



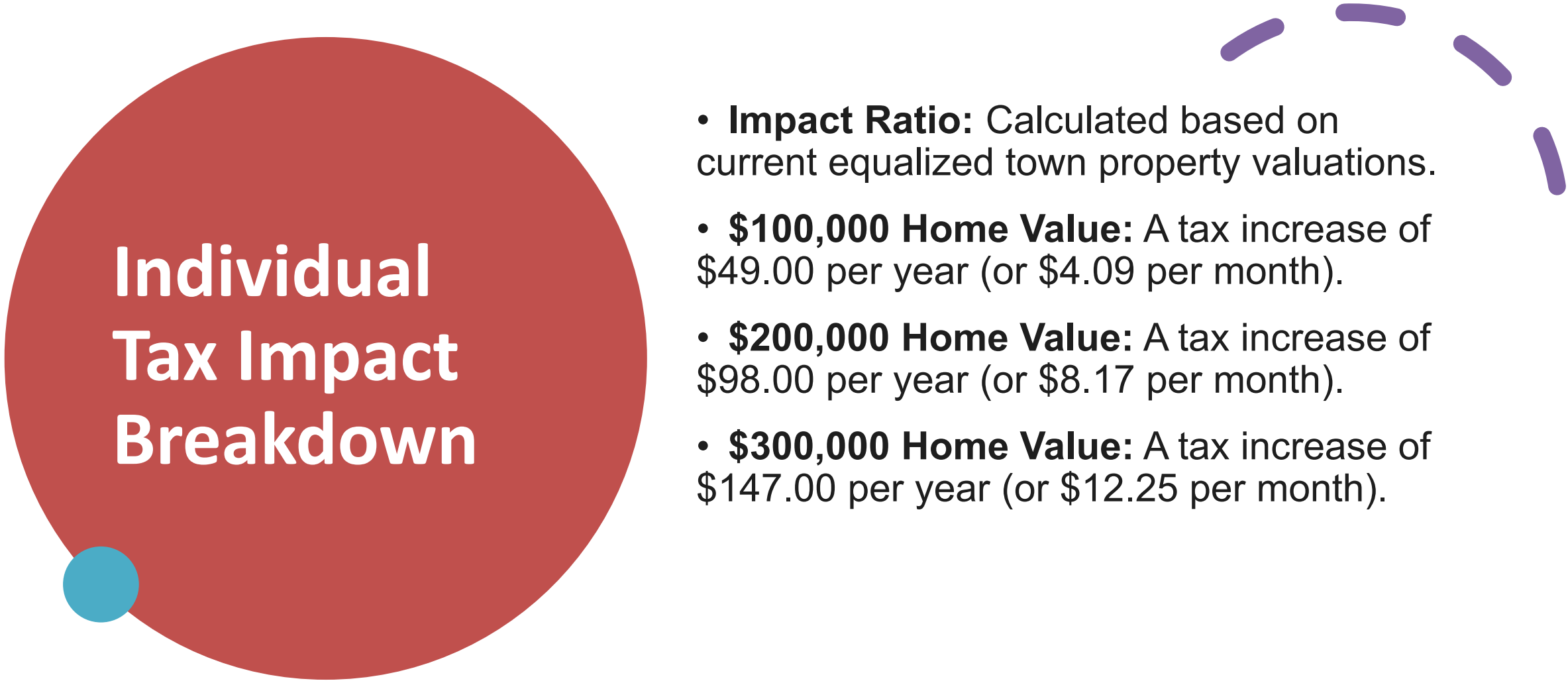
Investing in Grand Rapids 2026 Operating Referendum

Securing Our Community's Services, Safety, and Future

Referendum Vote on the November 3, 2026 Election Ballot

The Core Ballot Question

- **State Cap:** Under state law, the town's baseline 2027 levy increase is capped at \$1,888,036.
- **The Request:** Asking voters to exceed this limit by 15.89%.
- **The Additional Amount:** An ongoing increase of \$300,000 annually.
- **The Purpose:** Dedicated entirely to continuing basic town operations, including public works, police protection, fire protection, and emergency services.

