



Publicity Pamphlet

Proposal to be submitted to the qualified electors at the
Primary Election · July 21, 2026

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Resolution 1340-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAGE, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, PROPOSING A PERMANENT ADJUSTMENT TO THE 1979-80 BASE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION

WHEREAS, The Arizona State Constitution permits the submission to the voters of a City or Town of a permanent adjustment to the Base Expenditure Limitation; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Page, Arizona has determined that a permanent base adjustment is necessary for the City of Page.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and City Council of the City of Page, Arizona, that the following permanent base adjustment be submitted to the voters of the City of Page.

Shall the Expenditure Base of the City of Page be permanently adjusted by \$2,911,592?

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAGE, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA this 25th day of March 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes	7
Nays	0
Abstentions	0
Absent	0

CITY OF PAGE

By /s/ Steven R. Kidman
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Cindy Scott
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Joshua Smith
City Attorney

Proposition 402 Ballot Text

Proposal Referred to the Voters by the Council of the City of Page

Official Title: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Page, Coconino County, Arizona, Proposing A Permanent Base Adjustment to the 1979-80 Base Expenditure Limitation.

Descriptive Title: Pursuant to the Arizona State Constitution, the City of Page, Arizona seeks voter approval to permanently adjust the expenditure base of the City as determined by the Economic Estimates Commission. The City of Page seeks an adjustment of \$2,911,592.

A **“YES”** vote shall have the effect of allowing the City of Page to adjust its base expenditure limit to maintain existing and planned City services and projects. It is not a tax increase.

A **“NO”** vote shall have the effect of not allowing the City of Page to adjust its base expenditure limit and will impact the City’s ability to maintain existing and planned City services and projects.

Proposition 402 Tagline Text

Proposal Referred to the Voters by the Council of the City of Page

Shall the Expenditure Base of the City of Page be permanently adjusted by \$2,911,592 in order to maintain existing and planned City services and projects?

A **“YES”** vote shall have the effect of allowing the City of Page to adjust its base expenditure limit to maintain existing and planned City services and projects. It is not a tax increase.

A **“NO”** vote shall have the effect of not allowing the City of Page to adjust its base expenditure limit and will impact the City’s ability to maintain existing and planned City services and projects.

YES

NO

Permanent Base Adjustment Detailed Analysis

Pursuant to the Arizona State Constitution, the City of Page as authorized by Resolution Number 1340-26 passed on March 25, 2026, will seek voter approval to permanently adjust the expenditure base of the City/Town as determined by the Economic Estimates Commission.

With voter approval, the City/Town will permanently increase its 1979-80 expenditure base by \$2,911,592 and will utilize the additional expenditure authority for all local budgetary purposes, including Capital Projects and Utility Expenses, beginning in Fiscal Year 2028.

If approved, in Fiscal Year 2028 the City/Town's allowed expenditure limitation will increase by \$20,000,001, from \$44,165,744 to \$64,165,746.

If approved, in Fiscal Year 2028 \$26,000,000 of the revenue required to fund the additional authorized expenditures will be obtained from Federal sources, while \$345,000 will be acquired from State sources, and the remaining \$5,600,000 will be funded through local revenue sources. All dollar figures in this analysis are estimates only. (The City property tax shall continue to be limited to the amount prescribed in the Arizona State Constitution.)

In determining the revenue sources to fund the authorized additional expenditures it is assumed that the Federal, State, and local revenues received by the City will continue to be available as they have for the past 3 years. For the past 3 years, Federal revenue has increased by approximately 21% each year, State revenue has increased by approximately 11% each year, and local revenue has increased by approximately 10% each year.

Permanent Base Adjustment Summary Analysis

Pursuant to the Arizona State Constitution, the City of Page, Arizona seeks voter approval to permanently adjust the expenditure base of the City as determined by the Economic Estimates Commission. If approved by the voters, the City's 1979-80 base expenditure limitation will be increased by \$2,911,592 and adjusted each year for population and inflation growth since 1979-80.

With voter approval, in Fiscal Year 2028 the City's expenditure limitation will increase by \$20,000,001, from \$44,165,744 to \$64,165,746. The City will utilize the additional expenditure authority for any local budgetary purposes including Capital Projects and Utility Expenses. The dollar figures in this statement are estimates only.

If approved, the additional authorized expenditures will be funded from available revenues obtained from Federal, State, and local sources.

Overview

On July 21, 2026, City of Page voters will decide whether to increase the City's State-imposed expenditure limitation baseline by \$2,911,592. All Arizona cities have such expenditure limitations, which limits the maximum amount a city can spend each year to provide services and programs. Most Arizona cities have gone to their voters and adjusted their expenditure limitation baselines or adopted an alternative limitation since they took effect in the 1979-80 budget year. Many cities have made more than one adjustment to their baseline.

Changing the City of Page expenditure baseline is not an increase in taxes. The proposed change allows the city to operate within an expenditure limitation that more closely matches existing revenue sources to meet current and planned services and programs.

Without the adjustment, the City will have to consider which services and programs to continue funding based upon a budget amount that fits within the City's current State-imposed spending limitation.

