

Erin Nelson

From: Carolyn Harmon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 7:33 PM
To: Town of Bluff
Subject: Public Comment: Proposed Property Tax Increase

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

Good afternoon, Town of Bluff Council and Stakeholders,

I am a resident of Bluff, am employed in town, and a registered voter in this municipality. I support the proposed property tax increase suggested for the upcoming fiscal year. My reasons are the necessity of maintaining and supporting existing programs and services for this small community, the benefit the increase would bring to the volunteer fire department in the form of a hired admin position, and my desire to see Bluff not merely maintain stasis but develop and thrive. I thought that Kate Aitchison made a very strong argument with her comment, delivered in person on June 2nd, and continue to agree with her points.

In regards to the pushback from the community towards hiring an administrative position to support the operations of the BVFD, I trust the existing Town of Bluff administrative team and elected officials with the creation, implementation, development, and oversight of such a role. They are skilled professionals with the Town's best interest at their forefront. A formal written job description being the sticking point for so many folks feels like a red herring argument. Furthermore, the repeated claims that current Town of Bluff administrative professionals started with less hours/pay/acknowledgment/support therefore this new position should follow the same trend, is disrespectful to these employees and their experience. The existing workforce of Bluff has jobs, and the aspirational future workforce of Bluff will arrive when employment conditions reflect a sense of value and opportunity better than what was considered normal in the decades preceding present. An admin position for BVFD providing this much benefit to the residents, businesses, properties, and landscape during these increasingly risky fire seasons within our home deserves more than the bare minimum, to attract an individual to the role.

As Councilman Britt Hornsby noted, inflation is a tax we are all already paying without a choice. Given the choice, I would choose to pay an additional property tax to ensure my taxes were going towards Town projects, services, betterment, and the continuance of our idyllic little desert community rather than unknown arbitraries. Let's work together, voting with our dollars in the form of this tax, to keep this roof over our heads.

Thank you.

With gratitude for your time,
Carolyn Harmon