

CITY COUNCIL

TOWN HALL

PARAMEDICS AND PAVEMENT



Paramedics and Pavement: Town Hall Agenda

- **6-6:10 pm:** Mayor Provides Opening Remarks
- **6:10-6:30 pm:** Challenges and Solutions
 - City Manager Jody Andrews, Fire Chief Erik Birk, and Public Works and Utilities Director Paul Knippel
- **6:30-7:30 pm:** Workshop and Small Group Discussion
- **7:30-8 pm:** Group Report Out
- **8 pm:** Meeting concludes

Why We're Here Tonight

- **Community conversation about funding for emergency services and neighborhood streets**
- **City will present the facts and listen to residents**
- **Explore solutions together, including a 0.4% sales tax**



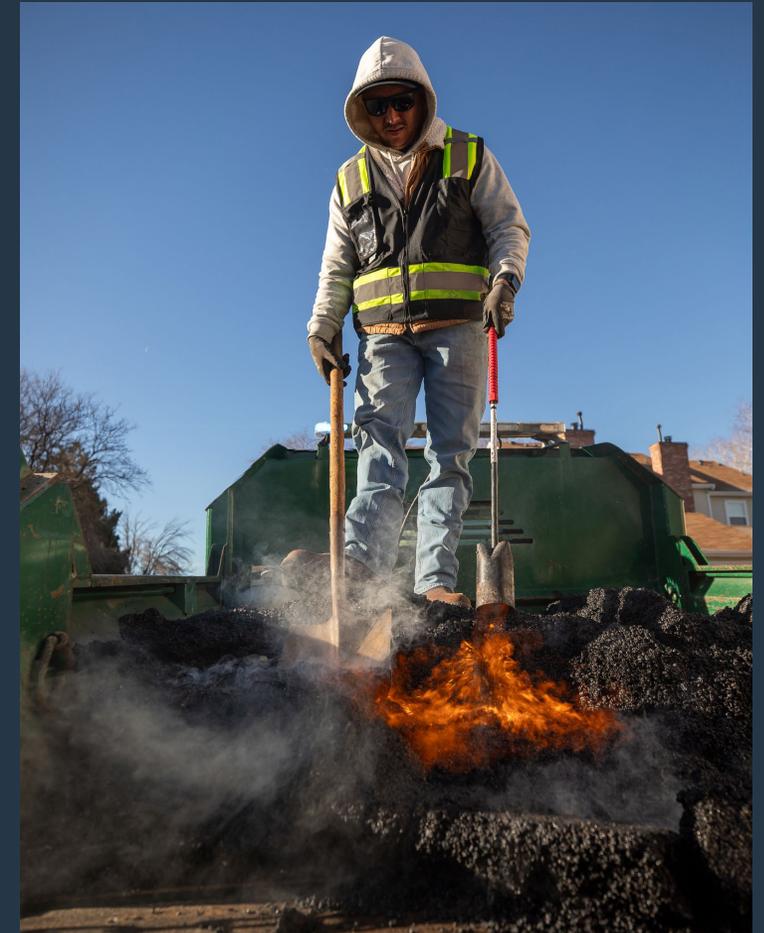
What We Heard Last Year

- **No to 0.5% Sales Tax Increase**
- *"Not now and do more with what you have"*
- *We listened. We went back to the drawing board. We tightened our belts and got leaner.*



What We've Been Doing Since

- **Turning over every stone to address needs within existing budget**
- **Saved \$3M by reassigning or repurposing Staff**
- **Repurposed development fees called Urban Renewal Area funds and dedicated \$38M for construction of a northside fire station**
- **Reviewing roadway improvement fees for commercial and heavy trucks**
- **Delivering for residents today and planning for the future – at the same time**



NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS: IT'S GOING TO GET ROUGHER UNLESS WE ACT

Total Street Approach

- Better Traffic Flow
- Asphalt Pavement
- Concrete Sidewalks, Curb, and Gutter
- Traffic Signals & Streetlights
- Traffic Calming & Mobility



Fair – Not Good – Neighborhood Streets

Current average neighborhood street is 43 PQI



Vrain St and 90th Ave (Northridge)
(PQI = 42)



Irving St and 75th Ave (Historic Westminster)
(PQI = 74)



100th Dr. & Oak St. (Countryside)
(PQI = 83)

