



**AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026
6:00 PM**

Call To Order

Roll Call:

Mayor Jim Kuretski
Vice-Mayor Phyllis Choy
Councilor Ron Delaney
Councilor Dan Guisinger
Councilor Malise Sundstrom
Town Manager Frank Kitzerow
Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird

If you would like to speak on any item, please submit a Comment Card.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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1. Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2027 Millage Rate.

ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF
JUPITER

FISCAL YEAR 2027

Town Council Workshop

Proposed Millage Rate & Funding Sources
September 17, 2026

Agenda

- FY 2027 Proposed Millage Rate
- Jupiter Fire Rescue Department Funding
- Statutory Requirements for Approving Millage
- Implications of Millage Rate Decisions



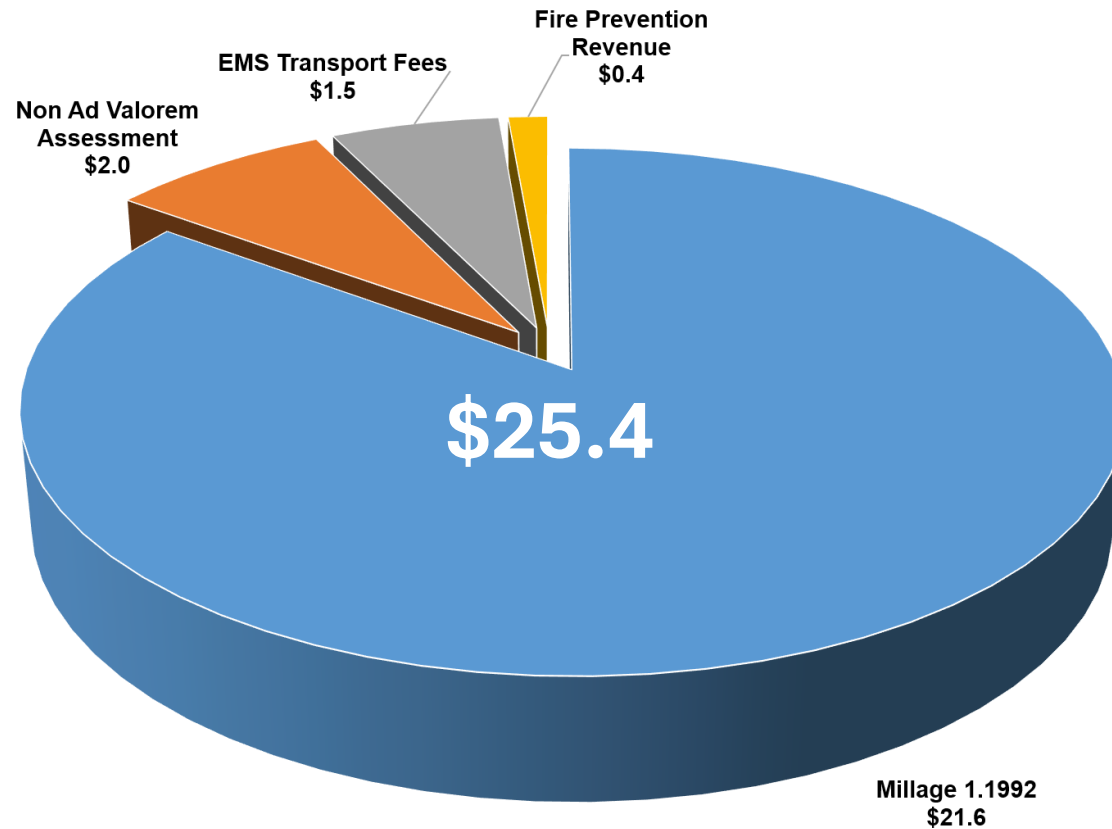
FY 2027 Proposed Millage Rate: 3.5886

- Jupiter has a long history of either maintaining or reducing its millage rate.
- In FY2027, additional millage is required to fund the first year of Jupiter Fire Rescue Department's full operations.
 - This additional millage replaces the "Jupiter Fire Rescue" line on taxpayers' notices, which was used to fund Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.
 - The Town's millage increase is less than what PBCFR previously charged Jupiter residents for fire rescue services.

	FY2026	FY2027
Town Operating Millage	2.3894	2.3894
PBCFR Jupiter Fire Rescue Millage	1.7251	0
Town Fire Fund (JFRD) Millage	0	1.1992
Total	4.1145	3.5886

JFRD Total Operating Budget FY2027: \$25.4 Million

\$25.5 Million JFRD Operating Budget (\$ Millions)



- Most (85%) of JFRD's operating budget is funded by the 1.1992 millage increase for FY2027.
- The rest is funded by a combination of EMS transport fees, Fire Prevention Fees and a non ad valorem assessment (NAV).

Statutory Requirements for Approving Millage

- Florida State Statute dictates how much millage rates can increase year-to-year.
- An increase of up to 10% over the “Roll-back Rate” requires a two-thirds majority vote. An increase **greater than 10% over the “Roll-back Rate” requires a unanimous vote.**
 - The “Roll-back Rate” is defined as the rate that would be charged if the budget dollars were unchanged from one year to the next.
 - Due to increases in property values, if the millage rate is unchanged, the dollars in taxes paid will increase (no more than 3% for homesteaded properties).
- The Town is in a unique position this year where its “Roll-back Rate” is based on a FY2026 rate that does not include the cost of providing fire rescue services. State statute does not contemplate a situation where a local government is taking over provision of a new service. This is a once in a lifetime event for a municipality and is the last remaining item for the implementation of JFRD which will save the taxpayer \$10 million annually.
- **The “Roll-back Rate” becomes the default rate if other proposed rates fail to meet the required number of votes.**

Statutory Requirements for Approving Millage

Rate	Millage	Vote Required	Revenue Generated	Revenue Shortfall (to Proposed FY27 Budget)
Proposed rate	3.5886	Unanimous (5-0)	\$70,450,007	\$0
110% of Roll-back Rate	2.4976	Two-thirds majority (4 of 5)	\$49,031,917	(\$21,418,090)
Flat Rate	2.3894	Two-thirds (4 of 5)	\$46,907,776	(\$23,542,231)
Roll-back Rate	2.2705	Simple majority (3 of 5)	\$44,573,578	(\$25,876,429)

Implications of Millage Rate Decisions

- Any rate that is approved below the proposed millage rate of 3.5886 would result in a deficit, as shown on the previous slide.
 - In the most extreme case (Roll-back Rate), the **majority of the JFRD operating budget (\$21.5 million) would need to be funded by other means.**
- That deficit could only be funded from:
 - General Fund Reserves
 - Reduction of services or projects
- Significant use of General Fund Reserves would **seriously impact how the Town would be able to respond to Amendment 3**, should it pass.
 - This would impact the Town's **future credit rating** and drastically reduce funding needed to **respond to a major natural disaster.**

Questions

