

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT/ON A CITIZEN
PETITION OR REFERRED MEASURE
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION**



**BALLOT PROPOSALS
AND ELECTION INFORMATION**

A YES vote on any ballot issue is a vote IN FAVOR OF changing current law or existing circumstances, and a NO vote on any ballot issue is a vote AGAINST changing current law or existing circumstances.

Conduct of Election:

This election will be conducted as a mail ballot election. Ballots will be delivered by U.S. Mail and sent to voters beginning the week of October 12, 2020. Voted mail ballots must be returned to the Douglas County Elections Office, a designated Ballot Drop Box location, or a Voter Service and Polling Center by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Postmarks do not count.

General Election Official:

Merlin Klotz, Douglas County Clerk and Recorder
125 Stephanie Place
Castle Rock, CO 80109
303-660-7444

FOR ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS HOUSEHOLD:

THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED.

VOTED MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S OFFICE ELECTIONS DIVISION (125 Stephanie Place, Castle Rock), A DESIGNATED BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATION, OR A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER BY 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 TO BE COUNTED.

For additional voter information or to view a composite sample ballot, please visit DouglasVotes.com.



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This Notice of Election was prepared in accordance with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended. The information contained in this Notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of the comments and the fiscal information.

The Douglas County Clerk & Recorder's Office does not warrant, verify or confirm the accuracy or truth of the ballot issue language, fiscal information or comment summaries as presented, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation of the materials presented. For further information or clarification concerning any of the following ballot issues, please contact the respective Designated Election Official as indicated.

The General Election Official is not responsible for failure to meet the requirements of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution if the political subdivision fails to submit the notice and summaries within the mandatory deadlines and in the prescribed format as required by the Colorado Constitution. The ballot issue notice for the State measures will be mailed separately via the "Blue Book".

The ballot issues contained in this notice will only be on your ballot if you reside within that jurisdiction. Visit www.govotecolorado.gov to check the jurisdictions in which you reside.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

**CITY OF CASTLE PINES
DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Tobi Basile, Designated Election Official
360 Village Square Lane, Suite B
Castle Pines, CO 80108
Telephone: (303) 705-0200

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 2A

SHALL THE CITY OF CASTLE PINES DEBT BE INCREASED UP TO \$30,000,000 WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$60,000,000 AND SHALL CITY OF CASTLE PINES TAXES BE INCREASED UP TO \$1,800,000 ANNUALLY, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING: THE PROCEEDS OF THE DEBT SHALL BE USED TO FINANCE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: MAINTENANCE AND FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO CASTLE PINES PARKWAY; MAINTENANCE AND FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO MONARCH BOULEVARD; AND CONNECTED DRAINAGE FACILITIES, SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS; THE DEBT MAY BE PAID FROM A MILL LEVY ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT BUT NOT MORE

THAN \$1,800,000; THE MILL LEVY MAY NOT BE IMPOSED AFTER TAX LEVY YEAR 2055; THE DEBT MAY CONSIST OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR OTHER MULTIPLE FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; THE DEBT MAY BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AND REPAYMENT COSTS, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE CITY COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF A PREMIUM; AND THE PROCEEDS OF ANY SUCH DEBT AND THE REVENUE FROM SUCH TAXES, ANY OTHER REVENUE USED TO PAY SUCH DEBT AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON MAY BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT BY THE CITY AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES _____
 NO _____

Total City Fiscal Year Spending

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2020 (estimated)	\$11,752,000
2019 (actual)	\$9,871,755
2018 (actual)	\$7,449,591
2017 (actual)	\$2,632,241
2016 (actual)	\$2,832,964

Overall percentage change from 2016 to 2020 414.8%
 Overall dollar change from 2016 to 2020 \$8,919,036

Proposed Tax Increase

City Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2021
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2A: \$1,800,000

City Estimate of 2021 Fiscal Year Spending
Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$21,370,000¹

Information on City's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2A:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$30,000,000
Maximum Annual City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 1,800,000
Total City Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$60,000,000

Information on City's Current Debt²

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$0.00
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$0.00
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$0.00

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 2A:

While spending more money right now seems counterintuitive, consider your home's value:

Voting yes to this ballot will allow Castle Pines to rebuild our main arteries and keep us competitive with the new builds across the highway for just \$222/year.

¹ This includes a one time receipt of revenues in the estimated amount of \$8,800,000 from a developer to pay costs of a drainage project.

² Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Castle Pines needs to invest in our road infrastructure to maintain property values and keep the community vibrant. Proceeds of the property tax authorized by Question 2A will be used to rebuild Castle Pines Parkway and Monarch Boulevard. Enabling the city to borrow funds now at historically low interest rates and spread the cost out over the next 30 years is sound financial planning. It also means that future residents who enjoy the benefit of new roads bear some portion of the costs. Since the tax would apply to all property within the city, new development across the highway will share in the costs of the road repairs. The property tax rate assessed by the city has not changed since the city was founded 12 years ago. The current modest property tax of 4.5 mills is dedicated entirely to law enforcement services provided by the Douglas County Sheriff. The proposed property tax of 6.2 mills would increase taxes by \$222 per year for a \$500,000 home. Sixty cents a day is a small price to pay to maintain our home values and have safe, smooth streets to drive on.

Question 2A creates a dedicated funding source to properly address the ongoing road maintenance deficiencies in the City of Castle Pines, including the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Castle Pines Parkway and Monarch Boulevard. Without passage of 2A, the City will be forced to maintain roads using the current piecemeal approach, which simply defers the majority of needed repairs. These patchwork efforts have left our roadways unsightly and unsafe. Cyclists have been injured and vehicles have been damaged due to delays in vital repairs. Visitors to the area, including potential homebuyers, have commented that the dilapidated roads are inconsistent with the community's aesthetics and, as a result, some have chosen to purchase homes in neighboring communities. Many homeowners feel confident that a well-funded road maintenance plan will result in higher property values that will more than offset the minimal increase in property taxes.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

FRANKTOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

390 Union Boulevard, Suite 400, Denver, CO 80228; telephone number 303-986-1551

Ballot Title and Text:

FRANKTOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 6A

SHALL FRANKTOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO ADJUST UP OR DOWN ITS OPERATING MILL LEVY BEGINNING IN COLLECTION YEAR 2021 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER TO OFFSET ANY REVENUE LOSSES FROM REFUNDS, ABATEMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTUAL VALUATION USED TO DETERMINE ASSESSED VALUATION TO OFFSET REVENUES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE LOST DUE TO THE “GALLAGHER AMENDMENT” TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER CHANGES TO THE METHODS OF CALCULATING THE ASSESSED VALUATION, SO THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE ACTUAL TAX REVENUE COLLECTED IS THE SAME AS IF SUCH CHANGES HAD NOT OCCURRED?

Summary of Written Comments For the Proposal:

Franktown Fire Protection District (subsequently referred to as the FFPD) is asking voters to vote “Yes” on ballot initiative 6A to reinforce the

Districts financial stability and offset the effects of the Gallagher Amendment. Due to the Gallagher Amendment, as originally written, the FFPD has and continues to lose any additional revenues that district tax valuation growth would generate. The language of 6A allows for an adjustment of the mill levy if the State Legislature reduces the Rate of Adjustment. Reducing the Rate of Adjustment is the Gallagher Amendment process impacting preservation of revenues.

The Rate of Adjustment is set as a percentage of the residential property taxes within the Franktown Fire Protection District of 45%. The Gallagher Amendment requires that the State Legislature adjust to keep a 45% residential to 55% commercial ratio. Your “Yes” vote will keep the revenue at 2020 levels.

A “Yes” vote is not a vote for more taxes. There will be no increase in your tax payment. FFPD is asking the citizens to allow the FFPD Board of Directors to adjust the mill levy up or down in order to offset the State Legislature Rate of Adjustment and preserve a consistent and reliable amount of revenue for department operations. Department operations include, but are not limited to, fire and ambulance response, personnel, training, equipment, and capital improvements.

Increases in the overall population within the District, particularly a more senior population; and a very significant increase of traffic incident calls on Colorado State Highways 83 and 86 that run directly through the district intersecting in Franktown, for a total of 32 miles are major factors for District operations and budget. Additionally, two fire stations within the district have outlived their useful lives and are currently being rebuilt/upgraded to accommodate 24-hour staff and equipment while considering access from a firehouse to any area of the District. The language on the ballot issue only allows for an adjustment of the mill levy if the State Legislature reduces the Rate of Adjustment as they have done every year since 1992 causing an unbalance in District revenue and economic conditions.

In order to protect and provide the best service possible in the future for all District residents a “Yes” vote on ballot initiative 6A is essential.

Summary of Written Comments Against the Proposal:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Supplemental Information*

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2020 (estimated)	\$3,358,055
2019 (actual)	\$3,039,990
2018 (actual)	\$2,996,377
2017 (actual)	\$2,910,977
2016 (actual)	\$2,808,051

Overall percentage change from 2016 to 2020: 19%

Overall dollar change from 2016 to 2020: \$550,004

Proposed District Tax Increase:

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase:
\$0

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase:
\$3,376,368

* The purpose of this Ballot Question is to stabilize District tax receipts to offset the reduction of its Assessed Valuation caused by the “Gallagher Amendment,” by authorizing a variable Mill Levy Rate starting in collection year 2021. Any adjustment to the Mill Levy Rate is intended to be revenue neutral in the adjustment year.



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