What is a Permanent Base Adjustment?

The State of Arizona imposes an expenditure limitation on all Arizona cities and towns, based on a formula adopted by the State Legislature in 1979-80. The formula determines the amount of money that can be spent for municipal services each year, regardless of the money the city collects via taxes and fees.

The State formula uses an expenditure baseline based upon the services and programs each city and town had in place for the 1979-80 budget year. The formula provides an annual adjustment to account for inflation and population changes; however, it does not account for new services, rises in operating costs beyond population and inflation, new facilities, new programs, or revenue growth.

The State offers options for cities and towns, with voter approval, to adjust this annual expenditure limitation.

One of those options is a Permanent Base Adjustment, which resets a city's expenditure limitation base. The Permanent Base Adjustment allows the City of Page to operate within an expenditure limit that more closely matches existing revenues. The Permanent Base Adjustment:

- Does not raise or impose taxes.
- Does not allow the City to spend more than it receives in revenue.
- Does not allow the City to spend more than its legally adopted annual budget.

Would this adjustment increase taxes or create new taxes?

No. Approving a Permanent Base Adjustment does not authorize the city to increase taxes, it would only allow the city to spend the revenue it collects to provide services and programs. By law, the city must obtain specific voter approval to increase or extend taxes – this ballot item does not do that.

Does the Permanent Base Adjustment allow the city to exceed its budget?

No. Approving a Permanent Base Adjustment does not allow the city to exceed its legally adopted budget. The City of Page's annual budget will continue to be subject to all state laws, including the requirement that cities must pass balanced budgets and spend no more money than the revenues received.

How was the amount of the proposed adjustment determined?

The requested base adjustment was determined using the State prescribed process that requires the City to estimate revenues available using historical revenue growth rates to determine the expenditure limitation that can be supported with existing revenue sources.

Using the state-imposed expenditure limitation from 1979-80 of \$6,429,631 with a proposed \$2,911,592 Permanent Base Adjustment; a population factor of 1.7504; and an inflation factor of 3.9243; the adjustment would adjust the City of Page's expenditure limitation with an increase of \$20,000,001 in Fiscal Year 2028.

Why is the Permanent Base Adjustment needed now?

The state-imposed expenditure limitation does not account for new revenue sources, such as the Horseshoe Bend enterprise fund, Golf Course enterprise fund, and the Utility enterprise fund. It allows the city to use the revenue it collects. A few years ago, a huge spike in power rates forced the City of Page to spend \$5 million in power in one month, which caused the City of Page to exceed the state-imposed expenditure limitation.

What happens if the ballot measure is approved by voters?

If the Permanent Base Adjustment is approved, the State will adjust the city's expenditure limitation base by \$2,911,592, which will increase the city's expenditure limitation to about \$64,165,746 effective for Fiscal Year 2028 when population and inflation factors are included.

The State Economic Estimates Commission determines the final amount, based on statutory formulas. This new expenditure limitation would not obligate the city to spend more money. The City Council is required to approve a balanced budget and would set the amount of spending each year. The new expenditure limitation will allow the city to continue to use the revenues it collects to meet service demands and provide programs for the foreseeable future as determined by the City Council in the annual public budget process.

What happens if the ballot measure is not approved by voters?

The Permanent Base Adjustment will enable the city to meet current and forecasted demands for services and programs, using existing revenue sources. Without the adjustment, the city will have to consider which services and programs to continue as the City's budget cannot exceed the current State-imposed expenditure limitation regardless of the revenues collected. Not increasing the expenditure limitation would have a negative impact on the city's operations.

Arguments Supporting Proposition 402

Dear fellow citizens of Page,

Please vote YES on Prop 402 to adjust the City of Page's base expenditure limit.

Voting YES to adjust the base expenditure limit does NOT raise taxes.

Voting YES on Prop 402 does NOT allow the City of Page to spend beyond its income.

Voting YES on Prop 402 allows the City of Page to use existing funds for projects and services without incurring expensive penalties if the current spending limit is exceeded. Due to emergency spending in 2023, the City of Page narrowly avoided huge fines for spending more than the limit allowed, even though the city had enough money.

Please support Prop 402 and help the City of Page avoid future penalties and fines while providing needed services.

Steven R Kidman
Mayor, City of Page

Arguments Opposing Proposition 402

No arguments opposing Proposition 402 were received.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION
July 21, 2026 · Primary Election

Last Day to Register to Vote	June 22, 2026
Early Voting Begins and Early Ballots Mailed	June 24, 2026
Last Day to Request an Early Ballot to be Mailed	July 10, 2026
Last Day to Vote Early In Person	July 17, 2026

EARLY VOTING / VOTE BY MAIL OPTIONS

Active Early Voting List (AEVL): If you have signed up to be placed on the Active Early Voting List, you will automatically receive a ballot by mail approximately three weeks before the election. For information about being placed on the AEVL please visit www.coconino.az.gov/elections or call (928) 679-7860 or toll free (800) 793-6181.