Neighborhood
Average



Failed



Poor



Fair



Good



Excellent

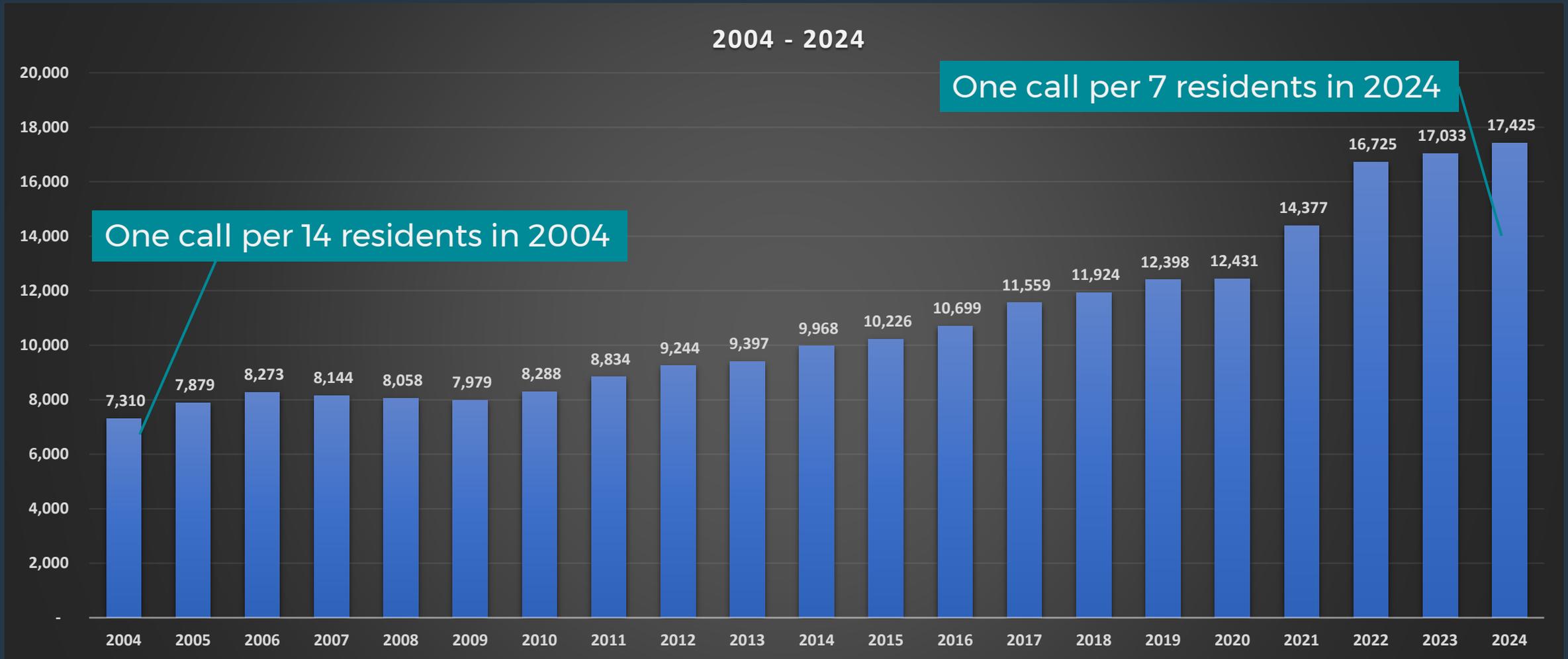


Pave – Not Just Patch – Neighborhood Streets

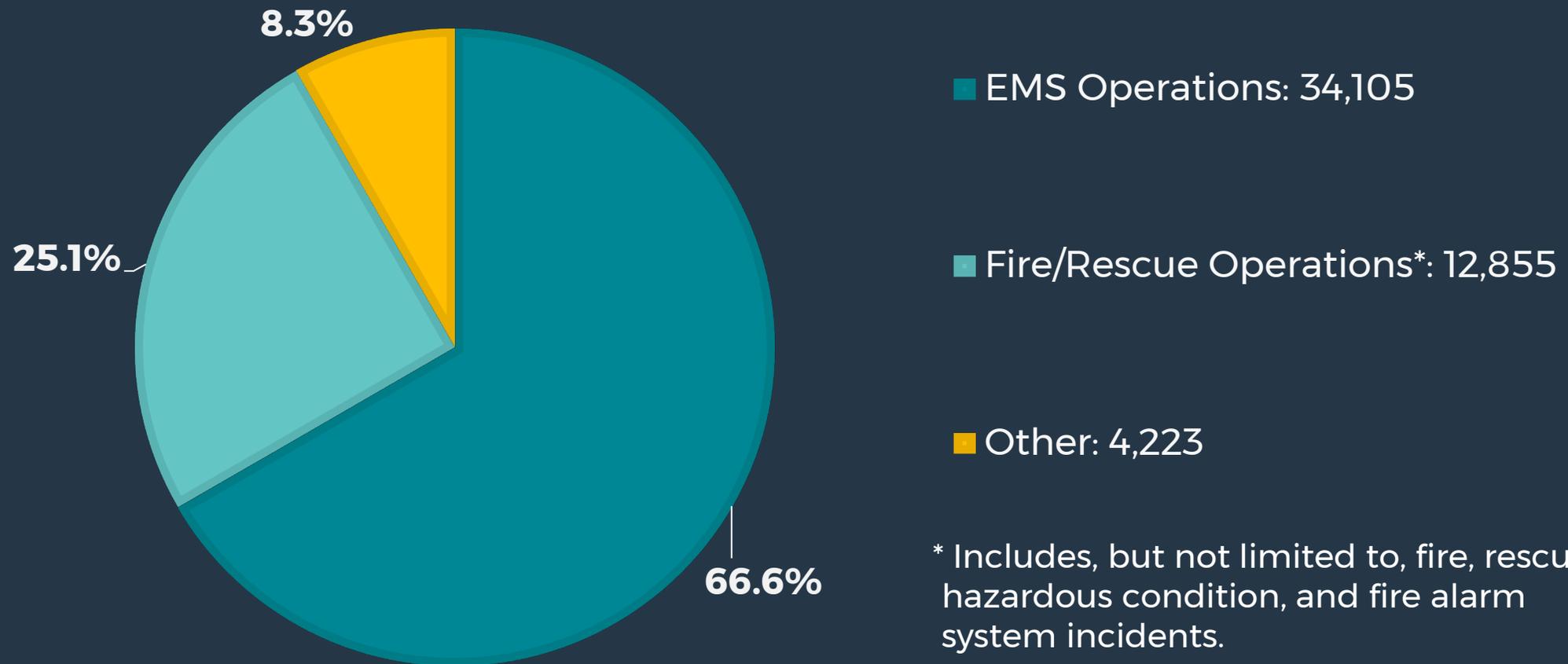


EMERGENCY SERVICES: PARAMEDICS AND FIREFIGHTERS

