

Proposition 1

**Parks & Public Safety
Levy**



A photograph of a family at a playground. In the foreground, a young girl in a blue shirt and pink skirt stands on a green mat. To her left, a boy in a blue cap and red shorts stands on a green platform of a blue and green play structure. In the background, a man in a patterned shirt and a woman in a black cap and vest are looking at a large, grey, rock-like structure. Another woman in a grey jacket stands to the right. The playground is outdoors with trees and a body of water in the distance.

WHAT'S THE NEED?

Parks Maintenance Services

- Parks maintenance staff at reduced levels since recession
- Expanded parks system
- Increased visitors, reservations and events at parks
- Deferred maintenance; aging play structures



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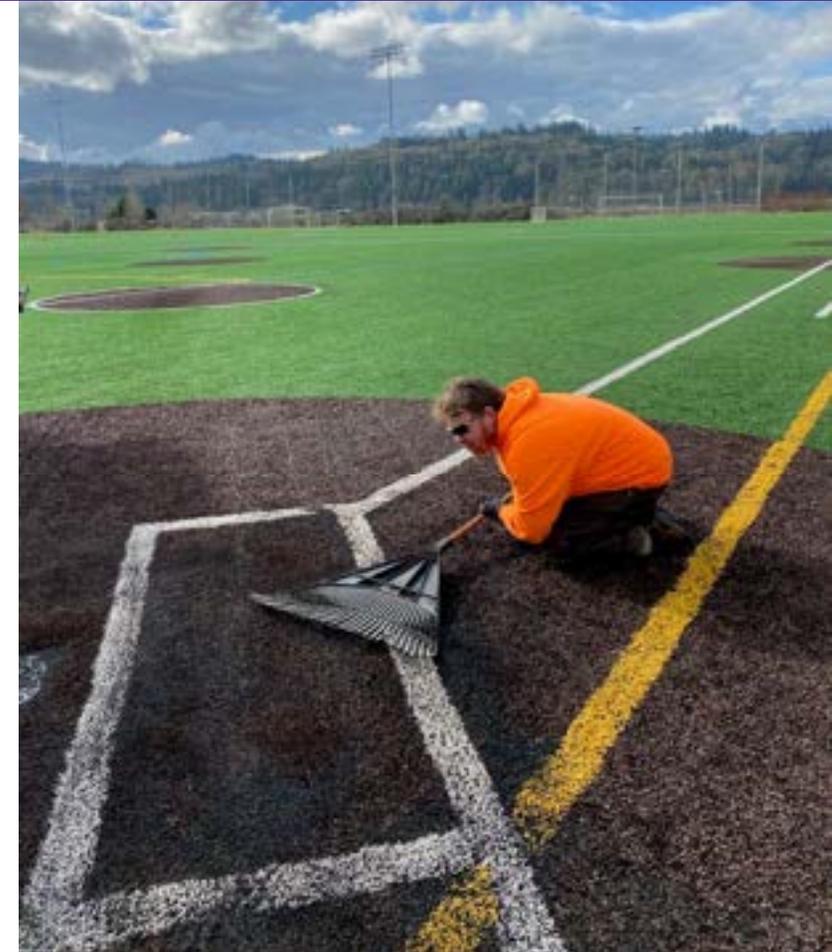


Parks Maintenance Services

- 17 park & open space sites
 - 288 acres
 - 14 miles of trails
 - 160,000+ square feet of median strips
- 12 playgrounds
- 12 athletic fields
- 9 grass open fields
- 14 sports courts



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Public Safety Services

- Increased demand for nuisance enforcement, animal control & outreach
 - Addressed by Community Services Officer(s)
- Monthly average complaints
 - 65 parking
 - 35 animal control
 - 10 abandoned vehicle



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Public Safety Services

- Staffing study recommendation to improve community-oriented policing
 - Animal control, parking & abandoned vehicle enforcement
- 1 Community Services Officers (CSO) permanently funded
- Funding for 2nd CSO ends 2024



