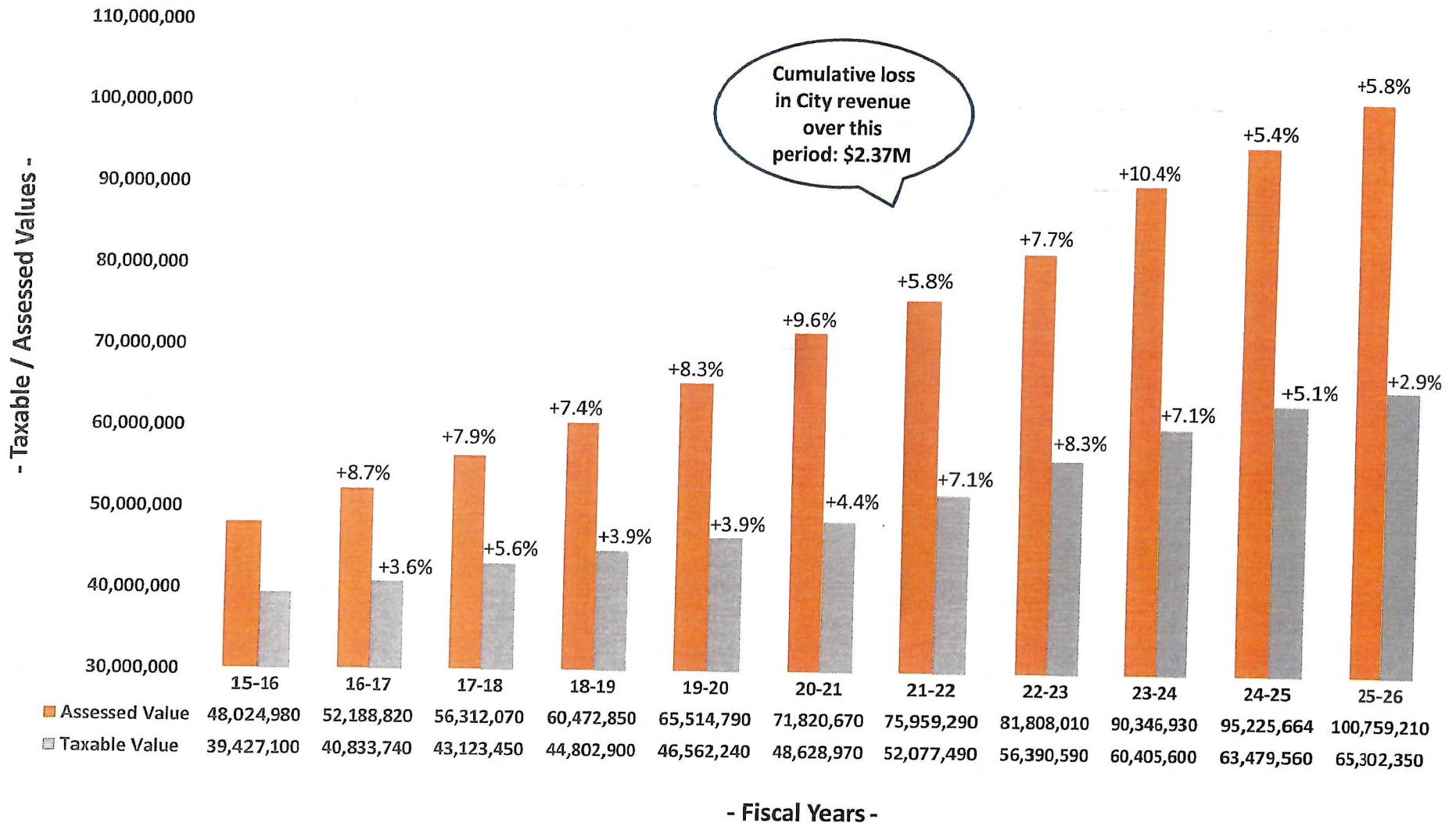
(The Michigan Headlee Amendment of 1978 requires an Annual Millage Reduction)