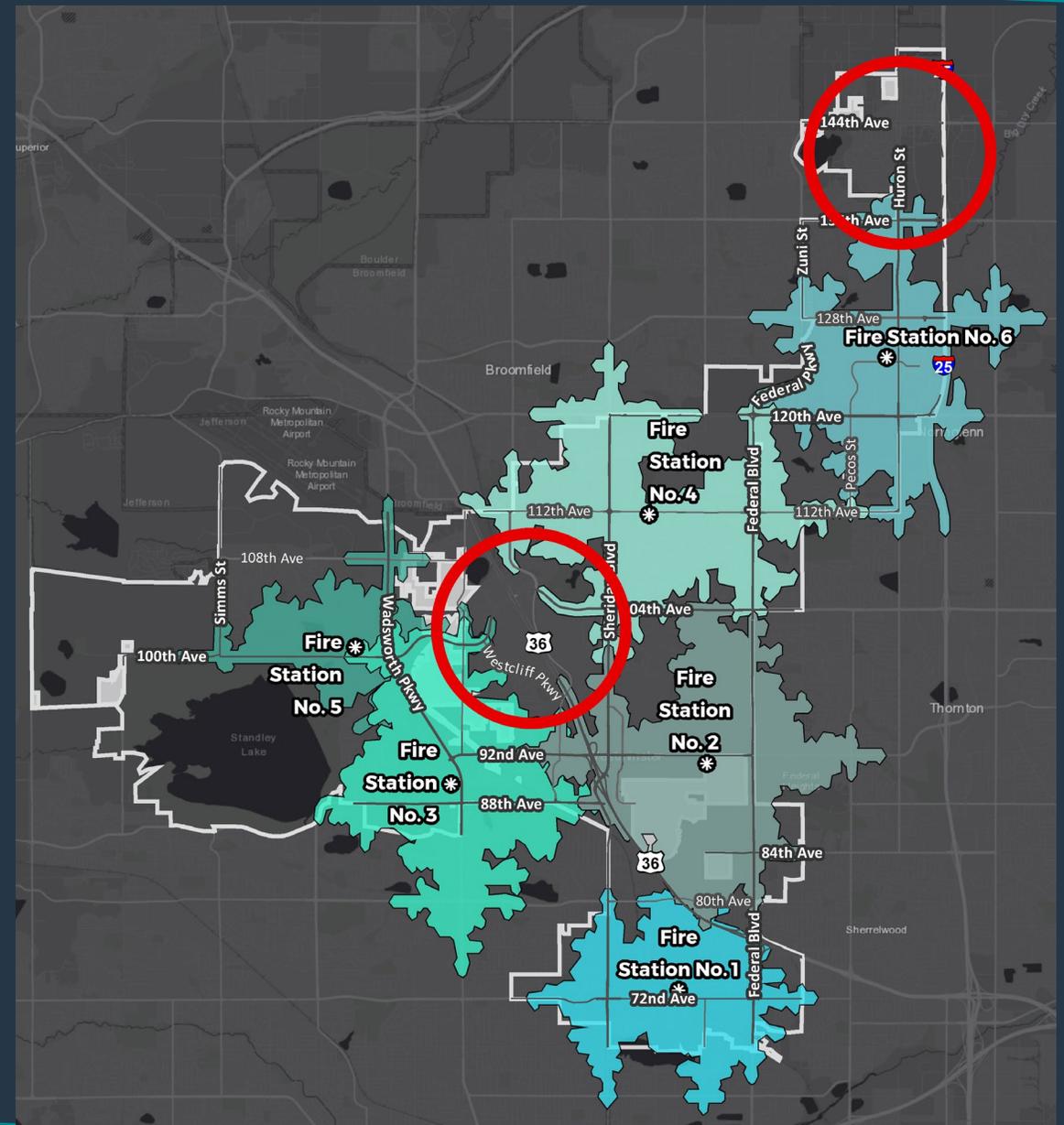
911 Calls Have Doubled Since 2004



Our Community Is Aging and 2/3 of Calls Are For Medical Care



Service Gap Areas in Central and North Westminster



Newest Station is Nearly 40 Years Old

- Station 1 – ~1949 (Re-built 1969)
- Station 2 – 1961 (Re-built 2003)
- Station 3 - Built 1976
- Station 4 - Built 1980
- Station 5 - Built 1981
- Station 6 - Built 1987
- Training Tower – 1998
- Fire HQ Co-located at Public Safety Center - 2002



