



DATE: April 16, 2018

**CITY OF COOLIDGE
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

SUBJECT: Home Rule First Notice

STAFF PRESENTER:

RECOMMENDATION

This is the first of two public hearings on the Alternative Expenditure Limitation - Home Rule Option that will be placed on the August 28th Primary Election ballot. This public hearing was placed on the City's website and advertised in the Coolidge Examiner on April 4th and April 11th.

DISCUSSION

It is time to renew the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule Option). The City has operated under the "Home Rule Option" since 1982 and it must be voter approved every four years. It was last approved in August of 2014. The City of Coolidge has been allowed to set the expenditure limitation for the last 36 years.

The "Home Rule Option" allows the City Council to set the budget each year, rather than allowing the State of Arizona's expenditure limitation to be applied, thus ensuring local control.

FISCAL IMPACT

As an example for the current fiscal year if we didn't have the Home Rule Option:

State Imposed Limitation	\$ 39,267,993
Home Rule	<u>\$ 44,853,120</u>
Difference	-\$ 5,585,127

If the City were restricted to the State Imposed Limitation we would have to cut 12% out of our current budgets with the larger cuts coming from Police, Fire, and Recreation since they are the largest budgets with the largest number of personnel.

ATTACHMENTS



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Public (PDF)

Detailed Analysis 2018 (XLSX)

Summary Analysis 2018 (DOCX)

Summary Analysis Table 2018 (XLSX)

2018 (DOC)

REVIEW:

Gabe Garcia Completed 04/12/2018 10:31 AM

City Attorney Completed 04/12/2018 2:34 PM

Gabe Garcia Skipped 04/12/2018 4:53 PM

Rick Miller Completed 04/13/2018 8:39 AM

Gabe Garcia 4/12/2018 Ann Schrooten 4/12/2018
Gabe Garcia, Finance Director/CFO Ann Schrooten, Attorney

Rick Miller 4/13/2018
Rick Miller, City Manager