

# Town of Falmouth, Maine Proposed FY2020 – 2021 Budget



# Building the FY2021

- ▶ Standard annual challenges of trying to minimize tax rate increase
- ▶ Maintaining competitive benefits and wages for all of our staff
- ▶ Funding enhanced communication services
- ▶ Improving security systems in all buildings
- ▶ Bringing back library staffing to levels prior to new facility construction
- ▶ Fire Department – staff increases to maintain service levels
  - Budget adds 14 full time Firefighter/EMS positions
- ▶ COVID-19 revenue impacts

# COVID 19 BUDGET IMPACTS

- ▶ Fed rate reduction impact – average interest rate reduction of 1% on Town investments
- ▶ Municipal Revenue Sharing projections (reduction in planned increases)
- ▶ Excise tax projections – reduced revenue likely with fewer new car purchases
- ▶ Other non-property tax revenue reductions of \$166K

# COVID-19 Changes

- ▶ Operating expense cuts totaling \$1,365,800
- ▶ All currently open positions will not be filled in FY21
- ▶ Position changes – reduced hours/TIF allocations
- ▶ Expense reductions
  - Education/meeting/travel
  - Social service donations
  - Consulting and engineering costs – spend only Central Fire renovation design
  - Other contractual services – spend only IT related
  - All computer replacements
  - All “non-essential” capital spending

# Town FY20 and FY21

Estimate Valuation based on 1% Growth

	FY20	FY21	\$ Change	% Change
Expenditures	13,549,766	13,811,233	261,467	1.9%
Overlay	20,093	20,093	0	0.0%
Non-tax revenues	(6,238,045)	(6,056,254)	181,791	2.9%
Net from property taxes	7,331,814	7,775,072	443,258	6.0%
Valuation (thousands)*	2,329,450.3	2,353,228.1	23,777.8	1.0%
Mil rate (PROPOSED at Budget)	3.15	3.30	0.15	4.8%

\* Adjusted for BETE and Homestead

# Falmouth Mooring Fee Structure Change

- | <u>Current</u>       | <u>Proposed</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| ▶ Resident-\$60      | \$100           |
| ▶ Non-Resident-\$260 | \$300           |
| ▶ HBS-\$60           | \$120           |
| ▶ PYC-\$60           | \$120           |
- ▶ Generates \$215K in annual Revenue
    - \$54K increase covers operating expense plus adds support for future capital and maintenance costs.



## Fee Comparison with Amenities

	Falmouth	Yarmouth	Freeport	Kittery	Wells	Portland	Cumberland
Resident	\$100	\$155	\$96+	\$200+	\$300+	\$80	\$50
Non-Resident	\$300	\$230	\$391+	\$200+	\$300+	\$160	\$250
For Profit	\$120	\$480	\$180				

AMENITIES							
Water	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Power	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Sewage	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Bathroom	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Parking	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N

# **IMPACTS IN REVENUE**

## **FY21 BUDGET TO FY20 BUDGET**

<b>AUTO EXCISE TAX</b>	<b>(196,645)</b>
<b>STATE REVENUE SHARING</b>	<b>32,321</b>
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>(65,500)</b>
<b>MOORING FEES</b>	<b>54,445</b>
<b>AMBULANCE CHARGES</b>	<b>28,281</b>
<b>BUILDING PERMITS</b>	<b>(16,760)</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>(17,933)</b>
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	<b>(181,791)</b>



# Trash Bag Fee Increase

- ▶ User-based fee designed to cover costs of trash collection
- ▶ Current fees cover 58.3% of collection fees
- ▶ New fees cover entire annual trash collection costs

Size	Current		Proposed		Increase	%
33 gal.	\$	2.08	\$	2.95	0.87	41.8%
20 gal.	\$	1.46	\$	1.91	0.45	30.9%

\* Bag fees do not show as a revenue increase as they offset Collection Fee expense

## IMPACTS IN EXPENDITURES

### FY21 BUDGET vs FY20 BUDGET

FULL-TIME SALARIES/SOC SECURITY	556,679	January 2021 2.5% COLA, added 8 FF/EMS July, 6 FF/EMS Jan
PART-TIME SALARIES	328,885	Fire Department Per Diem adds, Station 4 adds(2), coverage for FF/EMS July-Dec (4)
HEALTH INSURANCE	176,285	4.6% overall rate Increase, Fire Department additions
RETIREMENT	69,563	Wage increases, added FD employees, .1% rate increase
LIBRARY CONTRIBUTION	59,754	Library budget request, return to full operation
OVERTIME	67,723	OT to cover sick/vac for new FF/EMS staff
FD NEW HIRE EQUIPMENT	45,000	Gear to outfit 14 new FF/EMS Full-Time Staff
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	(713,027)	Reductions in Capital spending/ use of fund balance
TRASH COLLECTION FEES	(164,000)	Bag Fee increase to convert to 100% user-funded
OTHER	(165,395)	Reductions in spending across all departments
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>261,467</b>	

## FALMOUTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### TOWN FUNDING BY YEAR

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Total Library Expense Budget	629,001	601,511	656,153	752,911
Town Funding	516,576	530,213	573,028	632,782
Funding %	82.1%	88.1%	87.3%	84.0%
FTEs	8.935	7.675	8.155	8.680

## FALMOUTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

	FY20	FY21	VAR
Total Expense Budget Increase	656,153	752,911	96,758
Acquisitions			10,800
Operating Expenses			17,090
Salaries - COLA, added .525 FTE (1,092 hours)			48,668
Benefits			20,200
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**FALMOUTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
PROPOSED FY21 STAFFING  
COMPARISON TO LAST FULL YEAR OF OPERATION**

