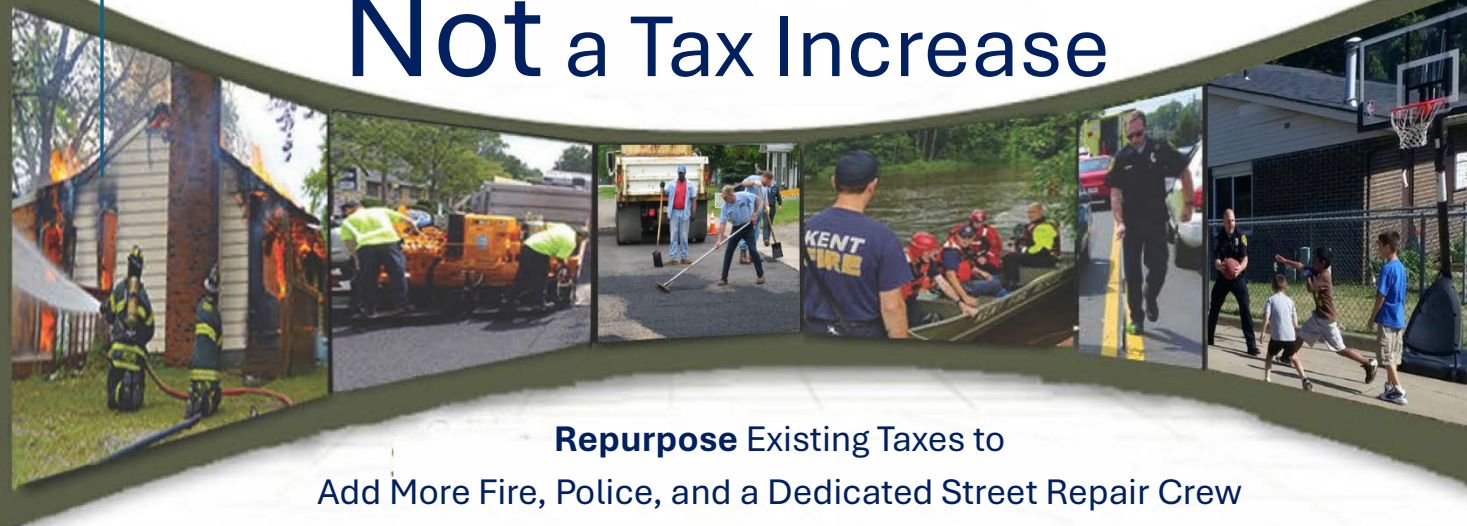


Not a Tax Increase

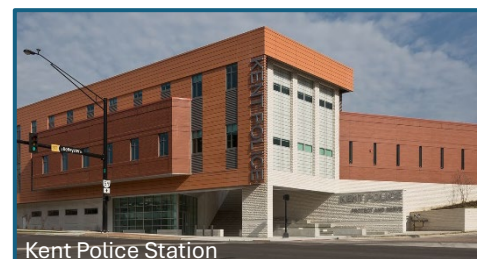


**Repurpose Existing Taxes to
Add More Fire, Police, and a Dedicated Street Repair Crew**

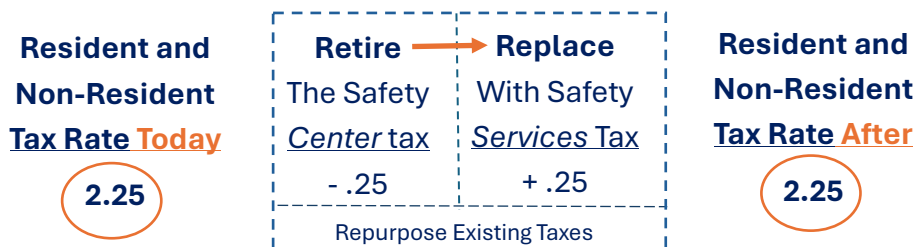
Repurposing the tax would have no change on your current city income tax bill.

In 2013 Kent voters approved a .25 income tax increase to pay for constructing the new police safety center. Those new funds could only be used to pay for the construction of the new building and related debt, and the building debt was scheduled to be paid off in 2038.

Investments in Kent's economic recovery worked, generating higher than expected job and income tax growth which allows the debt for the police safety center to be paid off 10 years early, at the end of 2026.



Paying off the debt for the police safety center early creates an opportunity to repurpose the .25 building income tax to be used to fund 3 new firefighters, 3 police officers, and create a new year-round street repair crew; while potentially providing seed money for new quality of life projects and programs – all for the same tax amount that residents are currently paying in income taxes.



Repurposing the taxes used to pay for the Police Station is projected to provide enough funding to:

1. Expand public safety-first responder staffing -- add 3 new firefighters and 3 new police officers.
2. Create a new year-round dedicated street repair crew.
3. Pursue new quality of life and Parks and Recreation programs and facilities for Kent residents.