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**Subject:** 2021 Tax Policy - Fire Area Rated Tax Changes - Written Submission for Council Agenda

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**Subject:** Re: 2021 Tax Policy - Fire Area Rated Tax Changes - Written Submission for Council Agenda

Good Afternoon,

Now that the Bill / Bylaw has been publicly posted, I was able to quantify the red areas on the Fire Imbalance visual attachment sent previously.

As per the attached spreadsheet, due to the clerical mapping error plus the additional benefit of the reserves, the net fire tax benefit to a residential home valued at \$500,000 and located in an area receiving urban services, is estimated to be \$305 in 2021.

\$305 is 1.1x what will be the actual billed/paid fire services levy of \$276 in 2021. For lack of a better word that escapes me at the moment, I've referred to this as "Bonusing/Tax Rebate" on the spreadsheet.

Before you proceed with passing this Tax Policy bylaw on May 26th, I felt you should be aware of the dollar value of this grossly unfair tax treatment vis-a-vis the treatment of the Winona residents.

Respectfully,

Viv Saunders

**Fire Services Levies Based on 2020 Tax Rates:**

<u>Property Type</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Rural Fire Rate</u>	<u>Fire Levy</u>	<u>Urban</u>	<u>Fire Levy</u>	<u>\$ Diff</u>	<u>% Diff</u>
	<u>Value</u>			<u>Fire Rate</u>		<u>Urban v. Rural</u>	<u>Urban v. Rural</u>
Residential	\$ 500,000	\$ 0.00053229	\$ 266	0.001072	\$ 536	\$ 270	101%
Commerical	\$ 3,000,000	0.00105393	\$ 3,162	0.002123	\$ 6,368	\$ 3,206	101%
Industrial	\$ 5,000,000	0.00176471	\$ 8,824	0.003554	\$ 17,771	\$ 8,947	101%

**CAN'T DO BELOW** UNTIL LEVIES ARE PUBLISHED MAY 24TH?

**Estimated, 2021** not available to me. Used 2020 and adj by 1.3% for Rural and adj down by .5% for Urban

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	<u>Value</u>			<u>Fire Rate</u>			
Residential	\$ 500,000	?	#VALUE!	0.001067	\$ 533	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Commerical	\$ 3,000,000	?	#VALUE!	0.002016	\$ 6,049	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
Industrial	\$ 5,000,000	?	#VALUE!	0.003376	\$ 16,882	#VALUE!	#VALUE!

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