Impact of Proposal "A"

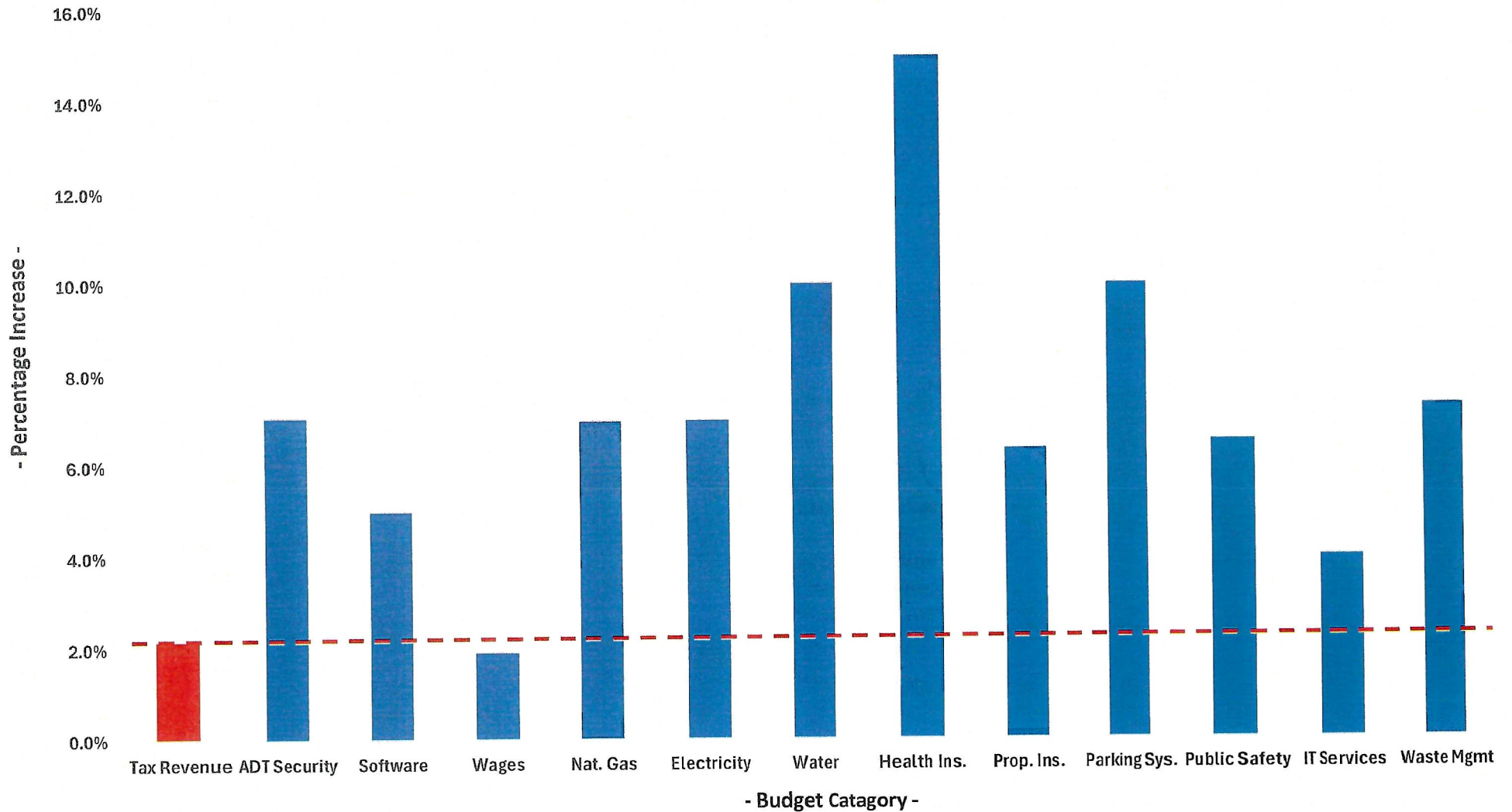
(Michigan Proposal "A" of 1994 Caps the Annual Growth of Taxable Values)





