

Public Hearing Comment - June 2, 2026 -- Proposed Property Tax Increase

To: Mayor Ewing and Council members

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed property tax increase for the purpose of funding a new Emergency Manager position.

Given the instability of the economy, I can understand the need to reduce reliance on tax revenues and grants, but it is not prudent to direct most of the increase to this new position, which many people in town say is not urgently needed. Also, the Emergency Medical Services and the Fire Department are under the authority of the County, and it is inappropriate for the Town to step in here.

I **would** support a property tax increase not to exceed 100% of the current rate, but the town should focus on the ongoing BRICC project until completed and (hopefully) self-sustaining.

Respectfully,

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