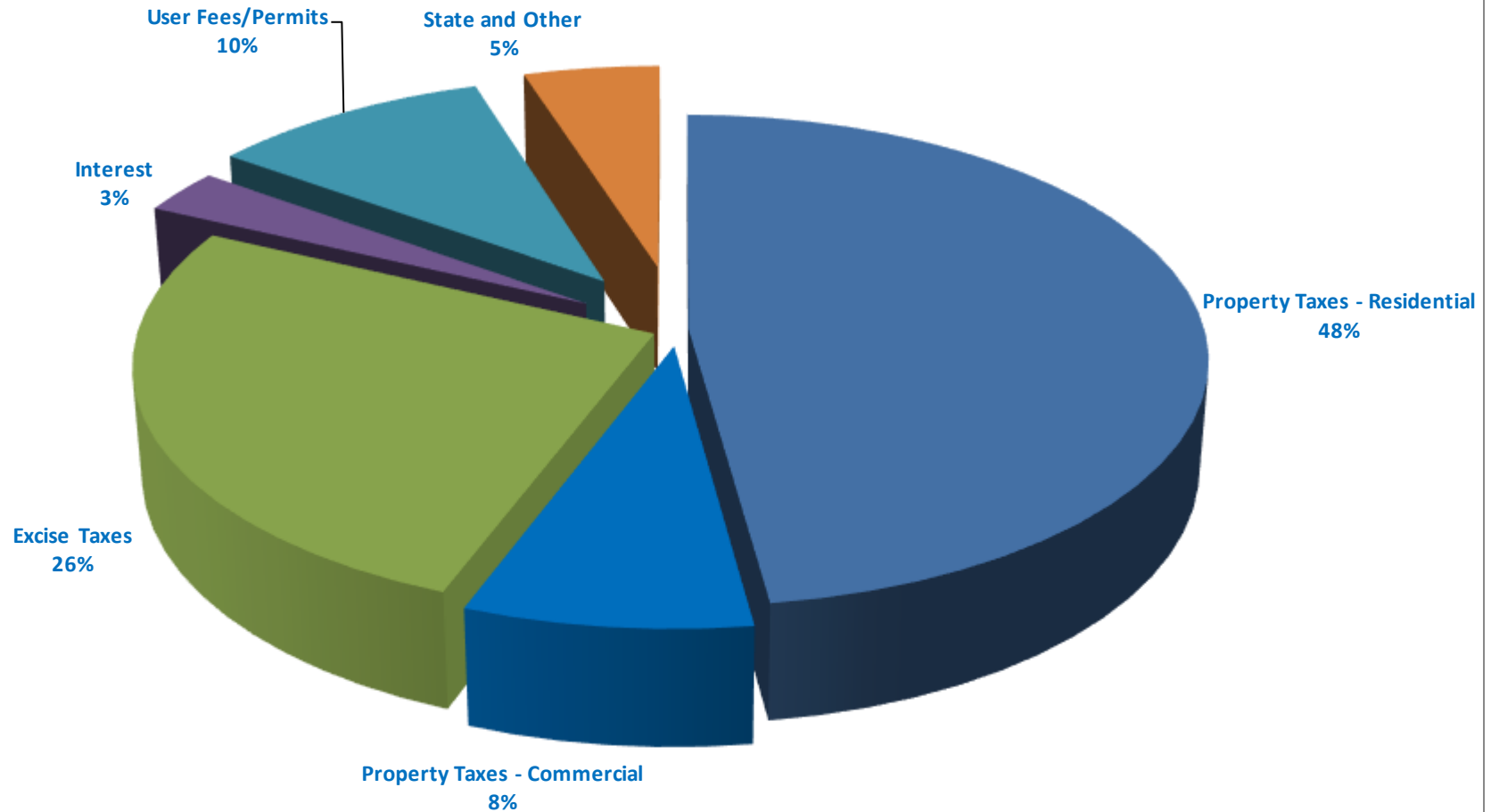
Job Title	FTE			
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Library Director	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Assistant Director/Cataloger	0.750	0.750	0.750	0.750
Adult Services	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Youth Services	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Children's Assistant/Library Assistant	0.500	0.500	0.540	0.500
Circulation Manager	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Library Assistants	2.460	1.200	1.560	2.380
Communications/Reference Assistant	0.475	0.475	0.475	0.300
Bookkeeper/Adm Assist/Library Assistant	0.750	0.750	0.830	0.750
Technology Assistant	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.935</b>	<b>7.675</b>	<b>8.155</b>	<b>8.680</b>

# SUMMARY: Mil Rate Impact

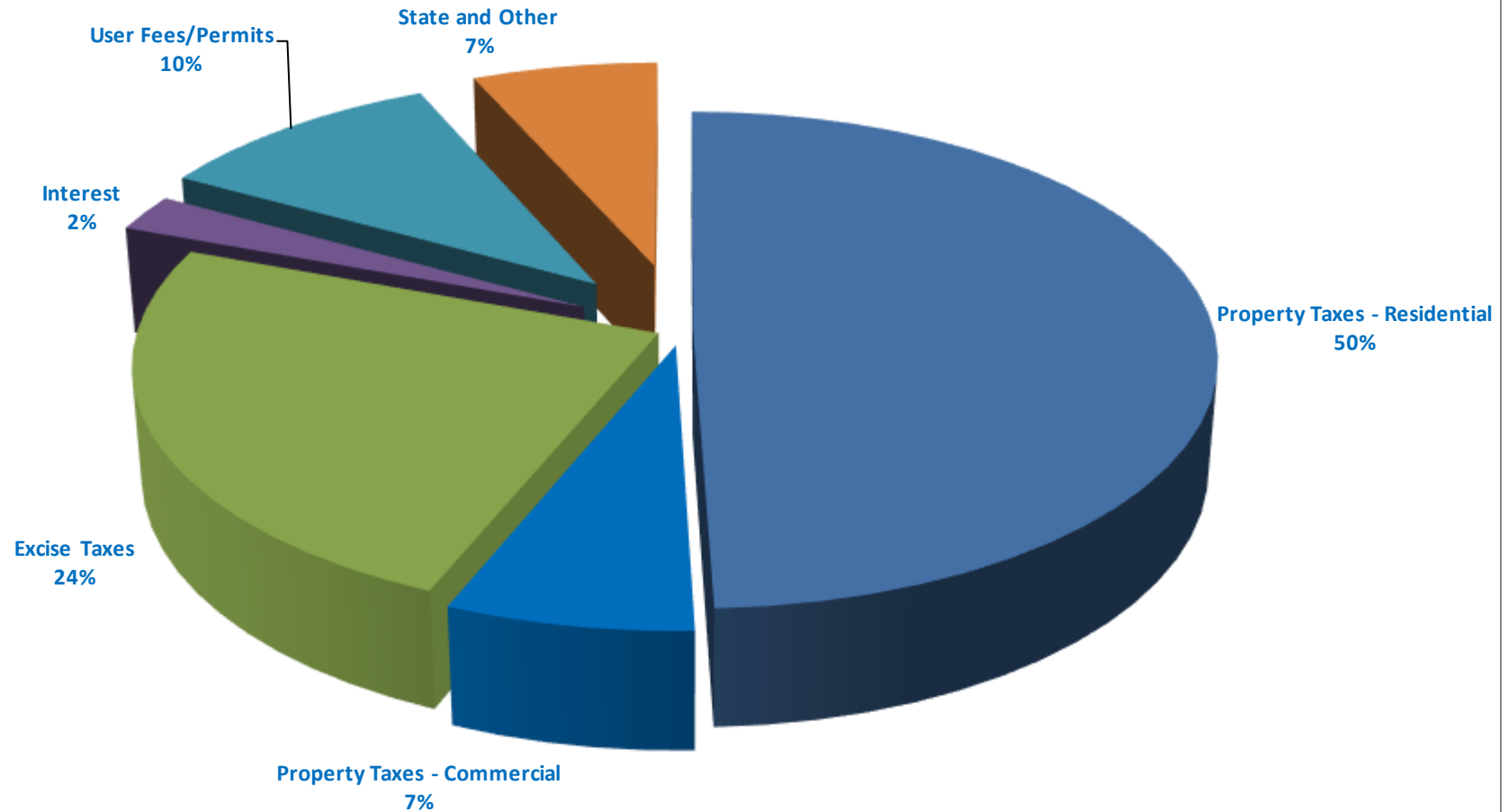
MUNICIPAL ONLY (Excludes School and County)

