

# Bottom Line:

If adopted, the increase would be effective August 1, 2021

## Current Tax Impact vs. Proposed Tax Impact on Retail Purchases (excluding food for home consumption)

Amount of Purchase	Current 2.2% Tax	Additional 0.8% for a Proposed Total 3.0% Tax	Maximum \$ Impact
\$10.00	\$0.22	\$0.30	\$0.08
\$50.00	\$1.10	\$1.50	\$0.40
\$100.00	\$2.20	\$3.00	\$0.80
\$4,999*	\$109.98	\$149.97	\$39.99

\*Maximum impact on a single purchase  
Note that single purchases of \$5,000 + stays at 1.9%

### Retail Tax Revenue Funds (On-Going Expenses)

	Tax%	Estimated Revenue
Current	2.20%	\$2,476,568
Proposed	3.00%	\$3,377,138

Potential Revenue Impact of \$900,570

### Construction Tax Revenue Funds (30% On-Going Expenses / 70% One-Time Needs)

	Tax%	Estimated Revenue
Current	3.50%	\$2,249,350
Proposed	6.00%	\$3,856,028

Potential Revenue Impact of \$1,606,678

In the event these tax increases are not adopted there will be a greater shortfall in both our on-going and one-time funds, which will impact what we can accomplish for our community.

# Have Questions?

We have 3 options for you:

## Option 1 - Let's Talk Tax Sessions

Space is limited to 15 individuals per session  
To reserve your spot, use the link below

[www.wickenburgaz.org/talktax](http://www.wickenburgaz.org/talktax)

### When:

- Thursday April 15th @ 12:00 PM
- Tuesday April 20th @ 8:00 AM
- Wednesday April 28th @ 10:00 AM

### Where:

Town Hall - Council Chambers  
155 N Tegner St., Wickenburg AZ 85390

## Option 2 - Let's Talk Tax Open House

Seating Capacity is limited to 150  
No Reservation Needed

### When:

- Thursday May 13th @ 6:00 PM

### Where:

Community Center  
160 N. Valentine, Wickenburg AZ 85390

## Option 3 - Contact Us Directly

Send questions to [tgarro@wickenburgaz.org](mailto:tgarro@wickenburgaz.org)  
or call (928) 668-0518 to set up an appointment with the Town Manager

# Let's Talk Tax

Get the facts on the proposed tax increase for Construction and Retail Taxes

(excluding food for home consumption)

To Learn more

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# Town of Wickenburg

# What:

Town Council will continue to review options in funding current and future needs of the community. A Notice of Intent to increase sales tax was posted to allow Council the opportunity to have this discussion with the public. The rates posted are the maximum levels for discussion/consideration. If new rates are adopted, the new rates would take effect on August 1, 2021.

## Retail Tax:

The proposed changes could include increasing the tax rates for retail (**not to include Food for Home Consumption**), which is currently set at 2.2%. The proposal is an increase of no more than an additional 0.8%. The total tax including the increase would not exceed 3.0%.

- Revenue from this tax is used for On-Going Expenses

## Construction Tax:

The proposed changes could include increasing the tax rates for construction, which is currently set at 3.5%. The proposal is an increase of no more than an additional 2.5%. The total tax including the increase would not exceed 6.0%.

- Revenue from this tax is used for On-Going Expenses (30%) & One-Time Needs (70%)

# On-Going Expenses

The Town has a fiscally balanced budget to ensure that operational on-going expenses use on-going revenues. Being fiscally responsible with on-going revenues gives financial security to our residents by having stable and reliable services. These services come in different forms from public safety (police and fire) to reliable utility services to safe parks that enrich our quality of life.

## Why:

- Public Safety – recruitment and retention of Police and Fire personnel
- North Fire Station – to provide better service to all residents
- Pavement Preservation
- Pavement Replacement
- Right-of-Way Maintenance
- Parks/Pool/Facilities maintenance and enhancements



Currently a 25% Shortfall of On-Going Funds

# One-Time Needs

The Town has a fiscally balanced budget where one-time funds are used for one-time projects. These funds are typically reserved for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

## Why:

**Smaller Projects** (annually about \$750K)

- Public Safety Technology (upgrades, computers, towers...)
- Park Enhancements ( ex. pickleball court, basketball court, tennis court, playground equipment, walking trails)
- Police/Fire fleet replacement
- Work trucks/equipment replacement

**Larger Projects** (estimated at \$16.8 million)

- Community Center (renovate/new build)
- North Fire Station
- Police Station Phase II/Dispatch
- Flood Control Projects
- US 60 Entryway - sidewalks and lighting for safety and beautification



Currently a 73% Shortfall of One-Time Funds