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Public Safety Services

- Levy funding
 - Covers patrol shifts
 - Reduces overtime
 - Provides greater flexibility in staffing
 - Expands regional law enforcement connections
 - Decreases officer stress



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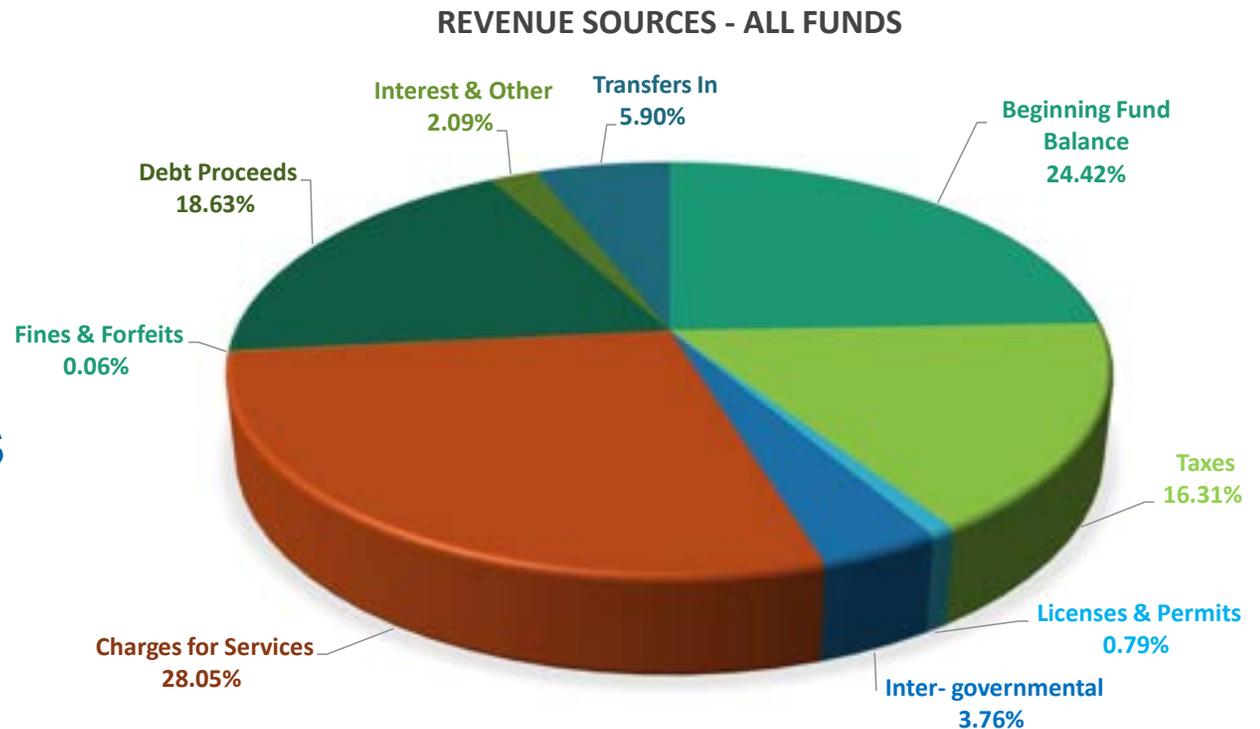


Why a levy lid lift for Monroe?

- Mayor & City Council responsive to community priorities
- Inflation impacts operations costs
- Property tax and sales tax are not keeping pace with inflation



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Key Facts: Proposition 1

- Addresses community priorities for quality parks, recreation, and public safety
- Placed on Nov. 5, 2024, General Election ballot
- Exempts qualifying low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and others with disabilities
- Levy lid lift requires simple majority vote

**CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION NO. 1
LEVY LID LIFT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The Monroe City Council adopted Resolution 2024-015, concerning funding for community services, including public safety and parks. This proposition would provide funds for increased community services, including adding employees and equipment to operate/maintain parks and public safety. It authorizes a maximum regular property tax levy for collection in 2025 of \$1.08/\$1,000 of assessed valuation (an increase from 2024 of approximately \$0.22/\$1,000). The 2025 levy amount will be used to compute the limitations for subsequent levies under RCW 84.55. Qualifying seniors, veterans and others would be exempt under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No