Original Fire Station 1 – Circa 1949



Station 6 – 1987

Photos Courtesy of 5280fire.com

We Can Solve This Challenge *Together*

Westminster vs. Neighbors

Adams County

State: 2.9%

RTD: 1%

Cultural: 0.1%

County: 0.75%

City: 3.85%

Total: 8.60%

Jefferson County

State: 2.9%

RTD: 1%

Cultural: 0.1%

County: 0.5%

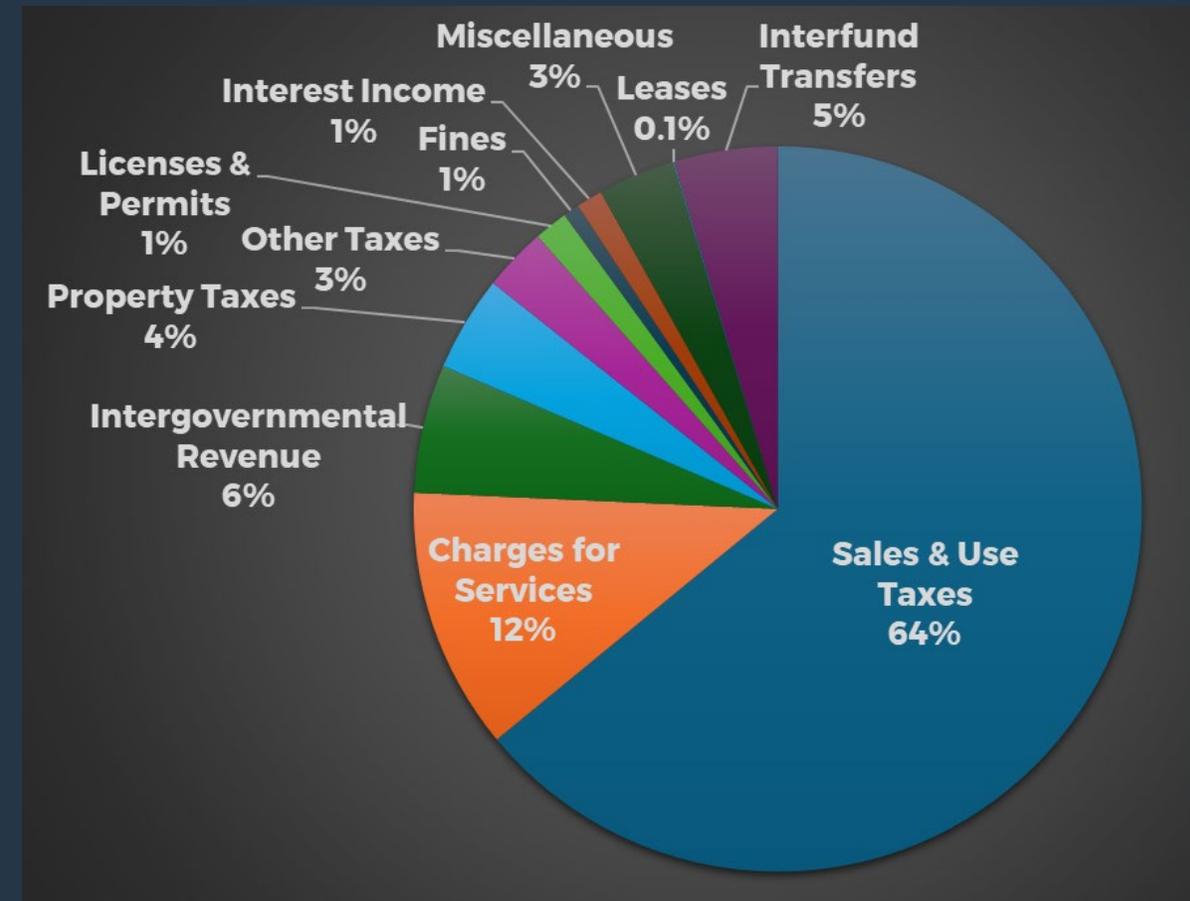
City: 3.85%

Total: 8.35%

City	Sales & Use Tax Rate	Accommodation Tax (Lodger's Tax)	Marijuana Tax	Property Tax (City Mills)	Property (Fire Mills)	Total Property Tax	\$500K House Would Pay
Westminster	3.85%	7%	-	3.65	-	3.65	\$108.82
Aurora	3.75%	8%	7.75%	6.61	-	6.613	\$197.17
Thornton	3.75%	7%	8.75%	10.2	-	10.21	\$304.41
Boulder	3.86%	7.5%	7.36%	11.6	-	11.648	\$347.41
Arvada	3.46%	2%	-	4.31	14.8	19.123	\$570.15
Fort Collins	4.35%	3%	4.35%	9.8	11	20.844	\$621.46
Broomfield (City)	4.15%	1.6%	4.0%	11.5	14.7	26.13	\$779.07
Northglenn	4.0%	5%	4.0%	11.6	14.7	26.27	\$783.24

Westminster Residents Supported Sales Tax, not Property Tax

- **66% of Residents Surveyed Supported Sales Tax Proposal**
- **32% of Residents Surveyed Supported Property + Sales Tax Combination**
- **7% of Residents Surveyed Supported Property Tax Only**



0.4% Helps Close the Gap

We Pay

- Would bring City sales tax from **3.85% + 0.4% = 4.25%**
- 0.4% increase = 4¢ on \$10 purchase
- For average family of four: \$10/month

We Get

- New central fire station
- More paramedics and firefighters for north and central fire stations (fills service gap)
- Rebuilt Fire Station #3 (serving the west side)
- Additional \$2M dedicated to neighborhood streets annually

0.4% is a Great Start

- **Fire Training Center Will Be Funded Separately**
- **Fire Headquarters Is Not Currently Funded**
- **Fire Stations 1 (Historic Westminster) and 4 (Cotton Creek/108th Avenue) Still Need to Be Modernized**
- **Annual Gap in Funding for Roadways Reduced But More Needs to Be Done**

Discussion Topics

- How is the City doing with respect to finding solutions to the funding gap for neighborhood streets and emergency services?
- What do think the City is doing well in this regard? Are there any opportunities we've missed that we should be considering?
- Do you have all the information you need to be informed on this issue? What additional information would be helpful?
- At this current moment, would you support a potential 0.4% sales tax increase to fund neighborhood streets and emergency services? If not, what would be an alternative solution to address the City's outstanding funding gap? Please provide concrete examples, if possible.

Consider spending 10 minutes or less per question to ensure all questions can be discussed.

What was discussed?

Could a representative from each table report on the group's discussion?

Thank you for joining this us this evening

Please complete
4-question survey
on your way out.

We value your feedback.

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