

PROPOSITION F

What is Proposition F?

Proposition F, placed on the April 2 ballot by the City of Webster Groves, seeks to provide funding for the replacement of Firehouse #2 at 1302 S. Elm Avenue. A new firehouse will replace a 65-year old seriously outdated structure with one that will serve the entire Webster Groves community, especially its south residents, and offer critical fire and emergency medical services for decades to come.

What will a new firehouse provide?

- *Built for two small pumper trucks, a new space will accommodate larger, more advanced, and additional trucks and apparatus.*
- *Currently there is little space and privacy in the bathroom and sleeping quarters; a new structure will provide appropriate male and female accommodations.*
- *The unsafe lack of separation between personnel and contaminated, hazardous equipment will be addressed by suitable spaces for containment.*
- *Decades old systems will be replaced by energy efficient mechanical and electrical systems and lighting.*
- *Issues in parking, storage limitations, inadequate HVAC, and the inability to expand functionality will be resolved.*



For the future

The new proposed firehouse is designed to serve the Webster Groves community now and in the future. As Webster Groves experiences an increase in an aging population together with a reliance on the provision of emergency medical services there may be need for an additional ambulance which could be accommodated in the new Firehouse #2. In 2018, there were 2,068 responses for emergency medical services and 358 requests necessitated an ambulance from another agency.

How will the new Firehouse #2 be funded?

Proposition F is a no-tax rate increase ballot initiative. Proposition F would provide a \$5 million bond issue that, coupled with about \$300,000 in general fund reserves, would finance the total project cost for Firehouse #2.



This includes design, construction, furnishings, technology, professional services, and contingencies.

The current debt levy of 2.41% per \$100 of assessed valuation will be maintained for at least the first five years of the levy. It is possible that this levy could decrease if the City can pay off more of the general obligation principal from the existing debt.

A look at the proposed Firehouse #2

The design of the new facility provides a structure that is compatible with the neighborhood. It addresses accessibility with drive through bays, provides space for additional equipment, and separates firefighter living quarters from contaminated materials.

**For further information visit
www.webstergroves.org/PropF.**

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Proposition F would fund the replacement of the seriously outdated Firehouse #2 at 1302 South Elm. This new firehouse will provide needed fire and emergency services for Webster Groves now and for decades to come.