

Item H-2

PUBLIC HEARING: Consider a resolution requesting the Keller Crime Control and Prevention District Board of Directors to order a referendum on the continuation of the Keller Crime Control and Prevention District for fifteen (15) years and the current one-fourth of one percent local sales and use tax be continued for fifteen (15) years.



Texas Law - CCPD



Local Government Code – Chapter 363 – Crime Control & Prevention District

• Sec. 363.053. ELECTION REQUIRED.

A district proposed by the governing body may be created and a tax may be authorized only if the creation and the tax are approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the proposed district voting at an election called and held for that purpose.

- Sec. 363.055. SALES TAX: RATE; LIMITATION; MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY.
- (a) The proposed rate may be any rate that is an increment of one-eighth of one percent, that the municipality determines is appropriate. The proposed rate may be only:
 - (1) one-eighth of one percent;
 - (2) one-fourth of one percent;
 - (3) three-eighths of one percent; or
 - (4) one-half of one percent.



History



- On November 6, 2001, the voters approved the Crime Control & Prevention District for 3/8 of a cent for five years.
 - These funds were to expand the police facility (Phase I), purchase yearly vehicles, and fund the police accreditation program. Phase 1 expansion was paid off in 5 years.
- In May 2006, the voters approved a 15-year continuation of the Crime Control & Prevention District for 3/8 of a cent.
- In December 2007, the City asked if the Crime Control & Prevention District could reduce their portion to 1/4 of a cent to be able to increase the street maintenance tax.
 - These funds were to fund Phase II (Jail and Animal Adoption Center), yearly vehicle and technology replacements, police accreditation and a replacement fund for capital needs.
- The current Crime Control & Prevention District is set to expire by 2022.



CCPD Sales Tax Rates Tarrant County



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1/8

Keller	1/4	Forth Worth	1/2	Richland Hills
Azle	1/4	Grapevine	1/2	Saginaw
Euless	1/4	Hurst	1/2	Southlake
Everman	1/4	North Richland Hills	1/2	A
Flower Mound	1/4	River Oaks	1/2	
Grand Prairie	1/4	Sansom Park	1/2	3/
Haltom City	1/4	Watauga	1/2	
Lake Worth	1/4	Westworth Village	1/2	
Trophy Club	1/4	White Settlement	1/2	



Performance Measures - Crime Rate



FBI Uniform Crime Report: Part I crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny/theft, and auto theft, arson)

The Keller Crime Control & Prevention District began in 2001

- The population was 28,050
- The crime rate was 19.35

In 2020, the population had increased by 62% to 45,400

• The crime rate has decreased by 60% to 7.7



Technology



The Crime Control and Prevention District has funded technology, avoiding the impact of those expenses on the General Fund.

- Camera systems in the vehicles
- Body Worn Cameras for officers
- Mobile Data Terminals in each vehicle
- Current CAD/RMS and the upgrade to a new CAD/RMS in progress now
- Tracking technology for the Criminal Investigations Division that allows detectives to track suspects and work cases more efficiently.
- Livescan for the jail and records that processes fingerprints and directly sends them to the FBI's AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System).
- Ongoing maintenance agreements, software upgrades, and the replacement of computers used to dispatch our Police/Fire/EMS personnel.



Equipment



The Crime Control and Prevention District has also funded various pieces of equipment for the department, including:

- Annual replacement for Keller PD vehicles and motorcycles
- SWAT Team (uniforms, shields, training)
- Criminal Investigations Division (shields for crime scenes, cameras, lab equipment)
- Bike Patrol (bikes and helmets)
- Police Radios for the department
- Multi-purpose room upgrade of AV system.

National CALEA Accreditation & Texas Best Practices Recognition Program

The continuation of the Crime Control and Prevention District would fund the fees and costs required to keep the department Nationally Accredited and State Recognized.

The benefits of accreditation include:

- Strengthen crime prevention and crime control capabilities
- Formalize essential management procedures
- Maintain fair personnel practices
- Solidify interagency cooperation and coordination
- Maintain current industry standards & best practices through policy and training
- Maintain citizen and staff confidence in the agency



Crime Control & Prevention District Impact



Non-Residents

- Non-residents who make purchases in Keller contribute to police services they may receive.
- Keller residents contribute to the crime sales tax in surrounding jurisdictions who participate in the Crime Control & Prevention District
- The tax does not apply to the sale of medicine, groceries or vehicles

Sales Tax vs. Property Tax

- This sales tax allocation reduces the burden on the General Fund (property taxes)
- It is estimated the Crime Control & Prevention District sales tax will generate approximately \$1.71 million per year
- To achieve the same result from property taxes, the city would have to raise the property tax 2.8
 cents per year



Conclusion



- The Crime Control and Prevention District is comprised of a board of directors that are citizens of Keller and they are appointed by the City Council.
- The Board of Directors must approve the yearly budget and present it to City Council for approval.
- Our current debt in the Crime Control & Prevention District continues past 5 years (2027)
- Long term planning to prepare for future facility, technology, equipment, vehicle & capital needs continue past 10 years

Staff requests that City Council place the KCCPD on the November 2021 ballot to allow voters the opportunity to consider the continuation of the Keller Crime Control and Prevention District, and the current one-fourth of one percent local sales and use tax be continued for an additional fifteen (15) years.



Questions?
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