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Key Facts: Proposition 1

- State law limits levy increases to 1% per year unless voters approve a levy “lift”
- Sets Monroe’s levy rate at \$1.08/\$1,000 AV
 - Increases current levy rate by \$0.22/\$1,000 Assessed Value (AV)
- Costs average homeowner an additional \$10.84/month paid to the City



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If Proposition 1 is approved

- Restores parks maintenance staff levels
- Addresses current service demands



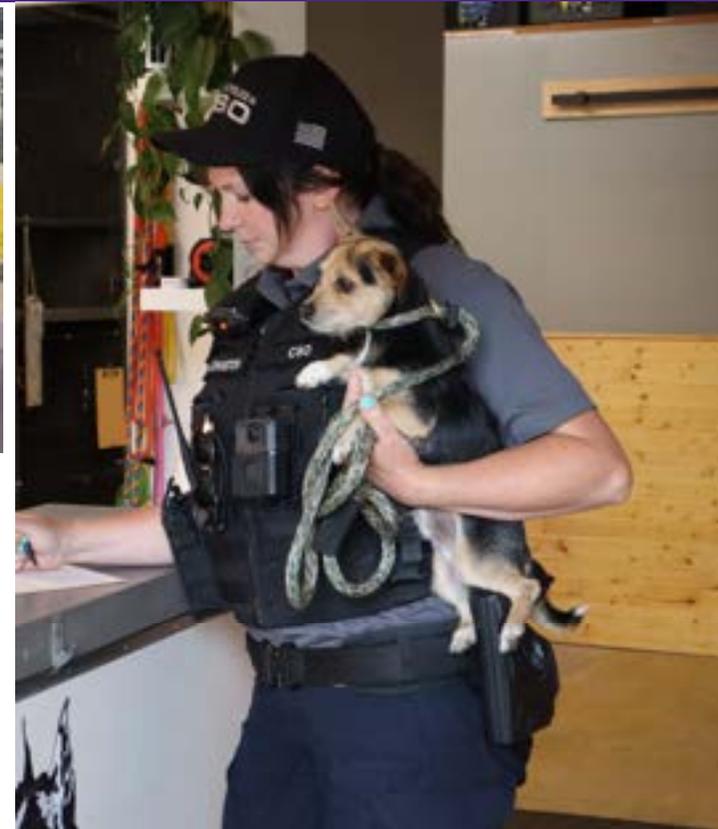
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If Proposition 1 is approved

- Funds a second Community Services Officer
 - 7 days/week coverage
 - Neighborhood & business crime prevention programs
- Funds a public safety position in the Police Department



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If Proposition 1 is not approved

Parks Services

- Reduced/deferred maintenance
- Less sports field and facility reservations
- Less events at parks
- Delayed future parkland purchase and development delayed



