



**TOWN OF
MARBLEHEAD**

SELECT BOARD

Annual Town Meeting

May 4, 2026

ARTICLE 29

Supplemental Appropriation & Expenses of Several Departments

Presented by: Dan Fox, Select Board · Melissa Clucas, School Committee

Decided at Town Meeting Tonight:

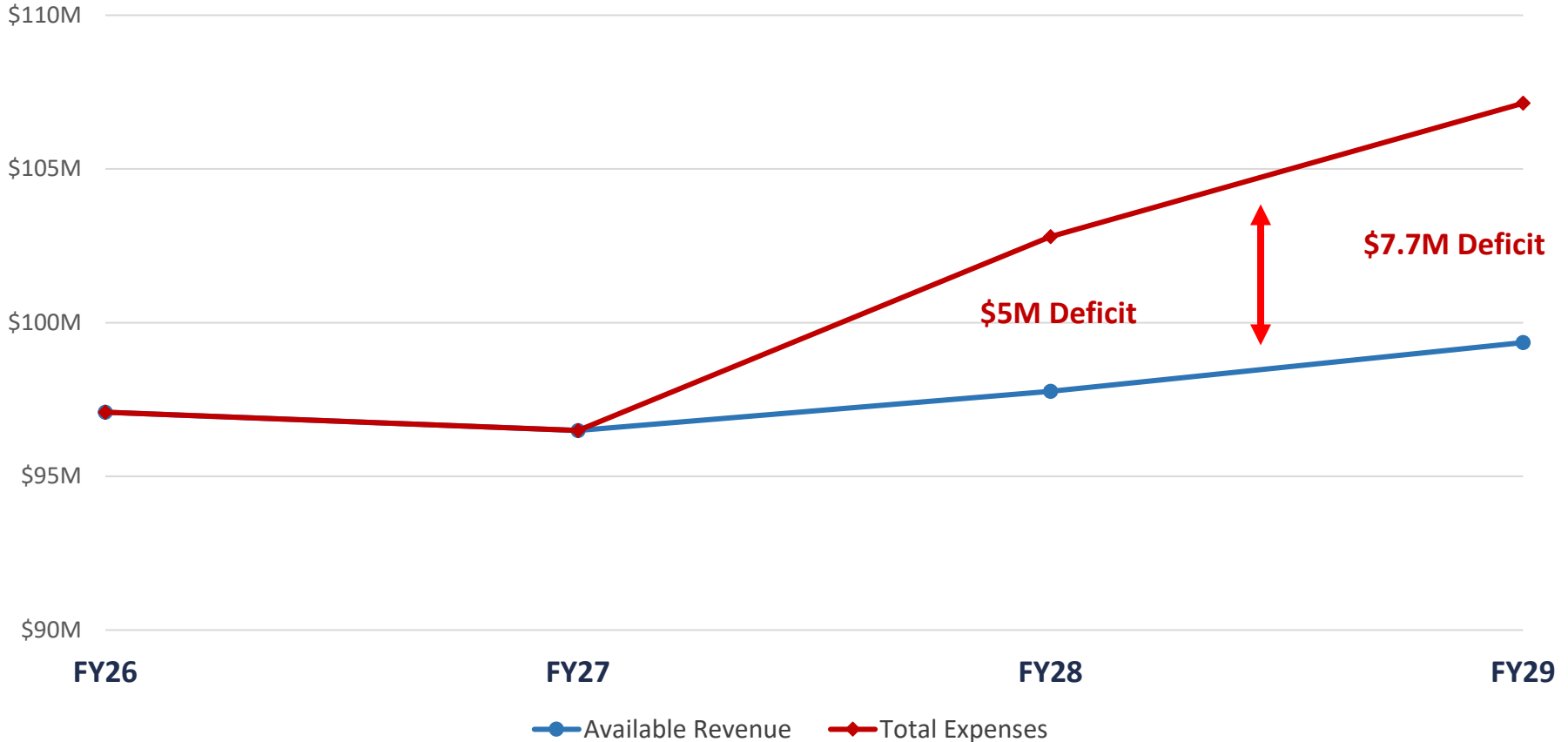
- ✓ Whether to put a Proposition 2½ override on the June 9 ballot

(This is done by approving a supplemental appropriation of funds for FY27 - contingent on the passage of the override on June 9)

Decided at the Town Election on June 9:

- ✓ Which of the three tiers (\$9M, \$12M or \$15M) voters approve — if any
- ✓ How to fund curbside trash collection — through a fee or through property taxes

