

A New Approach to **our Public Safety**



MOVING
forward

Freddie DeCourt, Mayor



OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE PROTECTION OF OUR CITIZENS AND THEIR INVESTMENTS, WHEN IT COMES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Since 2004, over the terms of three mayors and two sheriffs, law enforcement has continued to be an ongoing issue. Regardless of what choices are made in October, our community needs additional law enforcement resources and the cooperation from concerned citizens who are willing to step forward with critical information.

We must have community support, full accountability, open communication, and control of law enforcements direction if we are to truly succeed. Your input on Election Day is critical for the future of our community.

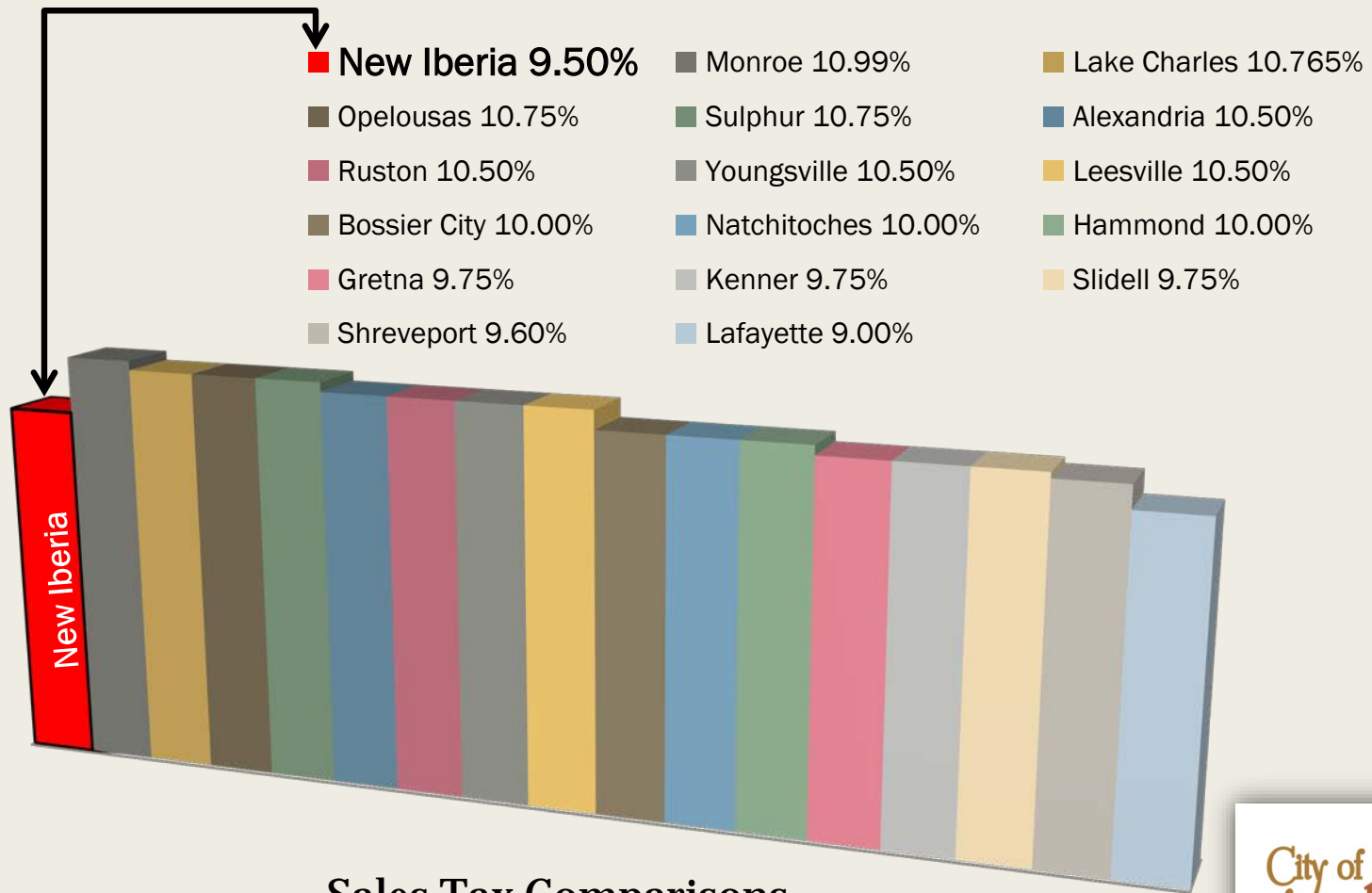
If we are to retain our citizens, attract new businesses and residential developments, we must address our crime issues in a new way. One way might be a new police department. This is only possible with the passage of a ½ cent sales tax. Think of this tax rate as .50 cents on \$100 dollars.