Year-over-Year Cost Increases

(25-26FY Actual Expenses vs 26-27 FY Approved Budget)

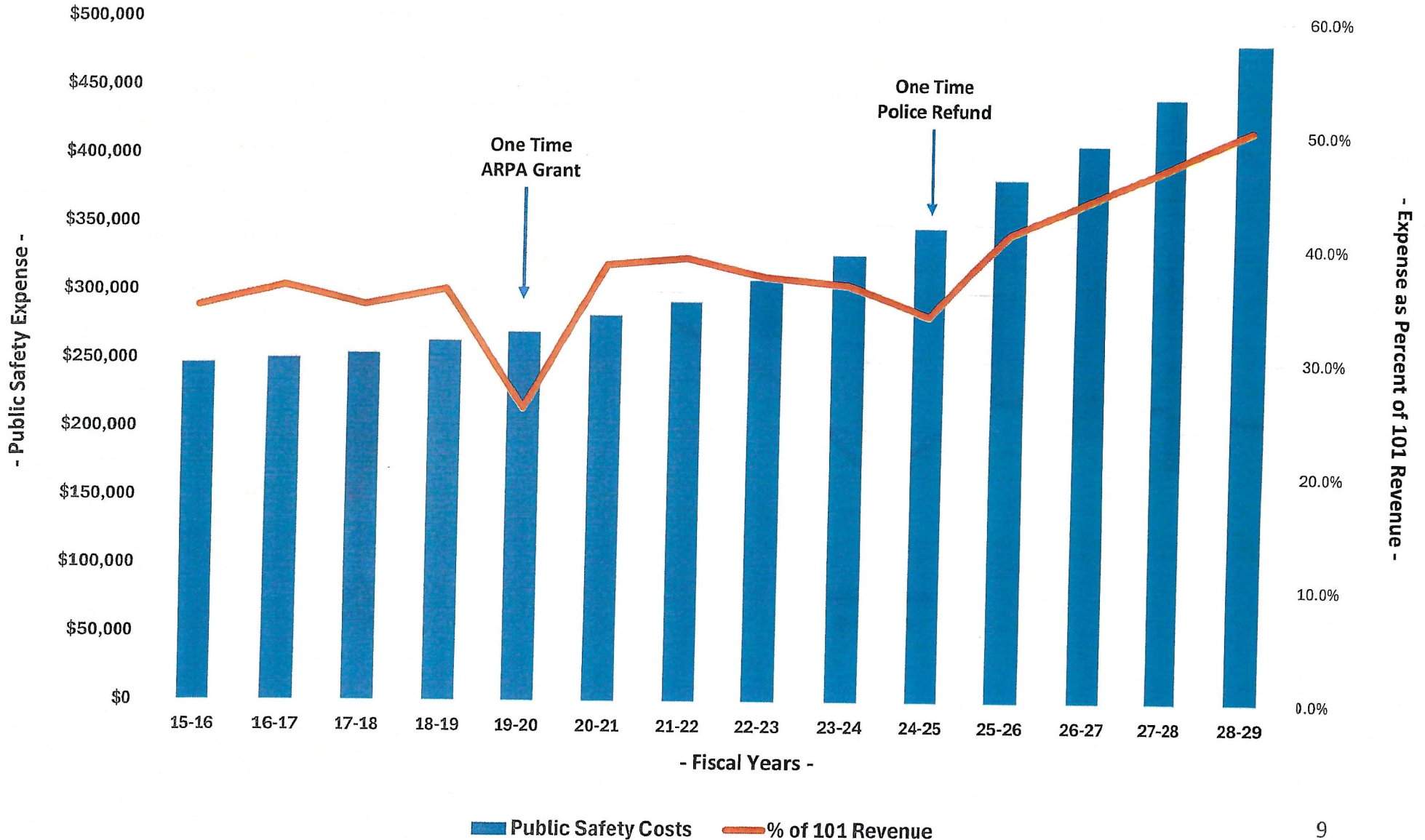


Source: Actual 2026 Expenses, 2027 Approved Budget



Public Safety Cost Increases

(Actual and Forecasted Expense as a Percentage of 101 Fund Revenue)

