



# Police & Fire Facilities Sales Tax Fact Sheet



Voters are being asked to consider a sales tax proposal on the April 7 ballot to fund critical infrastructure for the **Kirkville Police Department** and **Kirkville Fire Department**. The proposal would fund a new north fire station, south fire station and police station.

## New Police Station

### Challenges of current station

- Former bank, not designed for police operations
- Lack of functional space
- Cost-prohibitive to renovate or expand the building
- No secure parking or entry
  
- **Booking is downstairs**
  - Safety liability
  - For officer and person in custody
- **No dedicated evidence processing space**
  - Same table used for briefings, meals, evidence processing
- **Cramped quarters**
  - **Kirkville Regional Computer Crimes Unit is in a closet**
    - Handles child pornography, fraud
    - Computers, tablets, etc. have to be kept for long periods
    - Doubled up in offices
    - Tight space in locker rooms
  
- **New station would fix these issues**
- **Allow for efficient and effective law enforcement**



## North and South Fire Station

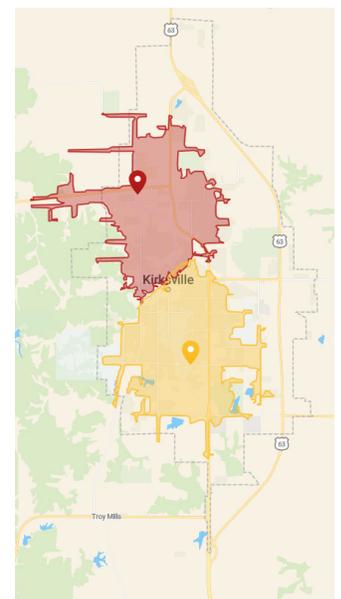
### Challenges of current station

- Centrally located
- Tough to get to north and south in industry standard response time (4 minutes)
- Only about half of the city is within 4 minutes of the station (see map with orange area)
- Some areas take 6+ minutes to reach
- New stations would provide greater coverage of the city

City	Population	Square Miles	Fire Stations
Fulton	12,573	12.46	2
Hannibal	16,809	16.47	3
<b>Kirkville</b>	<b>17,841</b>	<b>14.42</b>	<b>1</b>
Moberly	13,337	13.22	2
Ottumwa	25,648	16.73	2
Sedalia	22,310	14.32	2
Warrensburg	19,998	9.47	2



Current coverage



Coverage with north/south stations

The proposal is a sales tax of \$0.00375 (3/8 of one cent) per dollar



Think of this as the amount of each dollar going to new stations

**How much will the stations cost?**

The total cost is estimated at \$29.4 million, with \$11 million for the police station, with the fire stations at \$9 million each.

**How much would this sales tax generate?**

It would generate approximately \$1.48 million each year. In addition, the City will commit \$500,000 toward the project annually.

**How long will it be in effect for?**

A maximum of 25 years. If the debt service can be paid off sooner, the tax would end sooner.

**Who will pay this sales tax?**

Both residents and nonresidents who shop in Kirksville and depend on public safety.

**What will the sales tax rate be?**

The City's base sales tax rate would go from 2.75% to 3.125%. The overall base sales tax rate would go from 8.725% to 9.1%.

Breakdown of current sales tax rate:

- State: 4.225%
- City of Kirksville: 2.75%
- Adair County: 1.25%
- Adair County Ambulance District: 0.50%

**What would that cost look like?**

- Add 1¢ to a \$3 cup of coffee
- Add 37¢ to a \$100 purchase
- Add \$1.125 to a \$300 grocery purchase

**How is this different from the previous proposal?**

The City listened to feedback from residents and tailored this proposal specifically for **police** and **fire** services.

**Will more firefighters be hired?**

No additional firefighters or apparatus are needed to operate two stations.

**Ballot Language**

“Shall the City of Kirksville, Missouri, impose an additional sales tax of three-eighths of one percent for the purpose of financing the construction of a police station, north fire station, and a south fire station, which will include the retirement of obligations until the earlier of September 30, 2051, or when the financing of such improvements has been paid in full?”

Yes

No



The Municipal Election is on April 7, so make sure to vote!

