



Town of Dudley

PROPOSITION 2 1/2 OVERRIDE ELECTION AUGUST 17, 2023

Ballot Questions and Tax Impact

The FY23 tax rate was \$10.16 per \$1,000 of valuation. As of July 1, debt payments on the Town Hall renovation were retired, which reduces the FY24 tax rate by 23 cents to \$9.93. Passage of all five questions would add \$1.67 to the FY24 tax rate for a total of \$11.60. The average single-family home valued at \$360,942 paid \$3,667.17 in taxes last year. If all five questions pass, the average single-family home this year would see an annual tax increase of \$519.75.



QUESTION 1 PUBLIC SAFETY



\$556,111.09 to fund Public Safety at \$366,764.55 for Fire and \$189,346.54 for Police.

Approved:

- Prevent the layoff of two patrolman, two career firefighter paramedics and police administrative assistant
- Restore funding to the fire department for per diem staff, critical training, emergency care supplies

Tax Impact: 38 cents on the \$9.93 tax rate or \$54.14 more than last year on the average single-family home.

QUESTION 2 HIGHWAY

\$534,304.50 to fund the Highway Department.

Approved: Two positions now vacant due to a transfer and retirement in FY23 would remain unfilled.

- Prevent the layoff of two public works employees

Tax Impact: 37 cents on the \$9.93 tax rate or \$50.53 more than last year on the average single-family home.



QUESTION 3 ADMINISTRATION

\$133,698 to fund the Town Accountant; Information Technology Expenses; Board of Assessors; Town Treasurer; Municipal Expenses; Town Clerk; Planning Board; Board of Health; Building Inspector; Council on Aging; Veterans' Services.

Approved:

- Properly fund the Town Planner, Building Inspector, Veterans' Services
- Restore funding to clerical positions in Assessor's Office and Treasurer/Collector's office
- Maintain appropriate level of IT Security
- Return online services to residents

Tax Impact: 9 cents on the \$9.93 tax rate or \$50.54 less than last year on the average single-family home.

QUESTION 4 LIBRARY

\$297,528.41 to fund the Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library.

Approved:

- The library would remain staffed and certified
- Programs and events would continue
- Online catalogs and databases will be accessible
- Interlibrary services with other Massachusetts libraries will continue without interruption

Tax Impact: 21 cents on the \$9.93 tax rate or \$7.22 less than last year on the average single-family home.



QUESTION 5 DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

\$901,683 to fund the FY24 increase in the school district assessment sought by the School Committee.

Approved: Maintains services at the FY23 level.

- Restore recent staff reductions and programs, less vacant Assistant Superintendent and one high school teacher
- Eliminates the need to cut an additional \$901,683 from municipal services
- Eliminates the need for the Aug. 23 Special District-wide Town Meeting (super town meeting)

Tax Impact: 62 cents on the \$9.93 tax rate or \$140.76 more than last year on the average single-family home.

Calculating property tax:

To find a property's assessed value, go to www.dudleyma.gov/assessors and click "FY2023 Final Real Estate Values"

Find the address in the listing and divide the property's assessed value by 1,000 then multiply it by the tax rate

Example: Average single-family \$360,942 divided by 1,000 = 360.942 multiplied by \$10.16 = \$3,667.17 FY23 property tax

Example Question 5: 62 cents on \$9.93 = \$10.55 multiplied by 360.942 = \$3,807.93 or \$140.76 more in FY24 than in FY23

This document is a summary for tax impact purposes. For more detailed information, please visit www.dudleyma.gov