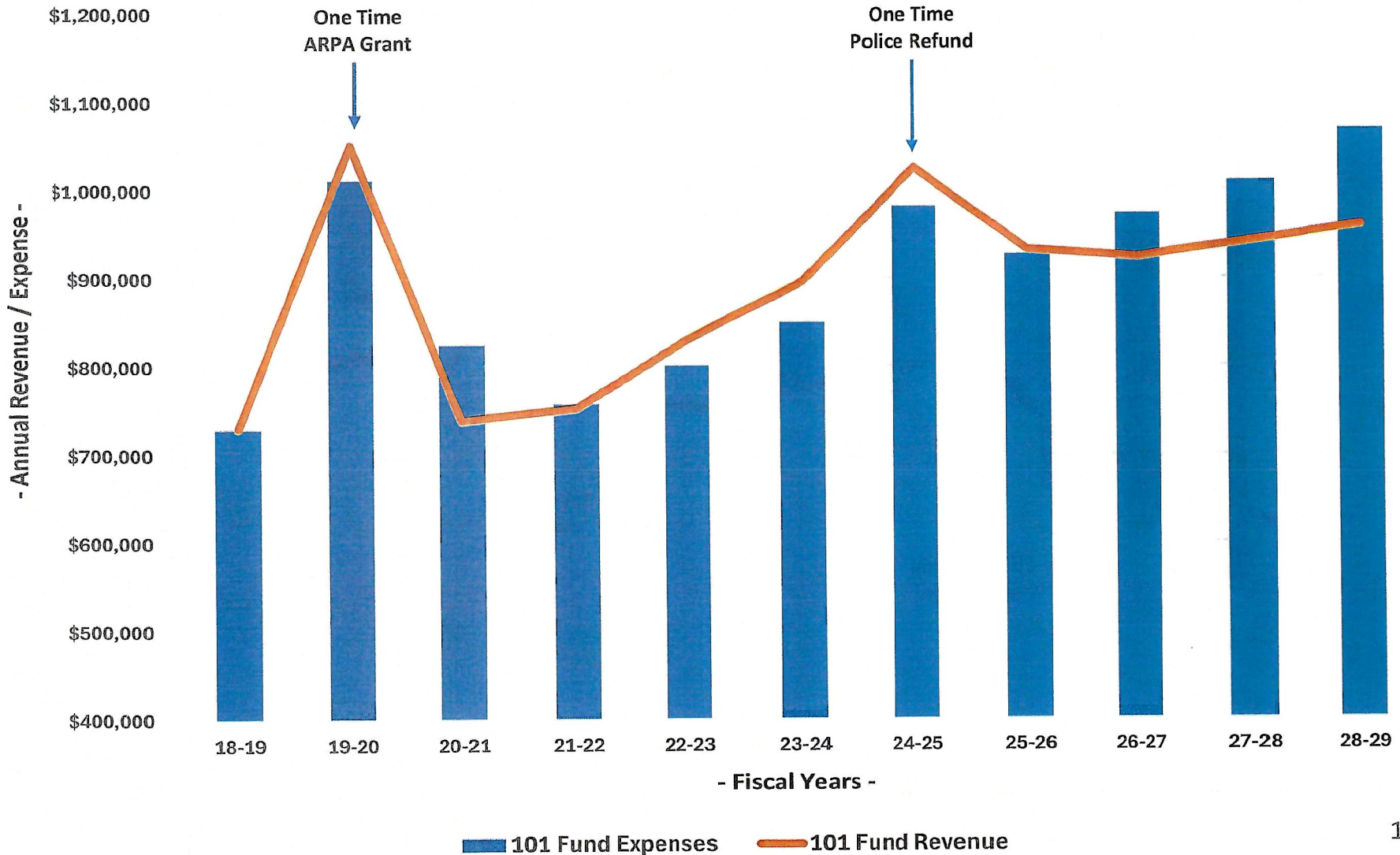


Source: May 2026 Budget Presentation



City Revenue and Expense Trendlines

(Combined Impact of Headlee, Proposal "A", and Year-over-Year Cost Increases)