Net Expense Increase	261,467	0.11
Decreased Revenue	181,791	0.08
Municipal Share of New Added Valuation	(94,129)	<u>(0.04)</u>
Total Mil Rate Impact		0.15

## Town of Falmouth FY20 Sources of Revenue

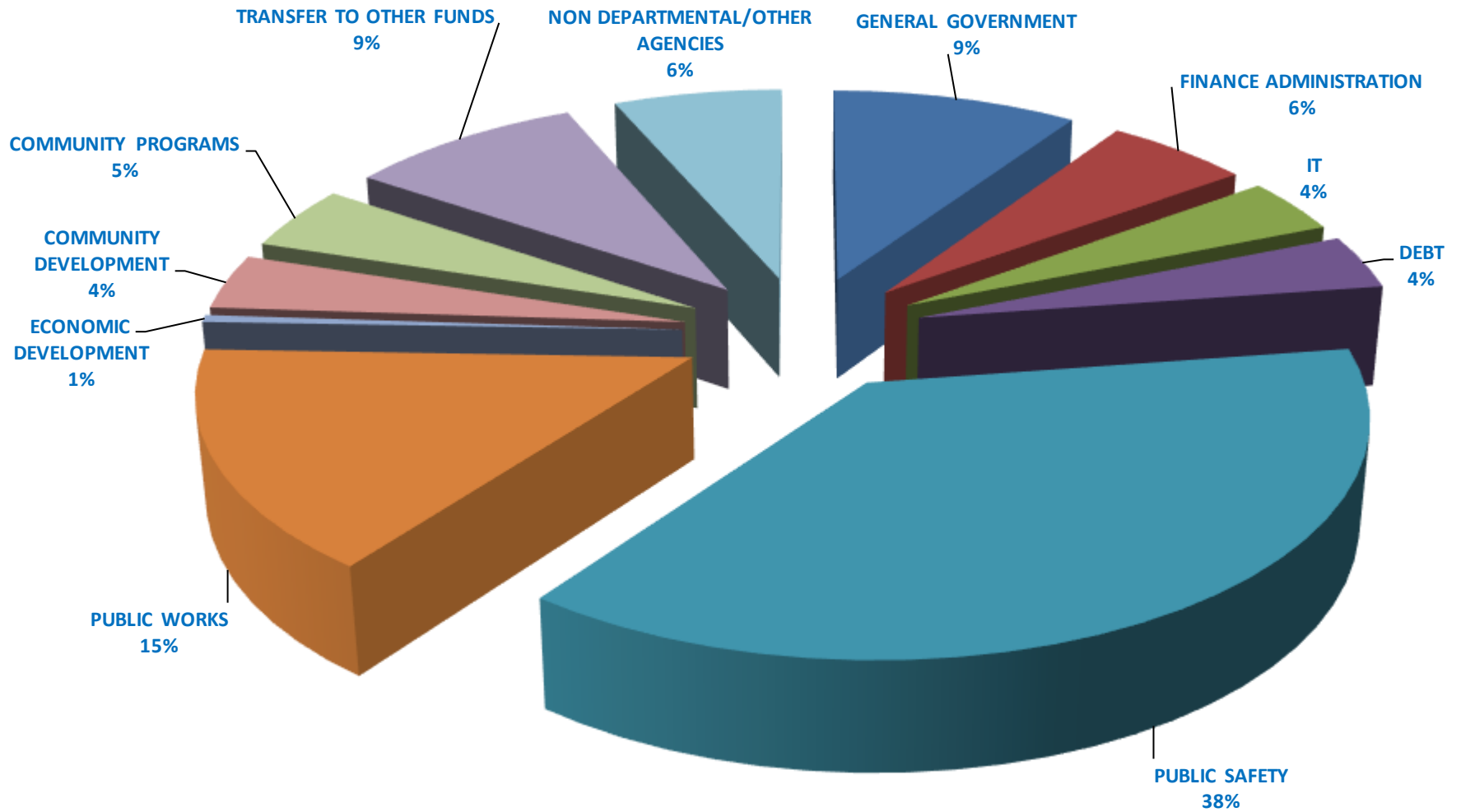


## Town of Falmouth FY21 Sources of Revenue

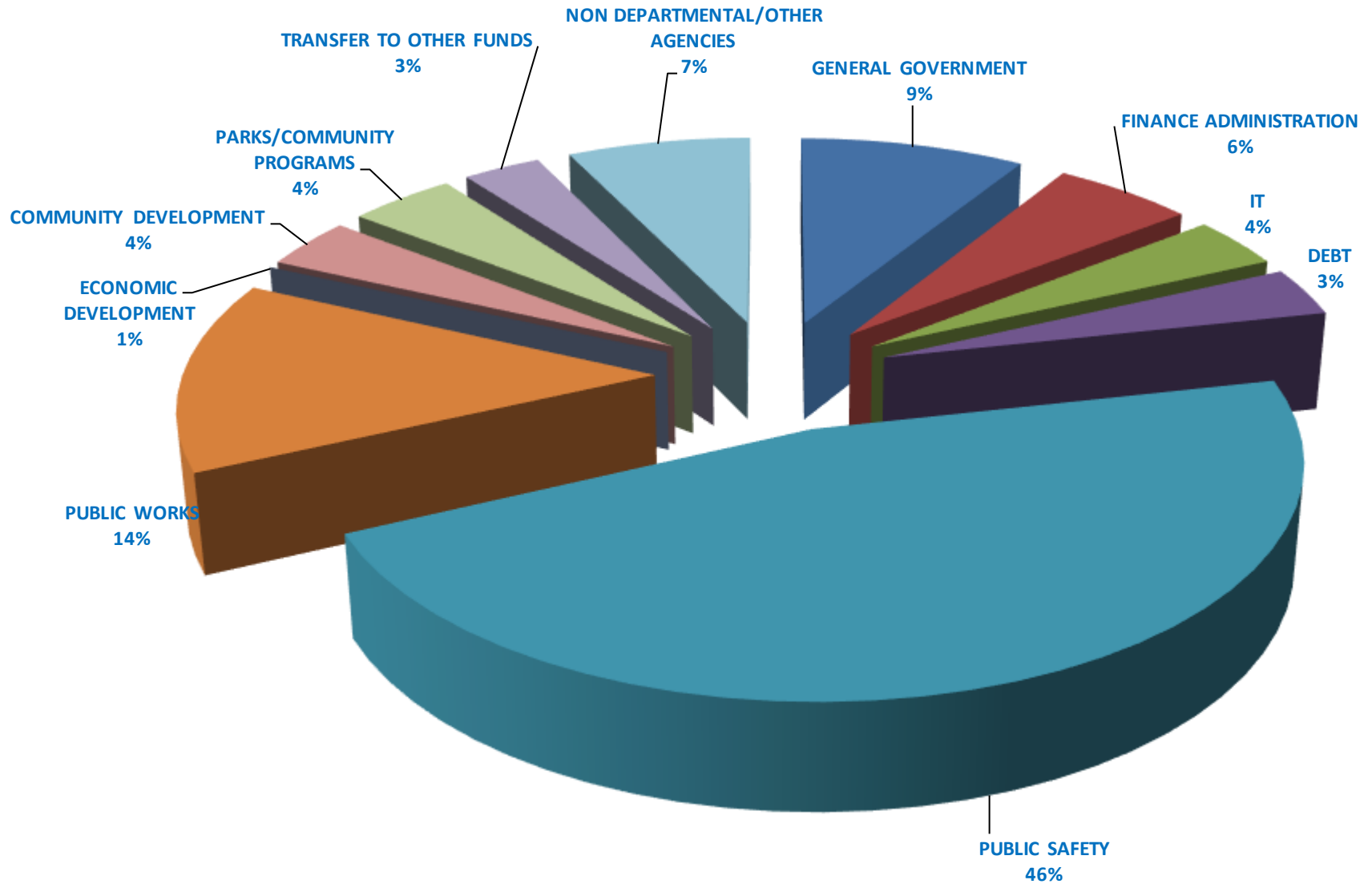




## Town of Falmouth FY20 Budget



## Town of Falmouth FY21 Budget



