

# TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Dear Nevada/Tahoe Homeowner;

Recently I sent out a letter stating the District's plan for a \$0.05 per \$100.00 **assessed value** tax override, which may have caused some confusion in computing the impact to your annual tax increase. Please note the assessed value is calculated at 35% of the Douglas County taxable value. Your **assessed value** can be found on your property tax bill.

Your **Assessed value** may also be located at the following Douglas County Internet address. <http://assessor.co.douglas.nv.us/database/default.asp>

Below are four examples for illustration.

Actual Home in Round Hill

Douglas County Taxable Total ----- \$351,787

**Assessed Value** ----- **\$123,125**

.05 x **\$123,125** / 100 = Tax increase of **\$61.56 Annually**

Actual Home in Skyland

Douglas County Taxable Total ----- \$544,400

**Assessed Value** ----- **\$190,540**

.05 x **\$190,540** / 100 = Tax increase of **\$95.00 Annually**

Actual Home in Kingsbury

Douglas County Taxable Total ----- \$488,117

**Assessed Value** ----- **\$170,841**

.05 x **\$170,841** / 100 = Tax increase of **\$85.42 Annually**

Actual Home in Glenbrook

Douglas County Taxable Total ----- \$965,374

**Assessed Value** ----- **\$337,879**

.05 x **\$337,879** / 100 = Tax increase of **\$169.00 Annually**

These are four examples to assist in understanding the financial impact to our homeowners. As you can see, the impact to the average tax bill, is about 30 cents/day. We feel the cost to benefit ratio is well worth that increase.

If you would like **Your Exact Cost** of this proposal, please contact:

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## Why do we need an override?

- Our community faces the threat of catastrophic wildfire; we must act swiftly to prevent our community from experiencing an event such as the Angora Fire.
- We have been fortunate enough to receive some grant funding to get our fuels reduction and defensible space programs in action, but these funds will not last forever.
- Fuels reduction is a long-term endeavor, not a one-time project; we must plan now so we can continue to implement fuels reduction projects. We must also plan now for the long term, the land we are able to treat today will require maintenance treatments in the future. This can only be achieved with a stable, recurring funding source.

## How will the revenue from the override benefit our community?

These funds will implement a variety of fuels reduction and wildfire prevention programs, and allow the district to meet our responsibilities defined in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

These programs include:

- Staffing a fuels reduction and Wildland fire suppression hand crew.
- Implementing fuel break projects around our community
- Providing curbside chipping services
- Providing defensible space evaluations
- Issuing tree removal permits
- Adoption and enforcement of a defensible space ordinance
- Coordinating community efforts to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire
- Providing ongoing public education regarding the threat of wildfire.
- Provides locally generated revenue to “match” against future grants

## How much will the override cost?

- The tax will be \$.05/100 of assessed valuation
- These funds will stay in our fire district, they cannot be used elsewhere
- We will provide annual reporting on these funds and this program to insure transparency
- Why now? We will not see any revenue from this tax until 2010; we must be proactive in reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

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