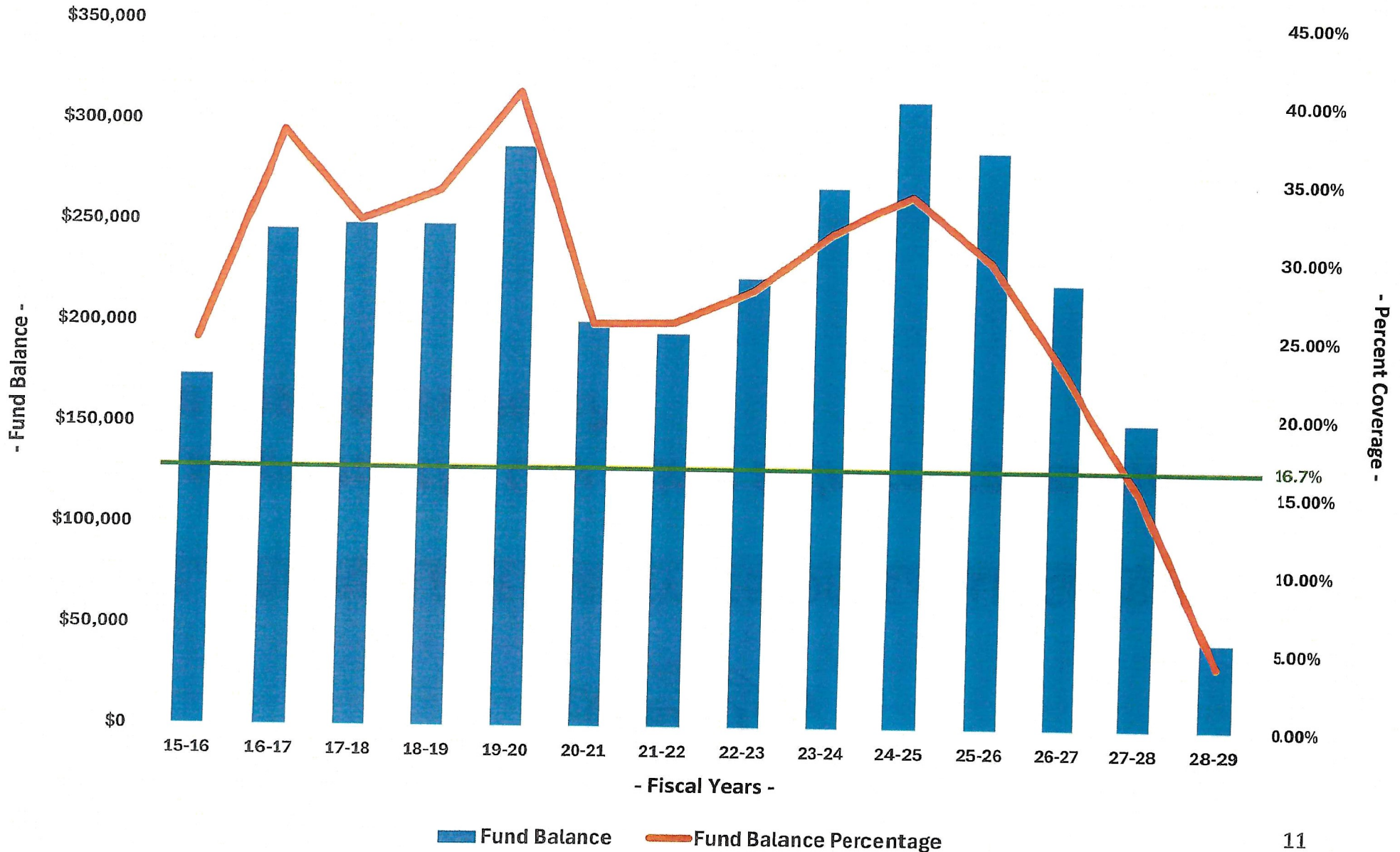


Source: May 2026 Budget Presentation



Fund Balance Calculation

(If the Proposed Police, Fire, and Emergency Response Millage is Not Approved)



Source: May 2026 Budget Presentation

(The City's Fund Balance Policy Requires 16.7% Minimum)



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What steps has the City taken to increase revenue or reduce costs elsewhere?



