



**CITY OF**  
**Billings** **2021 PUBLIC SAFETY MILL LEVY**  
*Securing a Safer City*

**WHY DO WE NEED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY?**



Population Growth



Increased Crime Violent/Drug Related



Increased # of Citizens w/Substance Use Disorders, Mental Illness & Homelessness



Capacity Needs in Legal/Courts



Increased Code Violations affecting Neighborhood Safety

**WHAT WILL THE OUTCOMES BE IF THE MILL LEVY PASSES?**

- ⇒ *Improved safety of neighborhoods*
- ⇒ *Improved traffic safety*
- ⇒ *Increased efficiency when responding to emergency calls*
- ⇒ *Investment in mental health and substance use disorder services*
- ⇒ *Hold criminals accountable and provide assistance to victims*
- ⇒ *Collaboration with Federal, State and County partners*

**HOW WILL THE MONEY BE USED?**

<b>Police</b>	<b>\$2,450,000</b>
• 28 FTE's – 14 Sworn officers and 14 civilian staff positions	
<b>Fire</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
• Additional hours for Medical Response Team (MRT) staffing • 2 staffed MRTs (10 FTE's) to cover peak demand days and times	
<b>Legal/Courts/Code Enforcement</b>	<b>\$1,450,000</b>
• 3 Attorneys, 1 Full Time Judge, 2 Paralegals and support staff • 3 Code enforcement officers	
<b>On Going Public Safety Needs</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>
• Additional staff and resources added in 2020 based on critical need	
<b>Mental Health &amp; Substance Use Disorder Services</b>	<b>\$ 415,000</b>
• Support for community partners providing mental health & substance use disorder services	

**HOW MUCH WILL IT COST HOMEOWNERS?**



Median House (\$217,000)

**HOW & WHEN DO I VOTE?**

**Watch for mail ballots beginning October 13th**



**Ballots must be received by November 2nd**

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