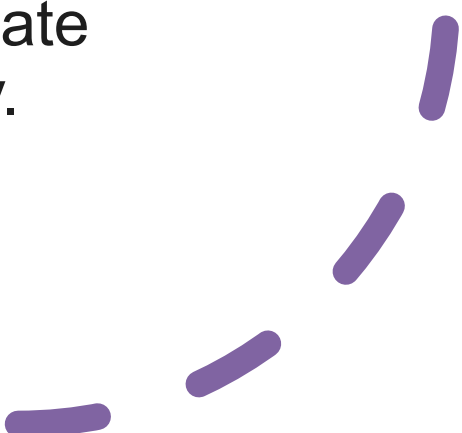


Individual Tax Impact Breakdown

- **Impact Ratio:** Calculated based on current equalized town property valuations.
- **\$100,000 Home Value:** A tax increase of \$49.00 per year (or \$4.09 per month).
- **\$200,000 Home Value:** A tax increase of \$98.00 per year (or \$8.17 per month).
- **\$300,000 Home Value:** A tax increase of \$147.00 per year (or \$12.25 per month).

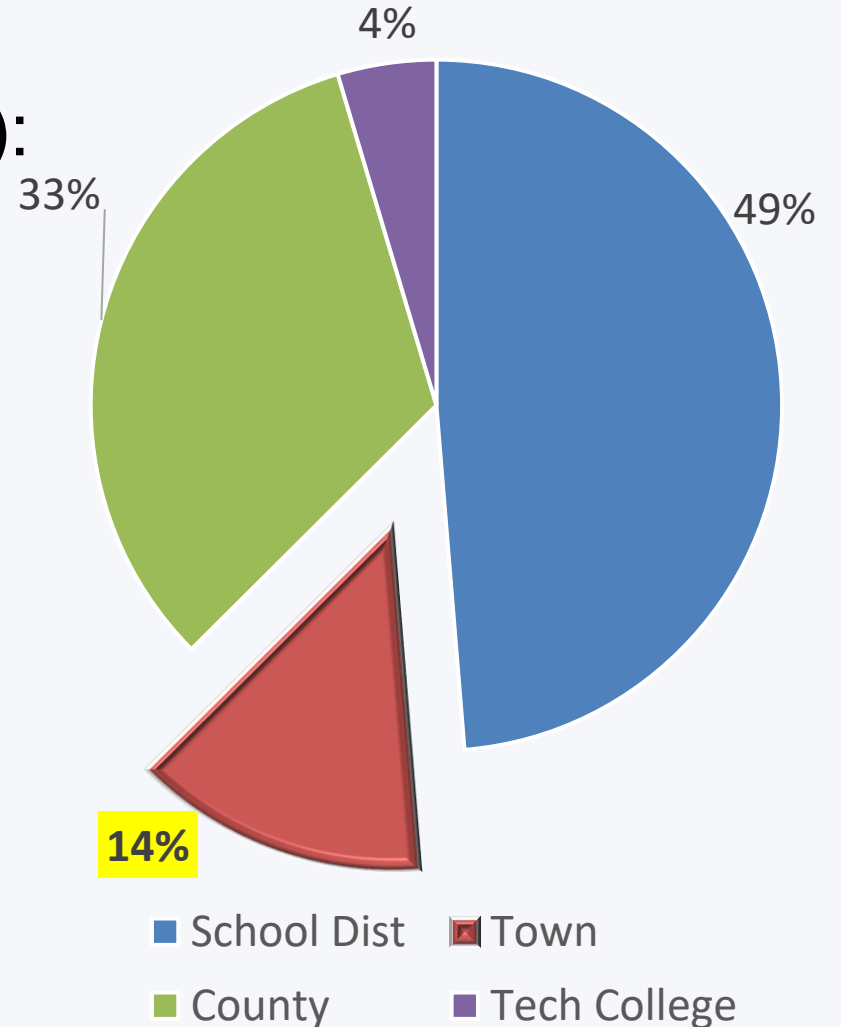


Understanding Your Property Tax Bill

- The Town of Grand Rapids collects your entire property tax payment, but does not keep it all.
 - **The Tax Bill Reality:** Your bill is split among multiple taxing jurisdictions.
 - **Local Town Share:** The town's actual portion is only a small slice (~14%) of the total tax bill.
 - **Other Jurisdictions:** The majority of your tax bill funds local public schools, Mid-State Technical College, and Wood County.
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Tax levy breakout