Steps Taken to Increase Revenue and Reduce Expenses

Steps to Increase Revenue:

1. Increase Paid Parking fees downtown (completed in July)
2. Obtain funding grants for special projects (six so far this year for over \$968K)
3. Facilitate the development of any vacant properties to increase tax revenue
4. Reassess property values where home improvements have been made

Steps to Reduce Costs:

1. Reduce City's 401k match reduced from 4% to 3%, a \$1,711 annual savings
2. Reduce Administrative Assistant weekly hours from 16 to 10, a \$2,409 annual savings
3. Reduce the Conference Budgets, a \$2,250 annual savings
4. Reduce Engineering and Planning Fees, a \$2,000 annual savings
5. Conduct the required 9-Days of Early Voting in-house, a \$3,500 savings per election
6. Acquired an Early-Voting tabulator for free, a \$5,800 savings
7. Reduction of 18 miscellaneous expense budgets, saving \$3,960 annually
8. Investigating the ability to contract directly with the Oakland County Sheriff rather than through Independence Township
9. Investigating the possibility of selling the existing DPW F550 truck and leasing a lower-priced 350/3500 truck instead



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If this millage passes, what will be the new total millage and how does this compare to previous years?

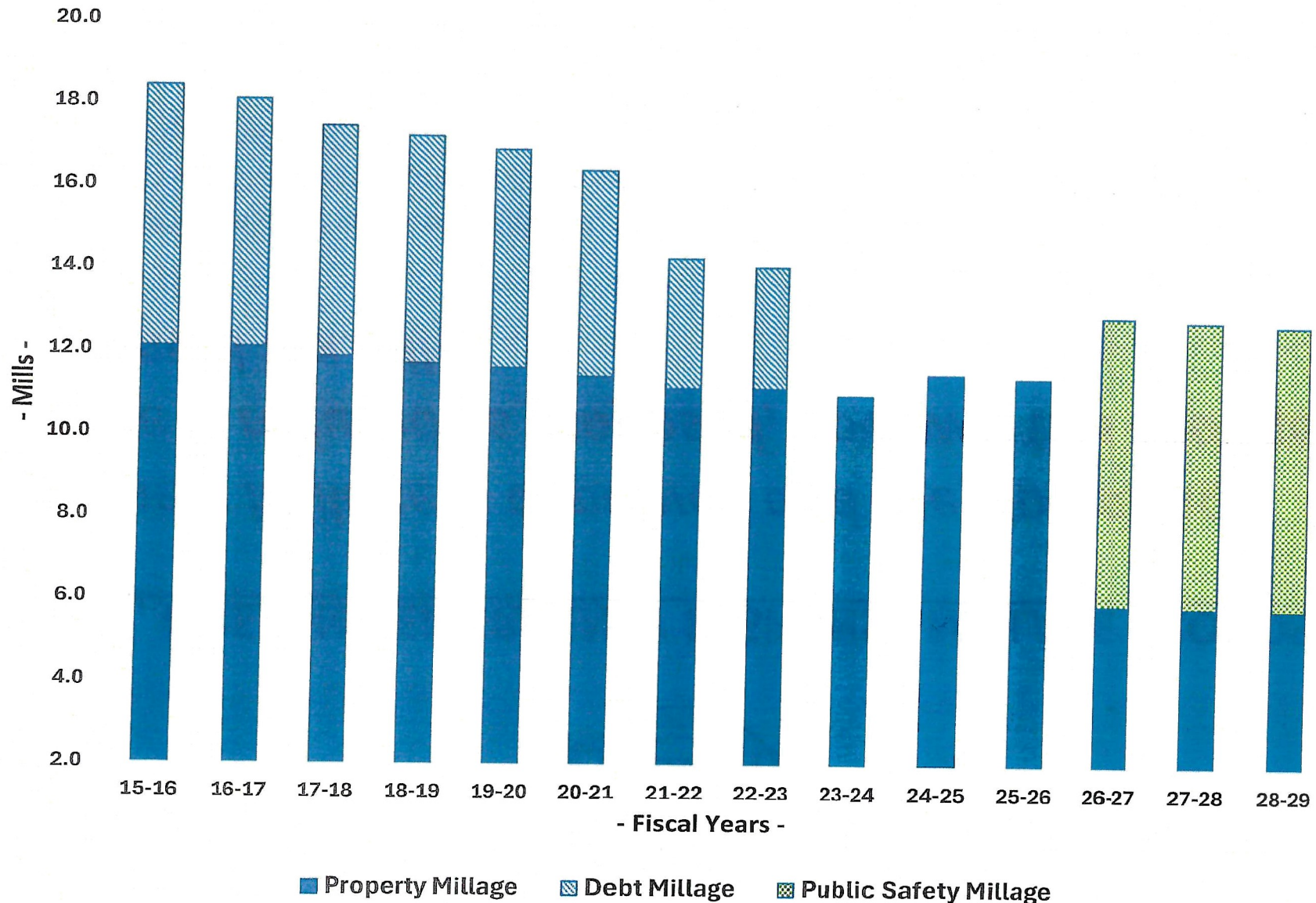
Based on the facts known today, if the new Public Safety Millage of 7.0 mills is approved, a partial offsetting reduction in the Operating Millage reduction will be approved by City Council in the May, 2027 Budget Hearing. It is anticipated that a 5.5 mill reduction in the Operating Millage will be approved, meaning a net, overall increase of 1.5 mills.

