

Town of Chino Valley

Proposition 436

Aug. 30, 2016



Alternative
Expenditure
Limitation
Home Rule
Option

Q: What is Proposition 436?

A: Proposition 436 will determine the amount of revenues the Town government will be able to spend to provide services to the community such as Public Safety, Library, Recreation, Senior Center, Parks, Roads, Water and Sewer.

Q: Why do Town residents have to vote on this?

A: State law requires that the Mayor and Council approve a spending cap for each year's budget. The voters decide the method for determining that spending cap. There are two methods to choose from in 2017: The State Imposed method, which is based on a formula set in 1980, or the "Home Rule Option," where your local elected officials determine how our local revenues should be spent.

Q: What method does the Town use now?

A: In 2013, Chino Valley voters approved the "Home Rule Option." This option allows the Mayor and Council to determine the Town's spending cap based on actual projected revenues and local service needs. Every four years, the citizens must evaluate whether or not to continue with the Home Rule option, adopt another alternative, or default back to the State limit.

Q: Why have Chino Valley voters chosen Home Rule over the State limit?

A: Under Home Rule, the Town sets its spending cap based on actual projected revenues each fiscal year. The State limit requires the Town to set its spending cap based on revenues received and services provided in 1980 when the Town's population was 2,400, its revenues were \$255,000, and it had 18 square miles, with no municipal water and sewer service, few paved roads, and only the most basic services.

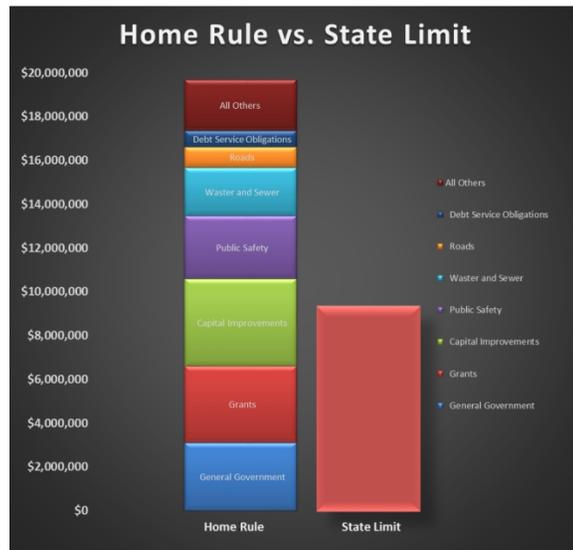
Under the State Imposed Limitation, the Town's revenues will still be received, but the Town will not be able to spend a large percentage of them to provide services to the community.

Q: What is the difference between a "YES" vote and a "NO" vote?

A: A "YES" vote will allow the Town to set its annual spending cap annually based on actual projected revenues and current needs for the next four years. A "NO" vote will require the Town to set its spending cap based on the State imposed limit for at least two years.

Q: How does Home Rule affect the Town's ability to continue providing services for its citizens?

A: Under Home Rule, the Town will continue to provide services based on the amount of revenues received each year. Under the State Imposed Limitation the Town would still receive the same amount of revenue, but would not be able to spend a large portion of it to provide services to the community.

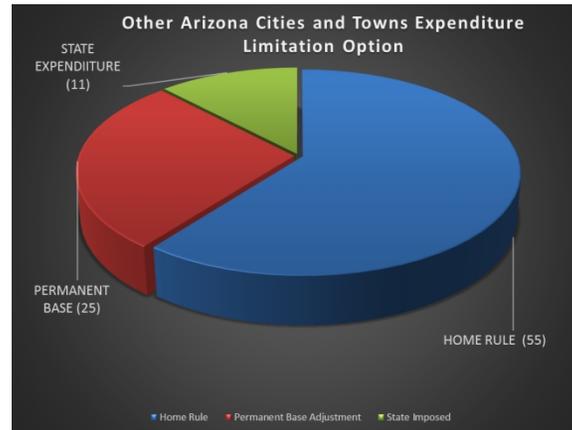


Q: What effect will this vote have on taxes or what I pay for services?

A: A vote for or against Home Rule will not impact any of your taxes or what you pay for local services. The Town's revenues will remain the same from all Federal, State, and local sources.

Q: What do other Cities and Towns do?

A: 55 of the 91 Cities and Towns in Arizona have elected to operate under the "Home Rule" Option.



Chino Valley Residents have approved the Home Rule Option since 1985.

The Town projects to receive \$19,688,500 in revenues next fiscal year; under the State Imposed Limitation, the Town can only spend \$8,617,101.

Q: How will the current economy affect Home Rule?

A: Economic conditions will affect the Town's budget in the same way under either formula, since the law requires the Town's budget to remain balanced.

Q: Where can I learn more?

A: Visit the Town website at www.chinoaz.net or contact the Town Clerk or Finance Director at (928) 636-2646.

Q: Where can I get voter information?

A: In addition to what's available on www.chinoaz.net, registered voters will receive a voter information pamphlet. You can also obtain voter information from Yavapai County Elections & Voter Registration at www.yavapai.us/electionsvr or (928) 771-3248.