

## Pflugerville Residents for Responsible Taxation

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### **PfRRT Announces Opposition to ESD 17 Annexation for Pflugerville on November Ballot**

**Pflugerville, TX – September 13, 2021** – Pflugerville Residents for Responsible Taxation, a non-partisan group of long-time and new Pflugerville residents from all walks of life, announced its opposition to the proposed annexation into Emergency Service District 17 (ESD 17).

The ESD 17 tax would cost Pflugerville residents up to 10 cents per \$100 of valuation. For a \$300K home, that would be \$300 per year, forever. This is on top of the 10 cent ESD 2 property tax that we have been paying for fire and ambulance services. We also pay over \$13M in sales taxes to fund ESD 2 plus county property taxes, which funds Austin Travis County EMS, for ambulance services that we do not receive, because Travis County removed those ambulances after ESD 2 took over ambulance services in 2017. Individuals who use the ambulance services are also charged. Taxpayers are already being tripled taxed for emergency services.

This November vote isn't about the community supporting first responders or firefighters. It's about whether the additional property taxes are needed. Our current Emergency Service District has enough funding to support Fire and EMS services. ESD 2 has a terrible track record of inaccurately projecting financial hardships. They made a similar request in 2013 and it was denied by the city and county commissioners' court as there was no financial need. The annual audited financial statements since 2013 and prior show ESD 2 to be financially healthy and their revenues have risen 5 times faster than population. Currently, ESD 2 holds \$20m in the bank, an increase of over 85% in just 4 years since ambulances were first provided by ESD 2.

The city of Pflugerville commissioned an independent review and assessment of our current emergency services from ESD 2. The findings from this [study](#) showed the "financial crisis is self-imposed and the need for \$2.79M from the city of Pflugerville to subsidize services is unsubstantiated." Cost savings could be achieved through cooperation and efficiency. Higher than necessary staffing levels do not improve quality of service delivery. Existing facilities and equipment are underutilized at 17%. A summary of the report can be found [here](#).

Pflugerville Residents for Responsible Taxation (PfRRT) is a local non-partisan group of concerned citizens. Our goal is to research and share facts regarding new taxes and proposed increases that impact our city and its residents.

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