Public safety affects the quality of life and our community's future prosperity. Businesses will be uncertain when it comes to location decisions where law enforcement is an issue. Business costs rise in providing increased security and insurance cost to offset shortfalls in public safety. The perception of a community becomes the reality, and becomes the measure of a community's quality of life, and the effectiveness of its public safety.

We must choose wisely for our community's future.



How Does Our Current Tax Rate Compare to Other Cities?



Sales Tax Comparisons



When Was The Last Time The City of New Iberia Passed a Sales Tax?

November 18, 2003



Of the New Dedicated Public Safety Tax, What Portion Goes to the Police? To Fire?

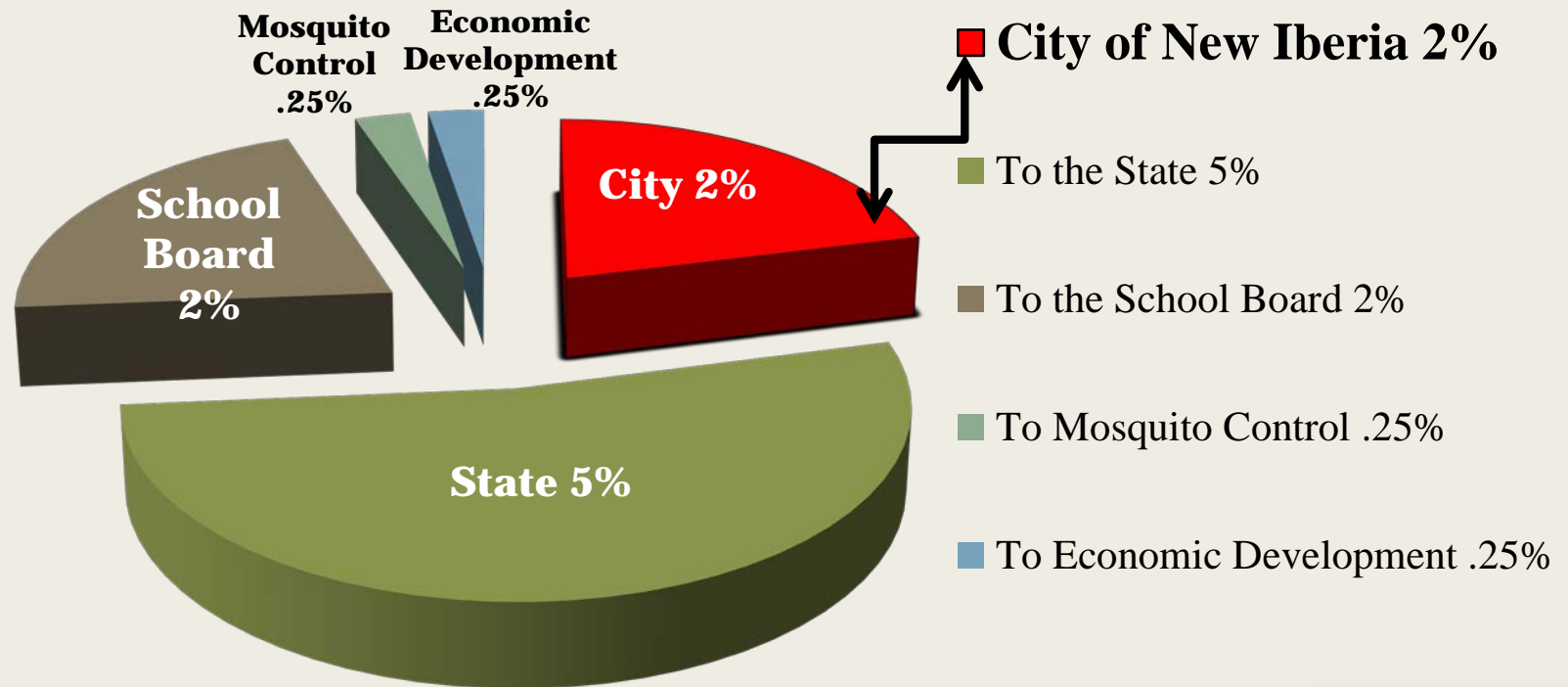
Police
\$2,600,000

**Estimated
Revenue
from dedicated tax
\$3,000,000**

Fire
\$400,000



Total Present Breakdown of Sales Tax – 9.5%



How Will The New Tax Affect Me?