# Wastewater FY21 Budget

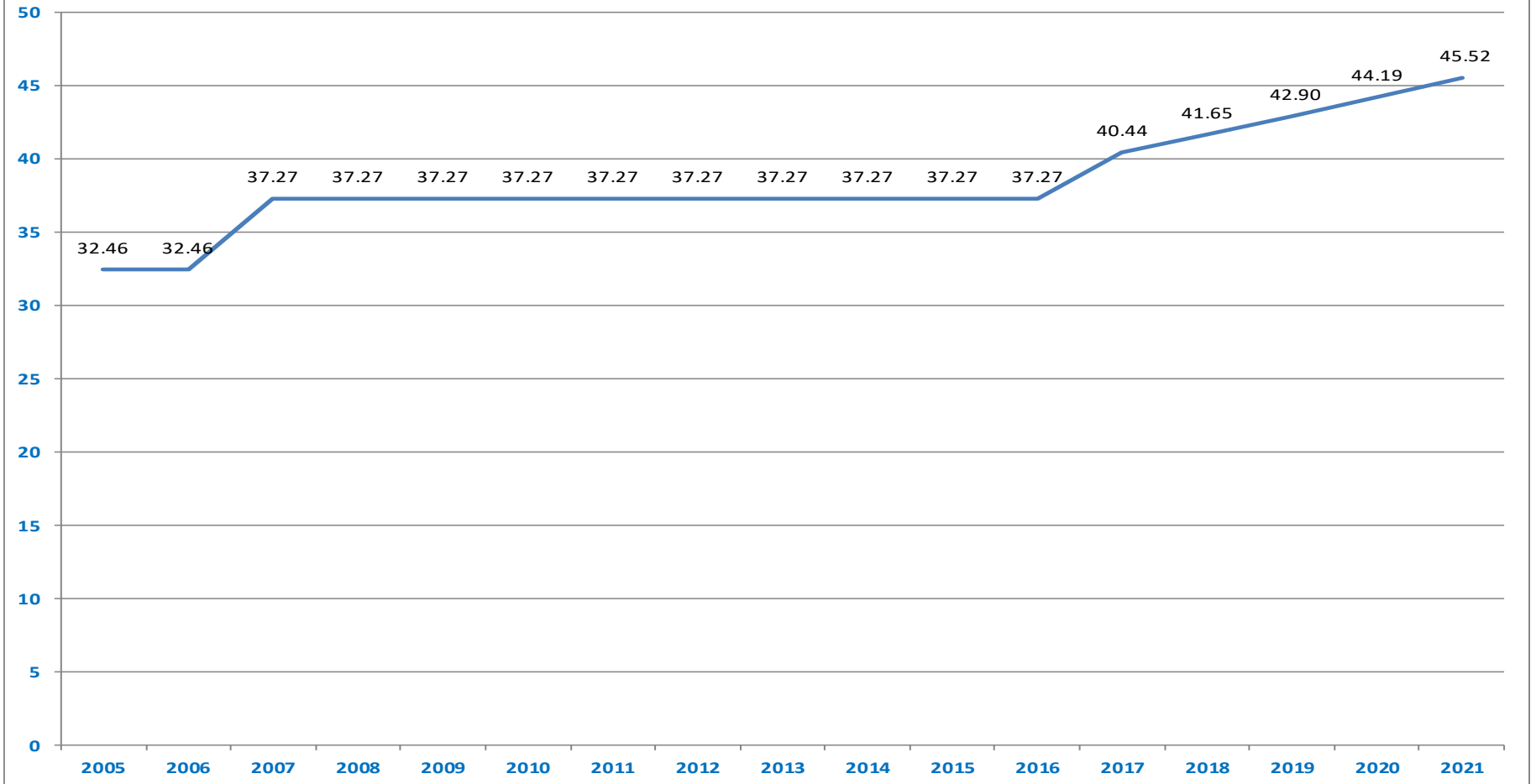
- ▶ Proposed Operating Expense of \$2,771,291 is \$362,984 or 16.6% higher than the FY20 Budget
  - Increase Debt Service for West Falmouth Sewer expansion of \$333,174 is the majority of the increase
  - Excluding Debt Service, increase is \$29,810 or 1.24%
  - Budget and projected fund balance is consistent with 10-year rate plan

