

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THE TERM "TRUTH IN TAXATION" A LOT LATELY. SO WHAT IS IT?

Enacted in 1985, Utah's Truth in Taxation Law is meant to help taxpayers. It requires cities wanting to collect more revenue from property taxes to hold a public hearing. **Fruit Heights City will hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing on Tuesday, August 16, at 7 p.m.**

Property taxes can be difficult to understand. For that reason, we want to provide answers to some common questions about property taxes in Fruit Heights.

Q Why does the City need more money?

It is the responsibility of the City to maintain essential services and infrastructure, as well as make improvements to our City. The cost of providing these basic services has increased significantly. Just as everyone has experienced recently, the City's purchasing power has declined as costs to complete routine tasks have gone up. For example, costs for water pipes, valves, hydrants, meters and storm drains have gone up. As have the costs for concrete pipes and boxes, concrete for sidewalks, curbs and gutter, and asphalt for roadwork.

Another consideration this year is a city cemetery. Many residents have requested this service. The City has researched and created a plan for the initial stages and phases of a cemetery. If residents would like to see the cemetery move forward, the next steps require funding as the project moves forward.

Q My home value has gone up, so isn't the City already getting more money?

No. The City receives the same dollar amount as the year before. As property values go up, the tax rate, which brings revenue to the City, goes down. This guarantees cities receive the same revenue as the year before, but not more. Cities needing more revenue must then hold a Truth in Taxation hearing.

Q Who determines my property value & how much I pay?

The County Assessor determines the value of your home. In Utah, there is a 45% exemption rate on primary residential properties. Homeowners pay taxes on 55% of the assessed value of their home.

Q Where does money from my property taxes go?

About 60% of your property taxes go to the Davis County School District. The remaining 40% is divided between Davis County, Fruit Heights City, and Special Service Districts.

Q How does Fruit Heights City use my property tax money?

Revenue from property taxes goes into the City's general fund which pays for services such as Davis County Sheriff, Farmington Fire, parks, road maintenance and construction, and snow removal.

See more about Truth in Taxation on reverse side

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

More than 400 residents turned out for the National Day of Service last year. This year is shaping up to be even bigger thanks to the interest of so many willing to help.

Opportunities will be available for residents to volunteer and serve as the date draws closer. Look for more information and service opportunities at www.fruitheightscity.com or <https://americorps.gov/911-day>.



Fruit Heights Residents Volunteer During National Day of Service 2021

CHANGE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES

Starting August 1, Robinson Waste increased rates for garbage collection services. Residents should expect to see the following changes in rates:



- Rates for one garbage can will increase from \$13.40 to \$13.90 per month



- Rates for a second garbage can will increase from \$10.65 to \$11.00 per month



- Rates for a green can will increase from \$6.15 to \$6.50 per month

TRUTH IN TAXATION NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY is proposing to increase its property tax revenue.

The FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY tax on a \$727,000 residence would increase from \$581.78 to \$699.74 which is \$117.96 per year.

The FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY tax on a \$727,000 business would increase from \$1,057.79 to \$1,272.25, which is \$214.46 per year.

If the proposed budget is approved, FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY would increase its property tax budgeted revenue by 20.28% above last year's property tax budgeted revenue excluding eligible new growth.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date/Time: 8/16/2022 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fruit Heights City Hall Council Chambers
910 S. Mountain Road
Fruit Heights

To obtain more information regarding the tax increase, citizens may contact FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY at 801-546-0861.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Quail Ridge Drive: Crews began a reconstruction project of Quail Ridge Drive and 650 N. Work includes the installation of a new culinary water line, secondary water line, storm drain, and new curb and gutter. When utility work is complete, the City will repave 650 N. and Quail Ridge Drive. The project will be completed by the end of October.

Nicholls Road: New curb and gutter are being installed along the south side of Nicholls Road between 1268 E. and 1150 E. Work is anticipated to begin in late summer or early fall.

Cherry Lane: The City is replacing aging culinary water lines in Cherry Lane, and will extend around the entire length of Cherry Lane to Jost Road. The culinary water line located in Jost Road will also be replaced at this time. It is anticipated the project will be completed by late October.

Mountain Road: Weber Basin Water Conservancy District continues work to replace their aging water line in Mountain Road. It is anticipated this project will be completed by September 9.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

This summer, many residents have complained about code violations around the city, including overgrown trees in park strips, weeds and debris in neighboring yards. **Reminder, it is the responsibility of residents to maintain property to code. Tree branches must be trimmed to 12' above the street. Sidewalks and lots must be cleared of vegetation and weeds.**

After the large number of complaints this year, the City has increased code enforcement efforts. If you have questions, please contact City Hall.

ITEMS OF NOTE

SECONDARY WATER:

Secondary water providers will turn off secondary water in mid-September, if not sooner.

GREEN WASTE:

Green waste service continues through November. December 1 - March 31 the green can may be used as an additional garbage can.

STREET PARKING:

City ordinances allow for boats, trailers, RVs, and vehicles to be parked on city streets for 24 hours.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Fruit Heights City Hall
801-546-0861

Davis County Sheriff's Office
801-451-4150

Robinson Waste Collection Services
801-825-3800

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