Revenue Forecast and Underlying Assumptions

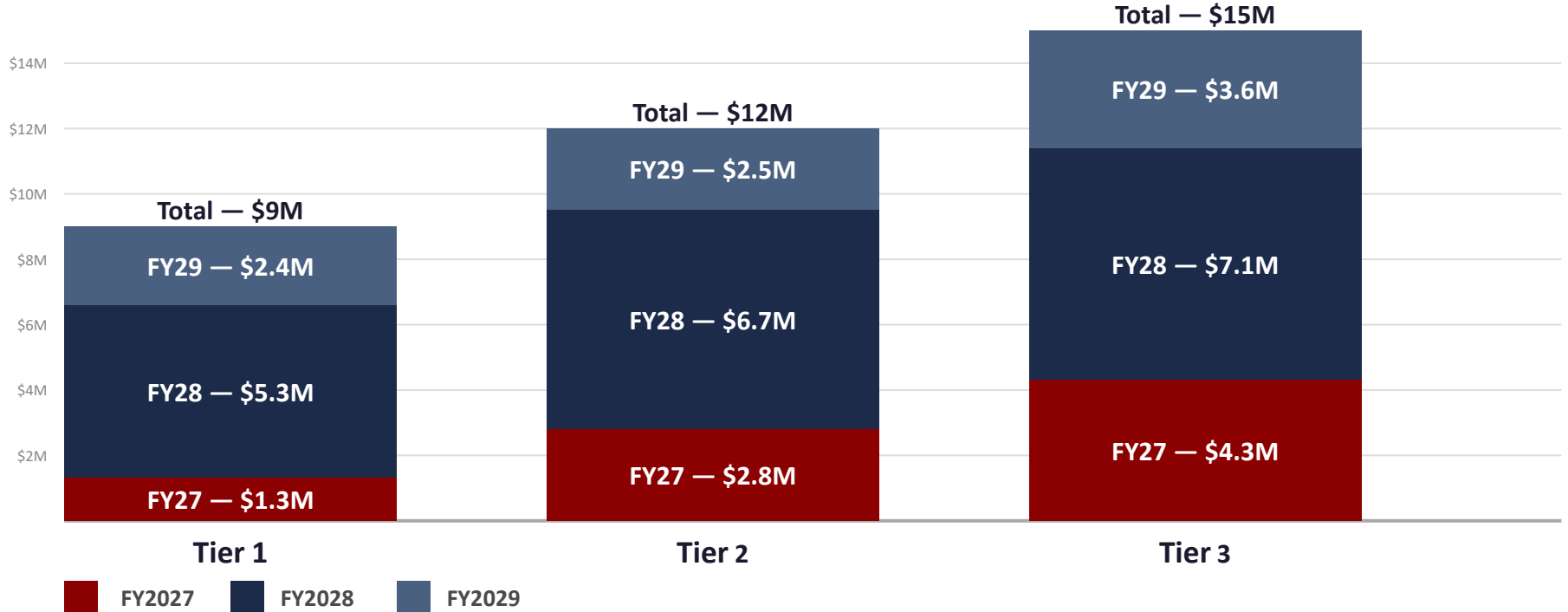


The Tiers

- ✓ **Tier 1: Partial Restore – \$9M**
- ✓ **Tier 2: Build – \$12M**
- ✓ **Tier 3: Invest – \$15M**