Budget includes a 3% user rate increase from \$44.19 to \$45.51

## WASTEWATER FY21 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET

Cost center	FY 20-21	Notes
<b>Treatment Plant</b>		
Plant equipment replacement	\$15,000	General replacement of pumps and equipment at the treatment plant due to unexpected failure
Security Improvements	\$67,000	Needed security enhancements resulting from PD security audit
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$82,000</b>	
<b>Falmouth Only Sewers and Equipment</b>		
Infiltration reduction	\$50,000	Flow assessment, smoke testing, rehabilitation work to reduce peak flows.
Jet flushing machine	\$110,000	Proposal provides funds to replace 1995 sewer cleaning /jet flushing machine
ROW clearing	\$10,000	Restore Webes Creek ROW
Computers and network	\$8,000	Contribution to Town computer/software/network replacement
Quickview Camera System	\$9,000	New sewer video camera system, shared cost with Public Works Department
Carol Street lining	\$125,000	Install pvc lining in 1,600 feet of clay sewer on Carol Street
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$312,000</b>	
<b>Falmouth Only Pump Stations</b>		
Middle Road, Standby Generator	\$30,000	Proposal funds new generator at Middle Road pump station
Misc. improvements	\$50,000	General replacement and rehab at any of 29 pump stations that solely serve Falmouth
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	
<b>Total FY2021 Spending</b>	<b>\$474,000</b>	

## Falmouth Monthly Sewer Rates



16-year average sewer rate growth = 2.2%

2029 Average Maine Town and City Sewer Rate = \$60.13

20120Falmouth Sewer Rate = \$45.52 a difference of \$14.61

# Wastewater Rate Comparison

Municipality	Date Last Increase	% Increase	Annual Rate	Monthly Rate
Augusta	2019	-29.0%	\$ 348.96	\$ 29.08
Scarborough	2020	2.0%	\$ 396.00	\$ 34.00
Auburn	2016	15.0%	\$ 441.44	\$ 36.79
Kennebunkport	2018	3.0%	\$ 456.00	\$ 38.00
North Berwick	2018	10.0%	\$ 528.00	\$ 44.00
Curent Falmouth	2019	3.0%	\$ 530.28	\$ 44.19
Proposed Falmouth	2020	3.0%	\$ 546.19	\$ 45.52
Wells	2013	3.8%	\$ 610.00	\$ 50.83
South Portland	2019	1.8%	\$ 651.48	\$ 54.29
Gardiner	2018	4.0%	\$ 694.72	\$ 57.89
Sanford	2016	2.7%	\$ 700.00	\$ 58.33
Ogunquit	2015	4.0%	\$ 748.00	\$ 62.33
York	2018	7.0%	\$ 768.48	\$ 64.04
Windham	2018		\$ 797.52	\$ 66.46
Kennebunk	2019	3.4%	\$ 800.04	\$ 66.67
Westbrook	2020		\$ 928.20	\$ 77.35
Gorham	2018		\$ 877.44	\$ 73.12
Cumberland	2018		\$ 1,068.36	\$ 89.03
Cape Elizabeth	2018		\$ 1,237.44	\$ 103.12
Portland	2019		\$ 1,302.96	\$ 108.58
Average			\$ 721.58	\$ 60.18
Median				\$ 58.33

# Property Mil Rate Calculation 2020-21

## Projected Valuation Numbers

### Proposed Budget

	Town	School	County	Total	TIF	TOTAL
Expenditures	13,811,233	39,477,027	1,819,618	55,107,878	3,440,109	58,547,987
Overlay	20,093	-	-	20,093	-	20,093
Non-tax revenues	(6,056,254)	(8,940,853)	-	(14,997,107)	-	(14,997,107)
Net from property taxes	7,775,072	30,536,174	1,819,618	40,130,864	3,440,109	43,570,973
2020-21 valuation (thousands)*		2,353,228.1			201,977.8	2,555,205.9
2019-20 valuation (thousands)*		2,329,450.3			198,977.8	2,528,428.1
Valuation Growth		1.0%			1.5%	1.1%
2020-21 rate (Proposed)	3.30	12.98	0.77	17.05		
2019-20 rate (Actual)	3.15	12.98	0.74	16.87		
Mil rate increase	0.15	0.00	0.03	0.18		
Pct. increase/decrease	4.8%	0.0%	4.49%	1.09%		