Will provide seventy-one (71) law enforcement officers dedicated only to our city.

Will provide true community policing.

Will allow enforcement of our ordinances to improve our quality of life.

Will provide funds for fire fighting equipment and day-to-day costs.

Will create availability of existing 1960 tax funds to be used as intended for drainage work and public building maintenance.

Citizens will **ONLY pay fifty cents (.50) per \$100**



Proposed New Iberia Police Department (a few facts)

All communities by state law constitutional Article 14, over 13,000 are civil service for both police and fire and if they function under this required system, then the people of New Iberia surely can.

Louisiana Cities by Population which are Civil Service:

New Orleans	389,617	Laplace	28,640	Zachary	16,448
Baton Rouge	228,590	Central	28,295	Estelle	15,355
Shreveport	197,204	Slidell	27,942	Thibodeaux	14,584
Metairie	142,715	Terrytown	24,910	Pineville	14,403
Lafayette	127,657	Ruston	22,340	Baker	13,965
Lake Charles	76,070	Chalmette	21,311	River Ridge	13,636
Bossier City	68,094	Harvey	21,085	Bell Chasse	13,610
Kenner	67,091	Bayou Cane	21,067	Crowley	13,144
Monroe	49,598	Hammond	20,480		
Alexandria	47,889	Sulphur	20,189		
Houma	34,287	Shenandoah	18,874		
Marrero	31,738	Natchitoches	18,365		
New Iberia	30,754	Gretna	17,880		
Prairieville	29,721	Opelousas	16,591		

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

-Peter Drucker

Those against this new approach to public safety offer projections of rising cost. Not considered is the cost our community pays in crime activity, property loss, quality of life decline, and business relocation/loss.

The path creating a (new) New Iberia Police Department offers control of cost balanced with control of the quality and quantity of our law enforcement. The Mayor will have to approve any added costs; and if additional expenses are not budgeted by the City Council, then those funds are not available to be spent.