- For every \$1,000 of assessed value (2026):
- School = \$10.14
- **Town = \$2.88**
- County = \$6.84
- Mid-State Technical College = \$0.96
- State Tax Credit = (\$2.12)
- Net Tax Rate = \$18.70



2026 Budget Summary

<u>2026 Budget</u>			
<i>REVENUES</i>		<i>EXPENDITURES</i>	
Taxes:			
General Property Taxes	\$ 1,762,175	General Government	\$ 686,969
Other Taxes	\$ 21,120	Public Safety	\$ 1,573,739
Special Assessments		Public Works	\$ 1,638,749
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 851,116	Health & Human Services	\$ 10,400
Licenses & Permits	\$ 64,005	Culture, Recreation, & Education	\$ 8,050
Forfeitures	\$ 55,150	Conservation & Development	\$ 18,928
Public Charges for Services	\$ 637,738	Capital Outlay	\$ 135,100
Intergovernmental Charges	\$ 370,483	Debt Service	\$ 497,588
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 51,000	Reserve for Contingencies	\$ -
Loan	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	Reserve for Fire Equipment	\$ -
		Reserve for Capital Purchases	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 4,212,787		
Cash Balance applied	<u>\$ 356,736</u>		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 4,569,523	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,569,523

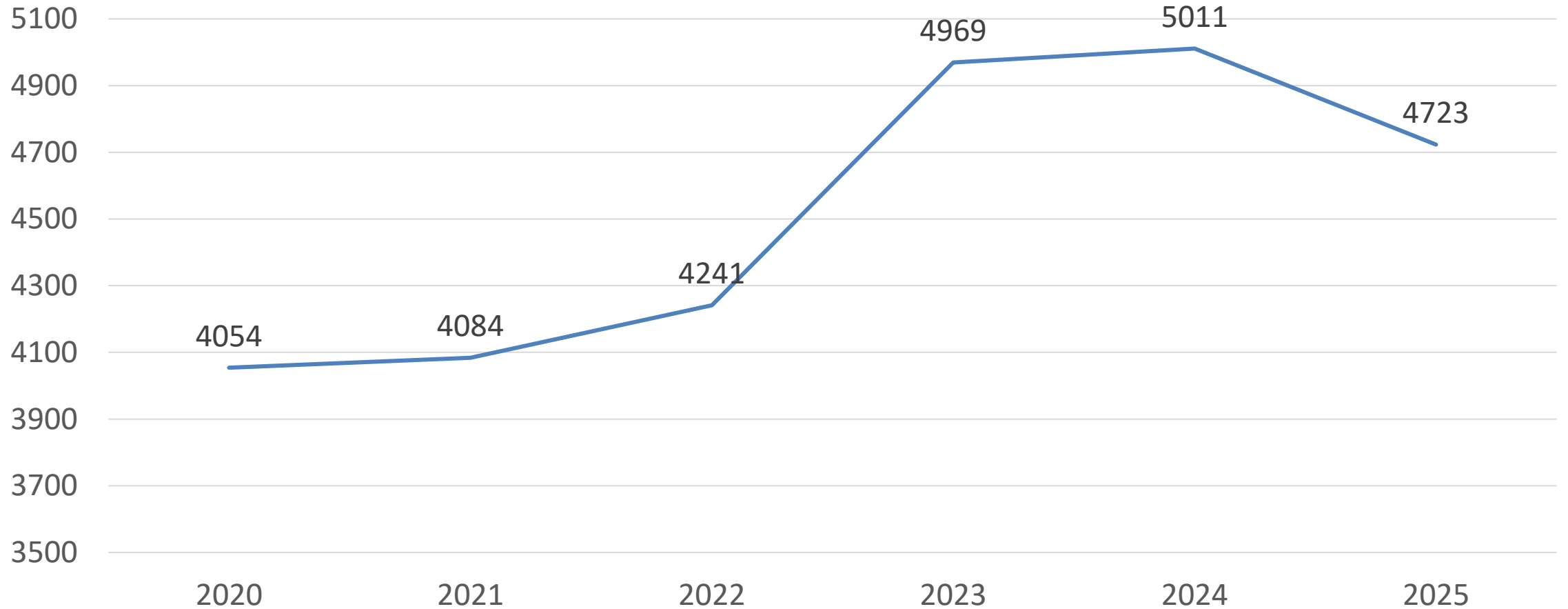
Expense Description Breakout

General Government – Board, office staff and election workers, professional fees.