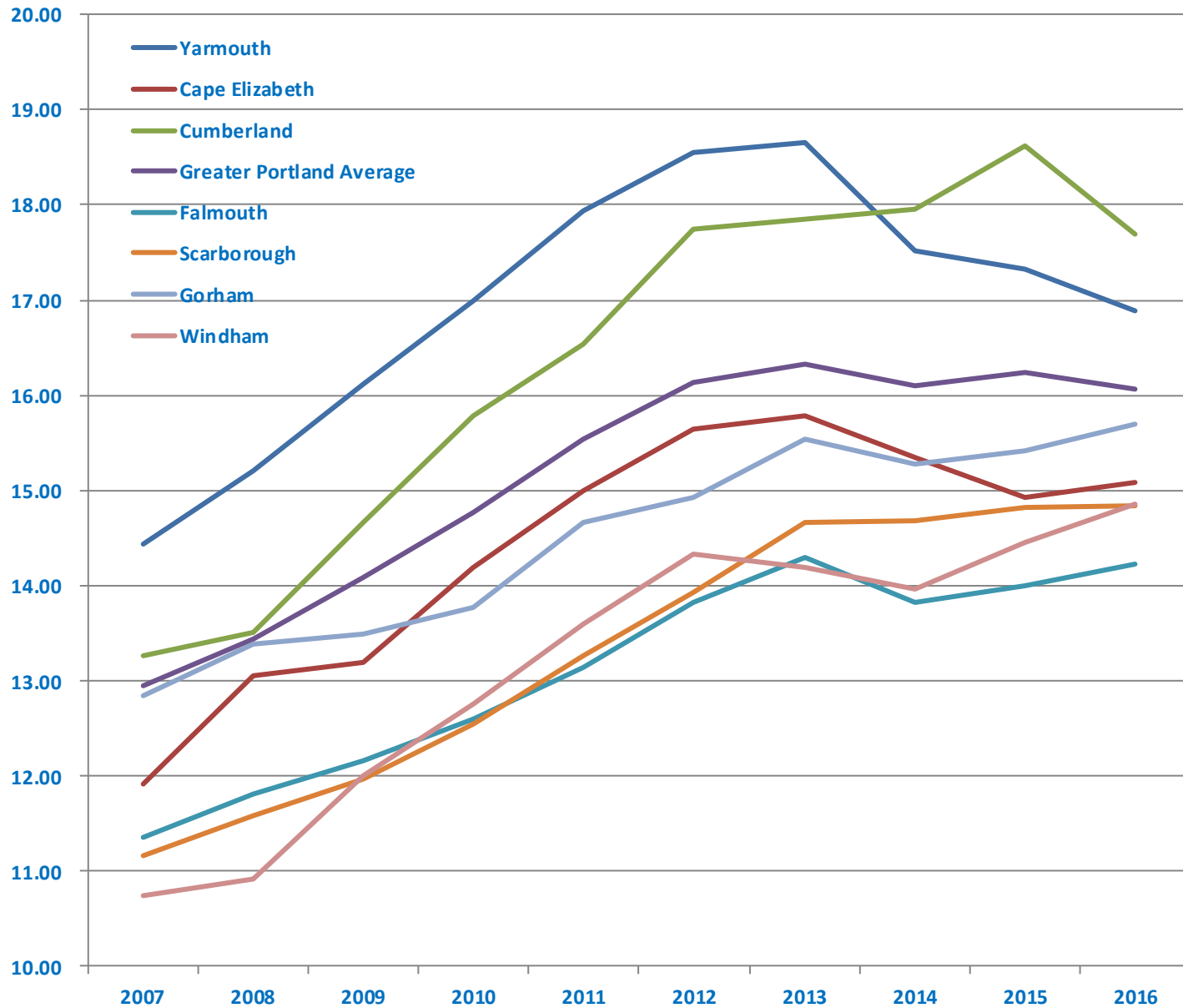
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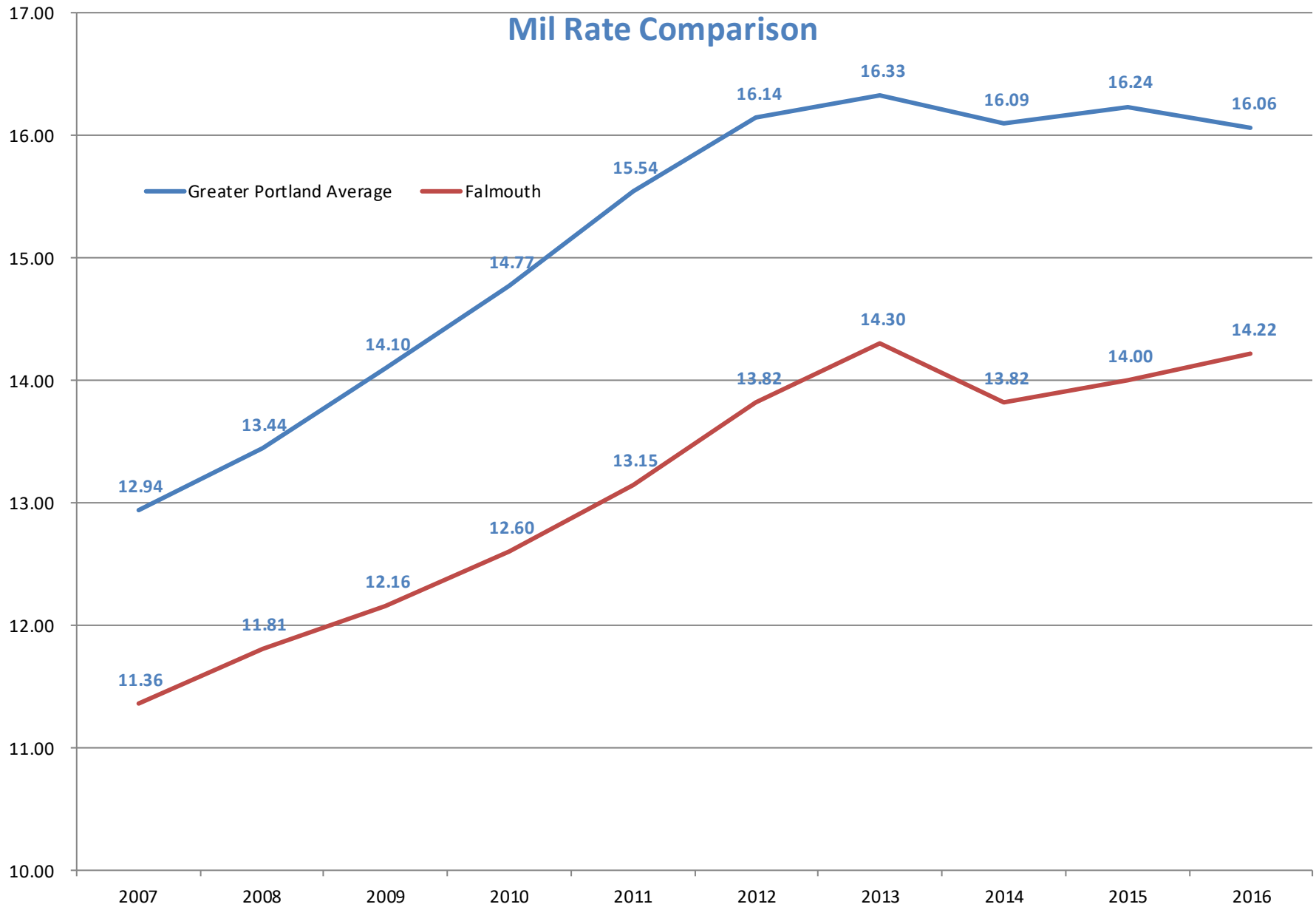
- ▶ AAA Bond Rating S&P
- ▶ Aaa Bond Rating Moodys
- ▶ Town Debt Outstanding = \$43.1 Million
  - Town Debt \$4.2 Million
  - School Debt (Local) \$7.0 Million
  - School Debt (State) \$20.1 Million
  - TIF Debt \$11.8 Million
  - Maximum Town Debt Limit = \$380 Million
- ▶ Lowest overall property tax mil rate of comparable communities (using 2016 state-adjusted valuations)
  - Falmouth 2016 rate = \$14.22 mils
  - Greater Portland Community average = \$16.06 mils