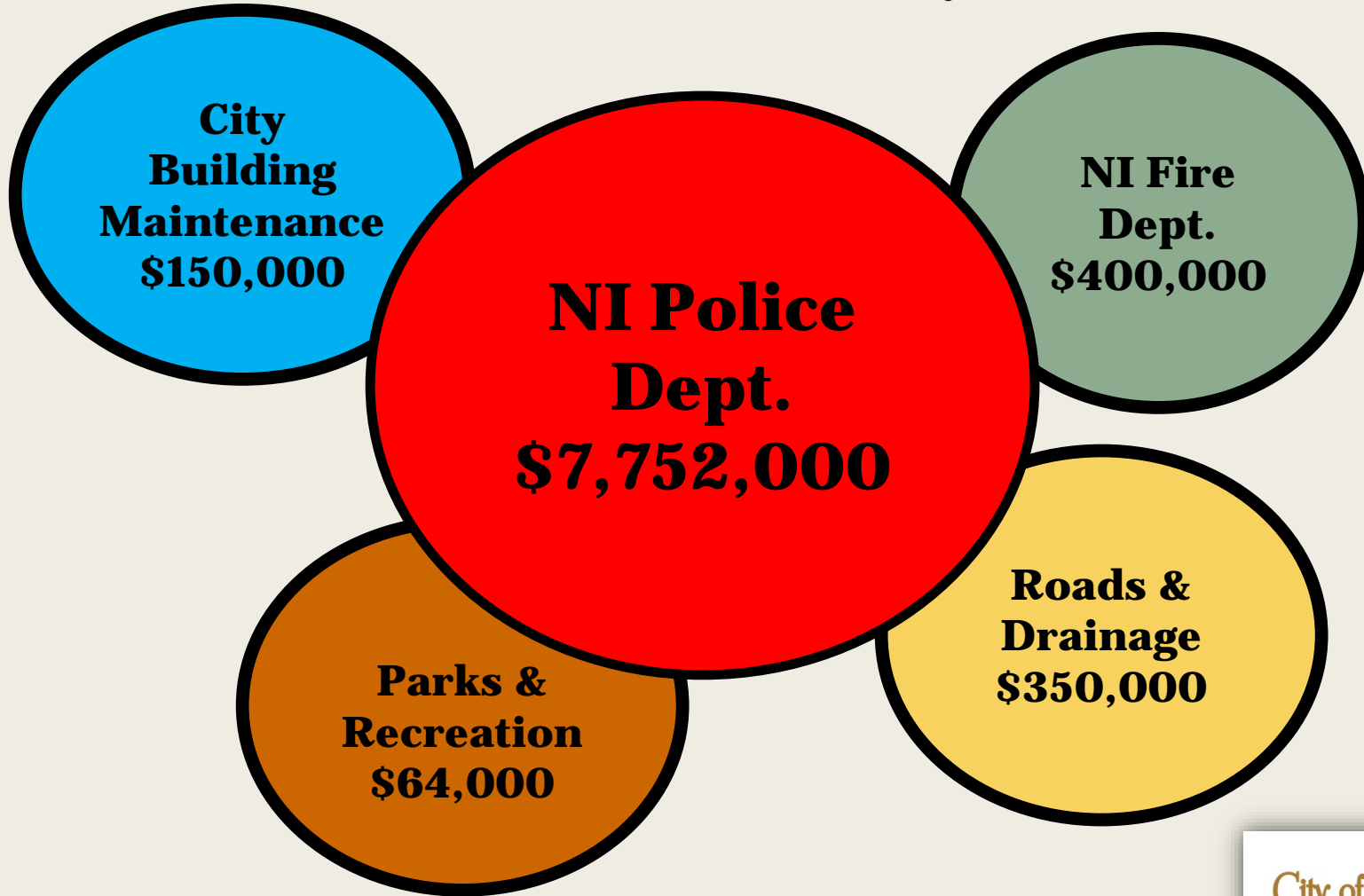
In addition, a safe New Iberia can become a prosperous New Iberia, increased tax revenue and jobs will provide additional funds for law enforcement.

Federal Grant dollars are available once we re-establish a police department. These grant dollars will help to offset overhead costs and provide additional law enforcement services.

Funding Summary 1960 Tax and New Tax Dollars



Allocation Breakdown of the Total Revenue from the 1960 Tax & New Public Safety Tax



PROPOSED BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING
(Estimated FY 2017 – 2018) SALES TAX REVENUE:

Existing:

1960 – Perpetual 1%	Dedicated and used for the purpose of the support and Maintenance of the Police and Fire Departments, the construction and improvement of streets, bridges, or sewerage and for any work of permanent public improvement in the City of New Iberia, Louisiana.	\$6,400,000
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Proposed:

2017-2018	Proposed ½-cent sales tax, which will be dedicated to PUBLIC SAFETY.	\$3,000,000
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Less Debt Service on 1960 Tax on new ½-cent tax – including interest, bond cost, collections, pension (\$300,000 on 1960 Tax and \$384,000,00 on proposed tax.		< \$ <u>684,000</u> >
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TOTAL ESTIMATED ACCESSIBLE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AS WELL, AS ITEMS DESCRIBED IN THE 1960 TAX ABOVE:	<u>\$8,716,000</u>
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LAW ENFORCEMENT TOTAL REQUIRED EXPENSES:

Available Funds to be applied to public safety:		
Portion of Funds from 1960 Tax:		\$5,150,000
Funds from new Public Safety Tax:		<u>\$2,600,000 – New Public Safety Tax Dollars</u>
Total Law Enforcement Estimated Expenses:		\$7,752,000

Accessible Funds Less Expenses:	< <u>\$7,752,000</u> >
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Balance of Remaining Funds:	<u>\$ 964,000</u>
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New Iberia Police Schematic Budget Breakdown



New Iberia Police – Schematic Budget 2017

(Contingent on Passage of the October 2017 Tax)

Cost Summary:

(A) Staff		\$2,654,500
(B) Breakdown overhead cost per year		<u>\$4,797,500</u>
<u>Subtotal:</u>		\$ 7,452,000
(C) Startup expense	+	<u>\$ 1,604,500</u>
One-time startup cost:		\$9,056,500
Less Startup Dollars:		<1,604,500>
Police endowment for raises or benefits to insure a stable long-term department	+	\$ <u>300,000</u>
<u>TOTAL COST PER YEAR AFTER ONE-TIME START-UP COSTS:</u>		<u>\$7,752,000</u>



<u>(A) STAFF</u>	
Chief	\$75,000
Assistant Chief	\$65,000
Major	\$50,000
Captain 2 x 42,000 =	\$84,000
Lieutenant 4 x 38,000 =	\$152,000
Sargeant 8 x 34,000 =	\$272,000
Officers 28 x 31,000 =	\$868,000
<u>NARCOTICS/DETECTIVES:</u>	
Lt. over Narcotics/Detectives 1 x 38,000 =	\$38,000
Detective 4 x 32,500 =	\$130,000
Sargeant over Juveniles/Detectives 1 x 34,000 =	\$34,000
Juvenile Detective 3 x 32,5000 =	\$97,500
Narcotics Sargeant 1 x 34,000 =	\$34,000
Narcotics 4 x 32,500 =	\$130,000
Records Clerk 1 x \$28,000	\$28,000
Traffic 3 x 31,000 =	\$93,000
K9 1 x 32,000 =	\$32,000
Dog 10,000 =	\$10,000
Dog Equipment 7,500 =	\$7,500

<u>PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISIONS:</u>	
PSD Officer 2 x 31,000 =	\$62,000
<u>NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:</u>	
Secretary 1 x 29,000 -	\$29,000
Records 3 x 26,500 =	\$79,500
Transport 1 x 30,000 =	\$30,000
Communication Supervisor 1 x 30,000 =	\$30,000
Communication Officer 8 x 28,000 =	\$224,000
SUBTOTAL:	\$2,654,500
For city budget purposes state supplemental pay is not included in the above salaries.	
<u>(B) BREAKDOWN OVERHEAD COST PER YEAR</u>	
Cars used from the state 5 x 5,000	\$25,000
Leased Cars 63 x 750 x 12 =	\$567,000
Overtime	\$294,647
Severance Pay	\$15,000
Courts Testimony	\$35,925
Retirement	\$1,000,000
Medicare Tax	\$46,000



Health Insurance	\$850,000
Life Insurance	\$7,346
Worker's Comp Premiums	\$250,000
Legal Fees	\$100,000
Computer Program	\$9,155
Department Expense	\$3,197
Drug Screen	\$6,042
Technical Contract Service	\$13,500
Dues & Subscriptions	\$2,509
Errors & Omissions	\$3,404
Errors & Omission Claims	\$3,304
Police Professional Liability Insurance	\$200,000
Police Professional Claims	\$75,000
Auto Liability	\$49,810
Postage	\$1,249
Printing	\$6,349
Jail Medical	\$57,041
Jail Laundry	\$590
Jail Contract	\$365,000
Juvenile Incarceration	\$200,000
Building & Maintenance	\$5,000
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$4,060
Automobile Repair	\$100,000

Maintenance Supplies	\$3,818
Range Expense	\$1,000
Telephone	\$39,328
Gas & Lube	\$267,985
Radio Repairs	\$9,919
Travel & Meals	\$5,000
Uniforms	\$25,000
Computer Maintenance	\$18,193
Training	\$20,000
Electric	\$20,000
Dog Pound	\$7,384
Office Supplies	\$6,245
Collection Fees	\$70,000
Detective/Narcotics Clothing Allowance	\$7,500
SUB TOTAL:	\$4,797,500
<u>(C) STARTUP COSTS (ONE-TIME EXPENSE)</u>	
Outfit Cars 68 x 9,000 =	\$612,000
Computers	\$250,000
Radio System	\$350,000
CAD System	\$100,000
Badges	\$7,500
Guns	\$30,000

Body Cameras	\$30,000
Post Certification Fees	\$20,000
Bike Patrol equipment	\$5,000
Body Armor	\$20,000
Startup Supplies	\$180,000
SUB TOTAL:	\$1,604,500

NEW IBERIA POLICE – PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN