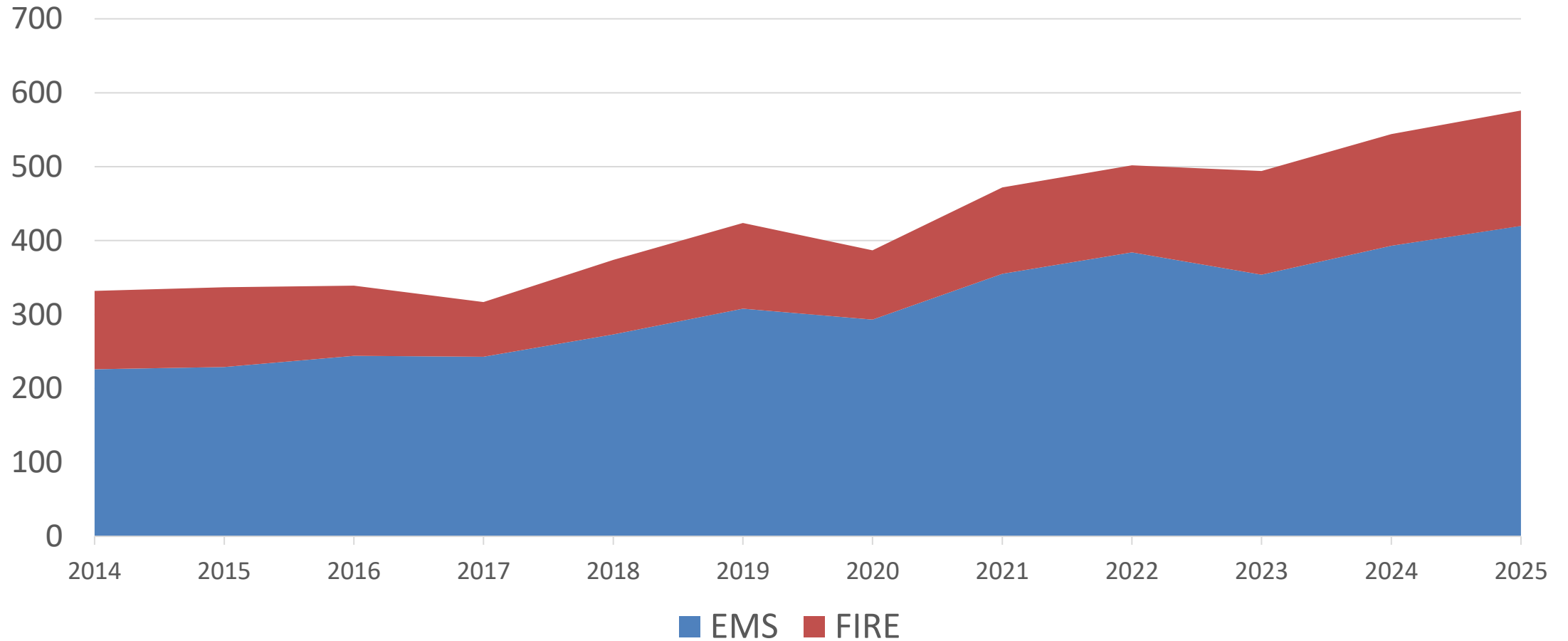
Public Safety – Police and fire departments, EMS, building inspector.

Public Works – Road maintenance and construction, snow plowing, garbage and recycling, humane society.

Police Department Calls for Service 2020-2025



Fire and EMS Calls – 2014 to 2025



'Yes' Vote vs. 'No' Vote

A 'YES' Vote Means: Maintained response times for public safety, stable winter plowing, and long-term operational predictability.

A 'NO' Vote Means: Operational budget deficit leading to unavoidable service pullbacks and faster road deterioration.

Voter Information & Key Dates

Election Day:

Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Polling Hours: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

In-Person Voting: Grand Rapids Town Hall.

Early Voting Options: In-person absentee voting begins Tuesday, October 20 at the Town Hall.

Questions