Request an Early Ballot: Voters who are not on the Active Early Voting List may request a single-election early ballot to be mailed to them up until Friday, July 17, 2026. To request a single-election early ballot, please visit www.coconino.az.gov/elections or call (928) 679-7860 or toll free (800) 793-6181.

Vote Early in Person: Early voting is available beginning Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at the following locations:

Page City Hall
697 Vista Ave, Page
Mon – Thu 7:00 am - 5:30 pm
Closed Thu, July 2 in observance of Independence Day

Coconino County Recorder’s Office
110 E. Cherry Ave, Flagstaff
Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Coconino County Voter Services, Flagstaff Mall
(Between JCPenney and Planet Fitness)
4650 N. US Highway 89, Flagstaff
Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Coconino County Recorder’s Office
Telephone: (928) 679-7860
Toll Free: (800) 793-6181
Website: www.coconino.az.gov/elections

ELECTION DAY VOTING

Coconino County registered voters may vote at any voting location on Election Day. All voting locations are ADA accessible. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time. For up-to-date information on where to vote and polling locations, please visit coconino.az.gov/vote, scan the QR code, or call (928) 679-7896.



A planning listing of polling locations is included below:

Vote Centers		
Name	Address	City
PONDEROSA FIRE #82	11951 WEST SHADOW MOUNTAIN DR	BELLEMONT
HIGHLANDS FIRE #23	3350 OLD MUNDS HWY	FLAGSTAFF
GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH	4295 W ROUTE 66	FLAGSTAFF
COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE*	2800 S LONE TREE RD	FLAGSTAFF
MOUNTAIN LINE*	216 W PHOENIX AVE	FLAGSTAFF
MUSEUM OF NORTHERN ARIZONA*	3101 N FORT VALLEY RD	FLAGSTAFF
NAU*		FLAGSTAFF
AQUAPLEX*	1702 N FOURTH ST	FLAGSTAFF
CHRIST'S CHURCH OF FLAGSTAFF	3355 E SOLIERE AVE	FLAGSTAFF
LDS CHURCH LINDA VISTA*	2401 E LINDA VISTA DR	FLAGSTAFF
FLAGSTAFF SUBARU	4910 E MARKETPLACE DR	FLAGSTAFF
CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH	6555 TOWNSEND WINONA RD	FLAGSTAFF
EAST VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH	10655 US-89	FLAGSTAFF
LEUPP CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE*	ROUTE 15, MP 13	LEUPP
PAGE CITY HALL	697 VISTA AVE	PAGE
TUBA CITY HIGH SCHOOL*	67 WARRIOR DR	TUBA CITY
NORTHWOODS CHURCH	100 PINECREST TRAIL	WILLIAMS

Polling Locations		
Name	Address	City
BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH	5706 STATE ROUTE 87	BLUE RIDGE
BODAWAY CHAPTER HOUSE	HWY 89 MP 498 IR20	BODAWAY
CAMERON CHAPTER HOUSE	US-89 MP 466	CAMERON
COALMINE CHAPTER HOUSE*	1/7 MILE SOUTH OF MP 344 ON HWY 264	COALMINE MESA
COPPERMINE CHAPTER HOUSE	ROUTE 20, MP 24, RT 6226 SPUR ROAD	COPPERMINE
SUMMIT FIRE #31 COSNINO RD	6425 N COSNINO RD	FLAGSTAFF
FOREST LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER	1111 MERZVILLE RD	FOREST LAKES
FREDONIA FIRE*	20 WEST BROWN ST	FREDONIA
SHRINE OF THE AGES*	20 S ENTRANCE RD	GRAND CANYON
TS'AH BII KIN COMMUNITY CHURCH*	Route 16, MP 5	INSCRIPTION HOUSE
PATHWAY CHAPEL ASHFORK*	2440 N DOUBLE A RANCH RD	KAIBAB ESTATES WEST
KAIBETO SENIOR CENTER	HWY 98 MP 333	KAIBETO
LECHEE CHAPTER HOUSE	ROUTE 20 COPPERMINE RD, MP 41	LECHEE
MUNDS PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH	17670 S MUNDS RANCH RS	MUNDS PARK
NAVAJO MOUNTAIN ALLIANCE CHURCH*	ROUTE 16, MP 31	NAVAJO MTN
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH	25 CHAPEL RD	SEDONA
HAVASUPAI COMMUNITY CENTER*	SUPAI VILLAGE	SUPAI
TOLANI LAKE CHAPTER HOUSE	ROUTE 24; 4 MILES EAST OF ROUTE 2, MP 9	TOLANI LAKE
TONALEA CHAPTER HOUSE	ROUTE 21 MP 2	TONALEA
UPPER MOENKOPI COMMUNITY CENTER	HWY 264, SOUTH ON ROADRUNNER ST, TURN LEFT AT TEE, FIRST BUILDING ON RIGHT	TUBA CITY
TUSAYAN TOWN HALL**	845 MUSTANG DRIVE	TUSAYAN

*Please note, these sites have not completed a contract with the Elections Department prior to the deadline for printing this publication and are subject to change.

**Designated as an Emergency Voting site due to airport operations, no electioneering is allowed.