

CITY OF KYLE PROPOSITION A FACT SHEET



PROPOSITION A

The City of Kyle has called for a bond election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, which seeks voter approval for Proposition A to finance the construction of a Public Safety Center that will support our growing community.

The Kyle population has grown by 724% over the past 20 years, from 6,348 to 52,327¹ residents. As the community grows, our public safety needs grow too. In an effort to avoid another temporary facility for the Kyle Police Department, a task force was formed in 2018 to officially begin the process of researching and designing a Public Safety Center.

The task force, made up of representatives from the City, Police Department and the community, recommended a design for a 64,000 sq. ft., two-story building that would provide space to fully staff the Police Department in a single location – with room to grow – and serve residents' public safety needs for the next 20 years and beyond.

BALLOT LANGUAGE: FOR or AGAINST: *The issuance of general obligation bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$37,000,000 for the purpose of planning, designing, constructing, improving and equipping of a public safety facility, specifically a new police station and emergency operations center; and the levy of a tax in payment thereof.*



**Expanded Community
Engagement Programs**



**Dedicated Emergency
Operations Center**



**Mental Health Services
and Trauma Support**



**In-House Crime and
Evidence Labs**



**Fully-Staffed Police
Department**

¹ *An Ordinance of the City of Kyle, Texas, Making findings of fact; Determining the number of inhabitants in the City of Kyle; and Providing for related matters*

A PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

The proposed Public Safety Center would allow the Police Department to expand its services with dedicated space to:

- Fully staff the department in a single location for the next 20 years and beyond;
- Improve emergency response times;
- Accommodate victims or residents experiencing trauma as a result of crime;
- Create an investigations suite and canine unit;
- Manage evidence processing and storage;
- Increase officer training and pursue accreditation; and,
- Expand community-based programs and mental health services.

A Public Safety Center will also provide the City with an opportunity to create an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). An EOC would establish a central commander center and allow for collaboration with surrounding counties and authorities during critical times. Emergencies often addressed in an EOC include, but are not limited to, weather-related natural disasters, community-wide security threats, such as school shootings or hostage situations, major traffic accidents such as those that occur on I-35, or even pandemics like COVID-19.

With room for the Police Department to grow over the next 20 years and beyond, the Public Safety Center would also provide immediate, temporary space for ancillary public safety functions, including Communications, Information Technology and City administration, until the Police Department requires the full building. If approved by voters in November, construction of the facility could begin in spring 2021 and be completed in roughly 14 months.

In light of COVID-19, the City has decided to defer any tax rate impact as a result of this bond until October 2021.

Proposition A is estimated to cost approximately \$37 million. If passed, the City anticipates raising the property tax rate by an estimated \$0.0744 per \$100 of valuation during the 20-year lifecycle of these general obligation bonds. The average property owner with a \$216,000 home within the City of Kyle would see their property taxes increase approximately \$13.50 per month, or about \$160.50 per year, beginning in October 2021.



ELECTION INFORMATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Early voting takes place from October 13 to 30, 2020. In conjunction with the November General Election, voters will consider Proposition A from the City of Kyle, which seeks approval to sell general obligation bonds to fund the design, construction and equipping of a new Public Safety Center that would be located on Marketplace Avenue at Kohler's Crossing. The total amount of the bonds for which approval is sought is \$37 million.

The last day to register to vote is October 5, 2020. To register or apply for a ballot by mail, visit the Hays County Government Center or the Elections Office online at: <https://www.hayscountytx.com/departments/elections/>.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 5	Last day to register to vote
October 13	First day of in-person early voting
October 23	Last day to apply for a ballot by mail
October 30	Last day of in-person early voting
November 3	Election Day