## Greater Portland Mil Rate Comparison



## Mil Rate Comparison



## MIL RATE HISTORY

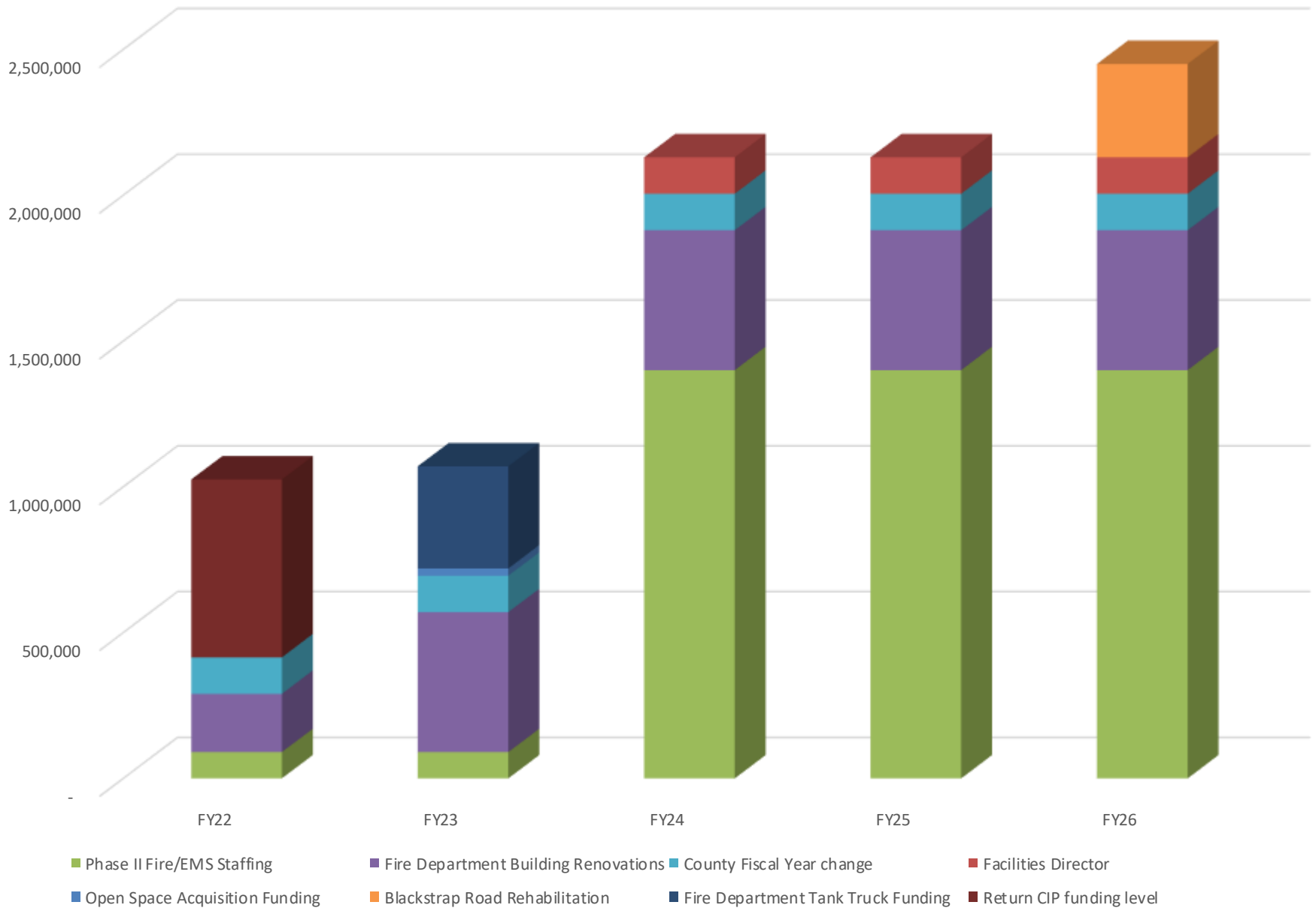
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Mil Rate	12.35	12.35	12.35	12.92	13.43	14.12	14.10 \$	14.63 \$	15.09	15.62	16.47	16.87	17.05
Avg Mil Rate Increase \$	0.392												
Compound Annual Growth Rate	2.73%												

## 5-YEAR MIL RATE DRIVERS

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
Open Space Acquisition Funding		25,000			
Return CIP funding level	610,000				
Phase II Fire/EMS Staffing	90,000	90,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Fire Department Tank Truck Funding		350,000			
Fire Department Building Renovations	200,000	480,000	480,000	480,000	480,000
County Fiscal Year change	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Facilities Director			125,000	125,000	125,000
Blackstrap Road Rehabilitation					320,000
Total	1,025,000	1,070,000	2,130,000	2,130,000	2,450,000
Valuation	2,394,148	2,418,089	2,442,270	2,466,693	2,491,360
Mil Rate Impact	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.98
Change From Prior Year	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.43	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.12

