

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT
IMPACT STATEMENT TO EXPAND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
THUNDERBIRD FIRE DISTRICT

Pursuant to the provisions of **A.R.S. 48-262** the undersigned submit the following as an Impact Statement for the proposed expansion of the Thunderbird Fire District.

Attached to this statement as **Exhibit A** is a legal description of the boundaries for the property to be included in the proposed expansion into the District.

Attached to this statement as **Exhibit B** is a detailed map of the area to be included in the proposed expansion of the District.

Attached is a list of taxable properties provided by the Pinal County Assessor pursuant to **A.R.S. 48-262**.

The estimated 2019 assessed valuation for the area within the proposed expansion boundaries of the District is **\$22,491,503.00. (net assessed Limited Property Value). $\$22,491,503.00 \times .02 = \$449,830.06$.**

Estimated Change in property tax liability of a typical resident in proposed expansion area:

There will be no change to the current tax rate of the District, which is 2%.

The estimated change in the tax rate of a property included in the proposed expansion area, is \$73.10. This estimate is based on a budget of \$616,265.39. (see attached proposed budget)

The rate varies according to the net assessed limited property value provided by the Pinal County Assessor. **Example 1:** $LPV = \$157845.40 \times .10 = \15784 . (NET ASSESSED LIMITED PROPERTY VALUE) $\times .02$ (FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATE) = \$315.69.

Example 2: $LPV = 24661.59 \times .10 = \2466 . (NET ASSESSED LIMITED PROPERTY VALUE) $\times .02$ (FIRE DISTRICT RATE) = \$49.32

Benefits to be derived from the proposed expansion of the District:

The increase in revenue will allow the District to put assets in place to decrease response times.

Build Stations

Increase Fleet

Attract individuals interested in Rural Fire Service

Install some fulltime fire staff

Lower the ISO rating in the District from a 10 (no fire service). This is the rating insurance underwriters use for homeowner's insurance coverage. The lower the rating, the lower the premium. The District plans to use the FSRS (Fire Suppression Rating Survey), as a pathway to getting the ISO rating within the District boundaries lower than an 8. Municipal Fire Departments across the United States use the FSRS.

The District currently responds to the expansion area, but it does not respond via a direct 911 dispatch because this area is not within a district. This causes response time delays over and above notifying volunteer firefighters to respond from their locations. 95% of the District's calls have been to the proposed expansion area resulting in an unsustainable burden on the District. The District's current operating budget is $\$16,641.10 + \$3,328.00 = \$19,969.10$. The District pays out $\$14,500.00$ in insurance payments. Tires on a Fire Engine run around $\$600$ a piece. Fire Fighter gear and air packs $\$10,000 +$ per fire fighter. The list goes on.

Injuries resulting from the proposed expansion to the District:

No injuries would be incurred by the District.

Property owners would incur a tax levied on their properties.

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