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Police Services

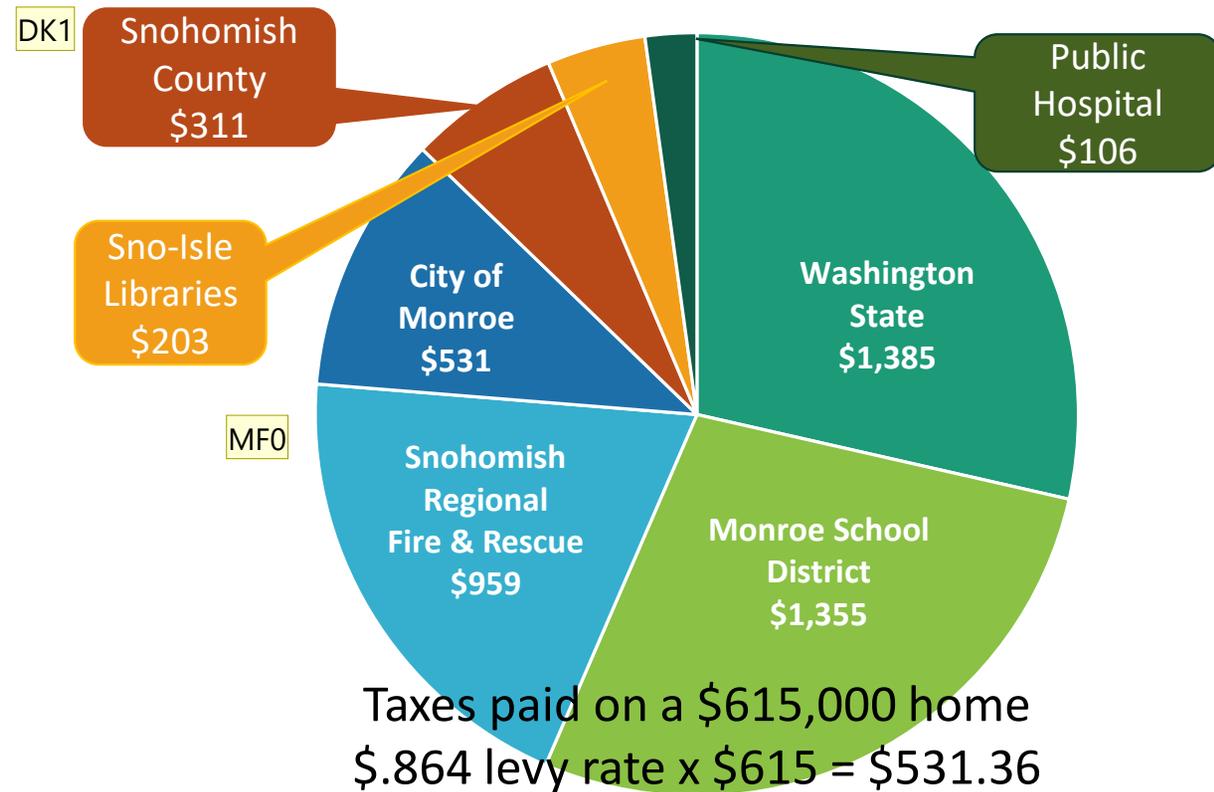
- 5-day schedule for Community Services Officer (1 FTE)
- Reduced response times for animal control and nuisance investigations
- Limited parking and abandoned vehicle enforcement
- Less community event involvement

Property Taxes 101

- Property owners pay taxes to several taxing districts
- Property taxes are stable revenue source for city operations



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Monroe property owner:

For every \$1.00 paid on your total property tax bill,

11 cents

goes to the City of Monroe.



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City of Monroe Where do your property tax dollars go?

State of Washington	\$0.29	28.56%
Monroe School District No. 103	\$0.28	27.94%
Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue	\$0.20	14.74%
City of Monroe	\$0.11	10.94%
Snohomish County	\$0.06	6.41%
Sno-Isle Libraries	\$0.04	4.19%
Public Hospital #1	\$0.02	2.19%



Monroe's Levy Rate

- Monroe's current levy rate has declined from \$1.46/\$1,000 AV to \$0.86/\$1,000 AV
- \$1.08/\$1,000 AV is less than rate paid in 2013
- Monroe's maximum allowed levy rate is \$1.60/\$1,000 AV

For a home valued at \$591,000, the average annual property taxes paid to the City ...

Year	Property Tax Levy Rate	Paid to the City of Monroe
2013	\$1.46	\$863/year
2019	\$1.23	\$727/year
2021	\$1.09	\$644/year
2023	\$0.86	\$508/year
2025	\$1.08	\$638/year



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City Council

- Public comment Council Meetings
- 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at School Administration Building
- Public comment period (3 minutes per speaker)
- CouncilMembers@monroewa.gov



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Community events

- Talk with city staff



Presentations upon request

- Community organizations
- Neighborhood associations



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