The exact amount of the Operating Millage reduction will not be known until the May, 2027 Budget Hearing.



Millage Rate History & Forecast

(If the Public Safety Millage is approved and the Operating Millage is reduced as proposed)



Source: May 2026 Budget Presentation



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If the new Millage is approved and the Operating Millage is reduced as proposed, how will this change my annual tax bill?

A home with a taxable value of \$100,000, for example, would pay \$700/year for the new Public Safety Millage but receive a \$550/year reduction in the Operating Millage, for a net annual increase of \$150.00.

Additional examples are shown in the following slide.



Financial Impact of the Proposed Millage

(If the Public Safety Millage is approved and the Operating Millage is reduced as proposed)

Taxable Value (1/2 Market Value)	New Police Millage (7.0 Mills)	<u>Reduction</u> of Existing Operating Millage (Est. 5.5 Mills) *	Net Increase from the Millage (7.0 Mills less 5.5 Mills) *	
	Annual Cost Increase	Annual Cost Reduction	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
\$100,000	\$700	(\$550)	\$150	\$13
\$150,000	\$1,050	(\$825)	\$225	\$19
\$160,407	\$1,123	(\$882)	\$241	\$20
\$200,000	\$1,400	(\$1,100)	\$300	\$25
\$250,000	\$1,750	(\$1,375)	\$375	\$31
\$300,000	\$2,100	(\$1,650)	\$450	\$38
\$350,000	\$2,450	(\$1,925)	\$525	\$44
\$400,000	\$2,800	(\$2,200)	\$600	\$50

* Operating Millage established annually in the May Budget Public Hearing

Average City Taxable Value



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If the proposed millage is not approved, will the City still have Police, Fire and Emergency Services?

OPTION 1:

Re-evaluate the millage proposal and present a new proposal to voters in a Special Election in May, 2027. The City would be responsible for the cost of this election.

OPTION 2:

Establish a City-wide Special Assessment District as permitted by State Law to cover the expense of Police, Fire, and Emergency Services. This could be achieved through a City Council resolution.



Questions / Discussion