Average mil rate increase for the 5 year period = \$.20

## 5-YEAR MIL RATE DRIVERS

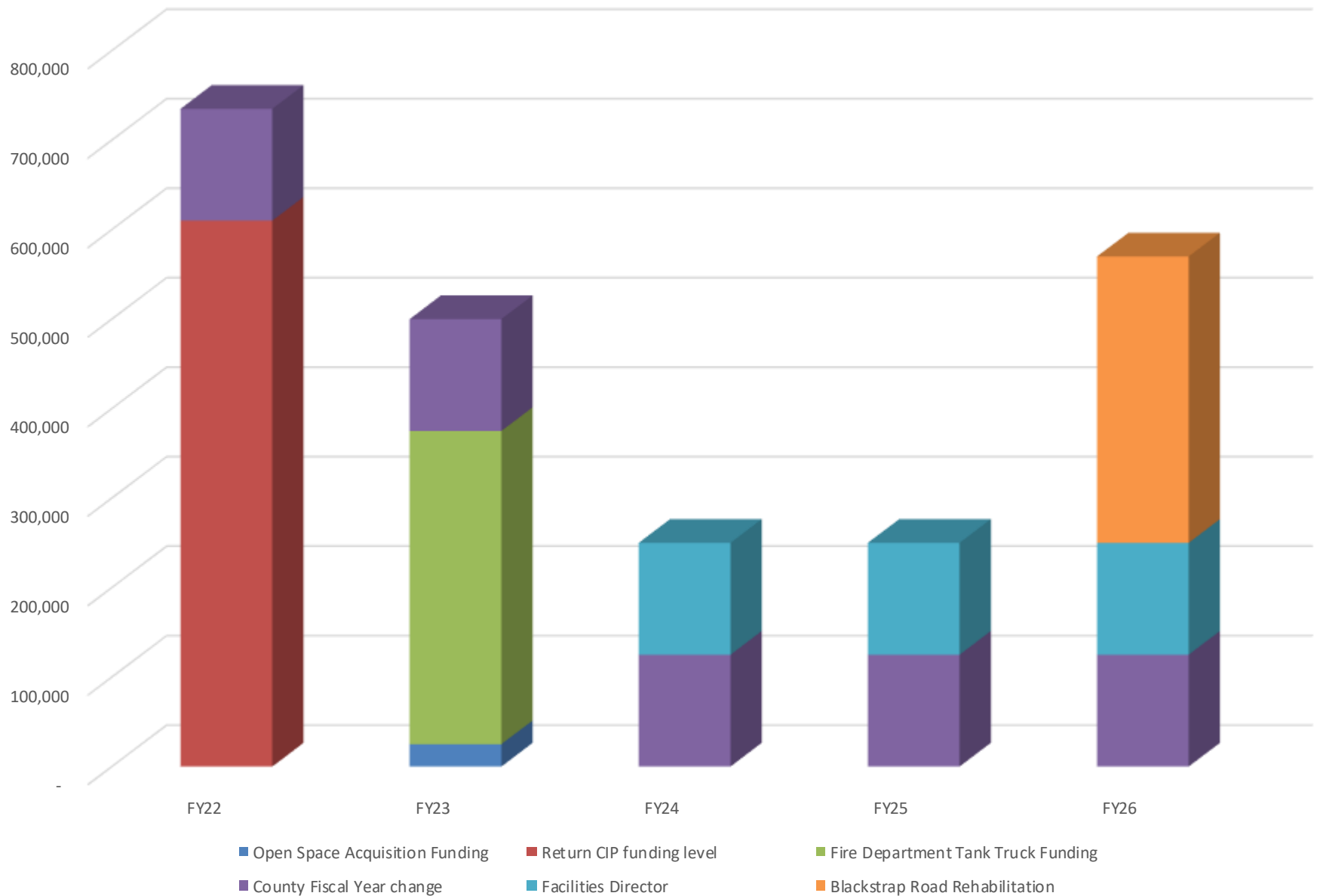


## 5-YEAR MIL RATE DRIVERS - Excludes Fire/EMS Changes

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
Open Space Acquisition Funding		25,000			
Return CIP funding level	610,000				
Fire Department Tank Truck Funding		350,000			
County Fiscal Year change	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Facilities Director			125,000	125,000	125,000
Blackstrap Road Rehabilitation					320,000
Total	735,000	500,000	250,000	250,000	570,000
Valuation	2,394,148	2,418,089	2,442,270	2,466,693	2,491,360
Mil Rate Impact	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.23
Change From Prior Year	\$ 0.31	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.13

Average mil rate increase for the 5 year period = \$.05

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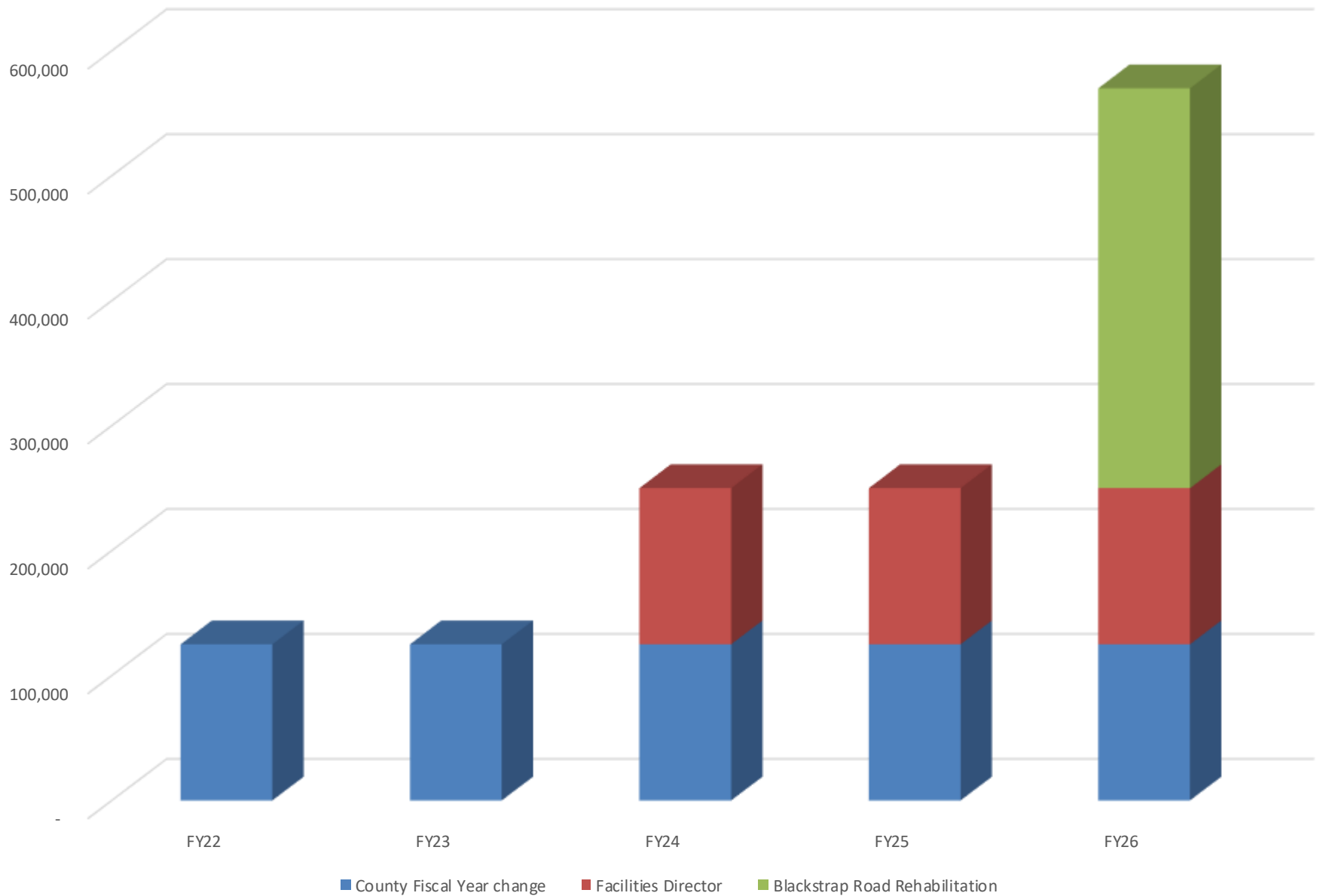
## 5-YEAR MIL RATE DRIVERS - Excludes Fire/EMS Change & COVID-19

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Facilities Director			125,000	125,000	125,000
Blackstrap Road Rehabilitation					320,000
Total	125,000	125,000	250,000	250,000	570,000
Valuation	2,394,148	2,418,089	2,442,270	2,466,693	2,491,360
Mil Rate Impact	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.23
Change From Prior Year	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.13

Average mil rate increase for the 5 year period = \$.05



## 5-YEAR MIL RATE DRIVERS - Excludes Fire/EMS Change & COVID-19



# Questions & Discussion