

What is "Home Rule?"

Town of Oro Valley

Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation Option



The State of Arizona Constitution imposes a formula-based budget spending limit on Arizona cities and towns, including the Town of Oro Valley.

This formula-based spending limit does not take into consideration the services and programs provided to citizens by each city or town, such as public safety, water and roadway infrastructure.

As an alternative to this formula-based limit, the State Constitution allows voters of a municipality to approve a Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation, otherwise known as the "Home Rule" Option.

The Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation, or "Home Rule" Option allows a city or town to adopt its own budget limits locally-based on local needs, service levels and available resources.



A "YES" vote on Home Rule would allow Oro Valley to continue to set its own budget spending limits locally via the budget adoption process. The local funding estimate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 is \$112.8 million.



A "NO" vote on Home Rule would limit the Town expenditures to the State-imposed formula limit, resulting in a 60% reduction in Town services, beginning in fiscal year 2015/16. Budgeted expenditures would be limited to no more than \$42.4 million, which would translate into a severe reduction (more than 60%) in Town services, which include police, parks and recreation, streets and roads maintenance, transit services, development services, and water utility services.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation Option is not an increase or decrease in tax rates. Funding estimates are based on existing income sources that the Town already receives.

These income sources would continue to be received by the Town under the State-imposed budget limit, but could not be spent in the full delivery of services to the community.

The Town of Oro Valley does not impose a local property tax.

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VOTER INFORMATION

The primary election will be held August 26, 2014. Due to a recent change in state law, the Town of Oro Valley is now required to conduct its elections in the fall of even-numbered years in coordination with Pima County. Therefore, the 2014 Primary and General Elections will be polling place elections for those voters who have not requested a ballot by mail. Voters may request an early mail ballot for a specific election or they may request to be placed on the Permanent Early Voting List and receive mail ballots for all elections. The early mail ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed on or about July 31, 2014 and on or about October 9, 2014 for the General Election.