HOW THE TAX OVERRIDE LEVY IS DRAWN OVER THREE YEARS

Total levy increase by tier, broken out by fiscal year

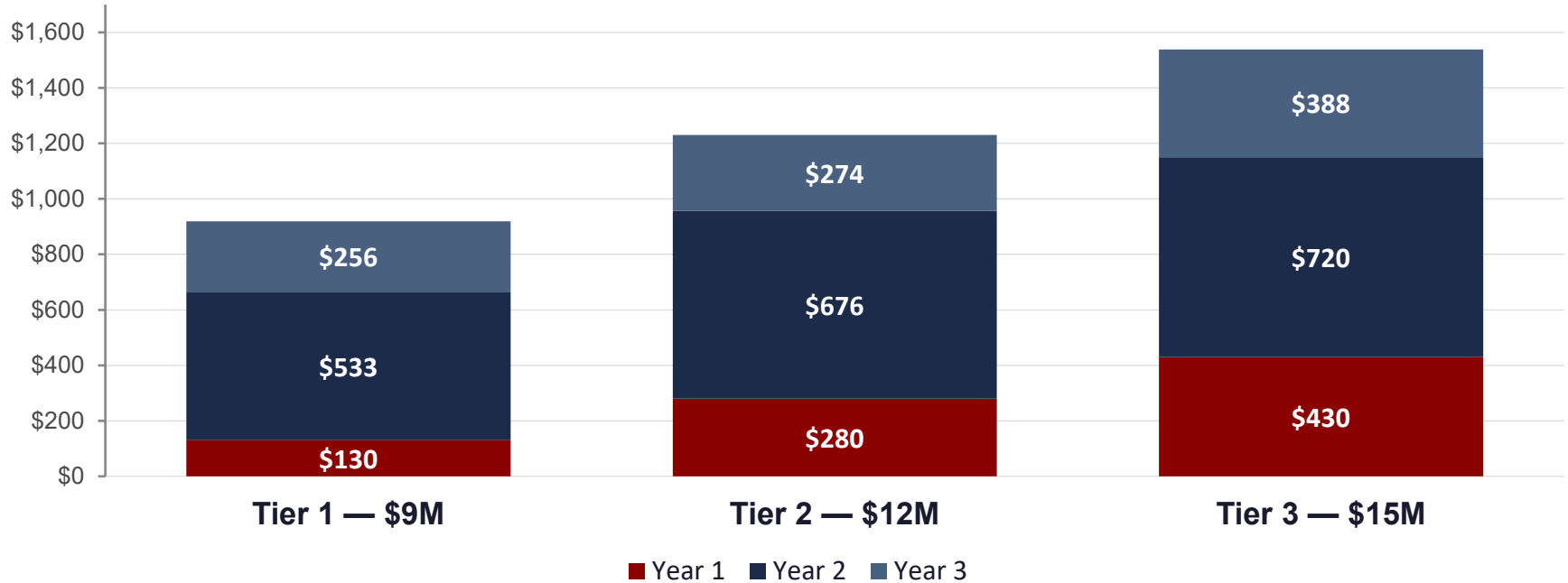


We will not request another general override for at least 3 years

WHAT IS FUNDED IN EACH TIER

	Tier	1	2	3		Tier	1	2	3
CULTURE & RECREATION					PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES				
4 Library Positions		✓	✓	✓	Abbot Hall & Mary Alley Custodians		✓	✓	✓
Nutritional Coordinator & Clerk @ COA		✓	✓	✓	Cemetery Laborer		✓	✓	✓
Rec & Park Groundskeeper		✓	✓	✓	HEO, Laborer, PT Clerk & asphalt (DPW)		✓	✓	✓
Part-time Social Worker at COA			✓	✓	\$450K for building maintenance			✓	✓
Fully restored Library			✓	✓	GIS Position (DPW)			✓	✓
					Foreman & Specialized HEO (DPW)				✓
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					PUBLIC SAFETY				
Sr. Clerk & IT equipment (Finance Dept.)		✓	✓	✓	School Resources Officer (Police)		✓	✓	✓
Director of Community Dev. & Planning		✓	✓	✓	1 Police Officer			✓	✓
Stabilization fund, OPEB, Workers' Comp, FinCom Reserve		✓	✓	✓	2 Firefighters			✓	✓
Special Town Clerk			✓	✓	1 additional Police Officer (2 total)				✓
IT Director & Budget Analyst (Finance Dept.)			✓	✓	2 Additional Fire Fighers (4 total)				✓
Asst. Planner & Conservation Agent			✓	✓					
Grant Writer				✓	SCHOOLS				
Mental Health funding				✓	Fund adjusted staffing (avoid 30-50 additional staf reductions in FY28		✓	✓	✓
Capital needs all departments				✓	Fund \$1.5 Special Ed out-of-district tuition		✓	✓	✓
					Return 3 positions to General Fund (from revolving fund)		✓	✓	✓
					Full Day Kindergarten (\$671K in FY28; \$710K in FY29)			✓	✓
					\$150K for educational technology			✓	✓
					\$100K for curriculum & professional development				✓
					Special Education Program for 18-22 year olds (\$500K)				✓

Tax Impact on a Median Home (\$998,600) Over 3 Years



Total Tax increase by FY29: Tier 1 = \$919/yr | Tier 2 = \$1,230/yr | Tier 3 = \$1,538/yr

Voting the Tiers on June 9

Advisory language from the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office:

Questions 1, 2 and 3 are separate questions. You may vote for or against each question independently. Each question requires a majority of those voting on that question to pass. **If more than one question passes, the question with the highest dollar amount will prevail.**

Which Override amount prevails?

Question 1: Shall the Town of Marblehead be allowed to assess an additional \$9,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the general government of the Town and the school department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026?

YES

Yes = 72%

NO

Question 2 : Shall the Town of Marblehead be allowed to assess an additional \$12,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the general government of the Town and the school department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026?

YES

Yes = 49%

NO

Question 3 : Shall the Town of Marblehead be allowed to assess an additional \$15,000,000 million dollars in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the general government of the Town and the school department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026?

YES

Yes = 51%

NO

Tonight's Vote

FY27 Supplemental Appropriation

Motion:

That the Town raise and appropriate the following amounts contingent upon the passage of a proposition 2½ Override, so called:

	Year 1 — Tier 1	Year 1 — Tier 2	Year 1 — Tier 3
General Government	\$423,625	\$1,032,374	\$1,250,302
Public Safety	\$119,982	\$333,464	\$546,946
Public Works & Facilities	\$259,286	\$329,286	\$477,286
Human Services	\$76,171	\$136,171	\$196,171
Culture & Recreation	\$356,183	\$973,941	\$973,941
Other General Government	\$34,317		\$852,072
TOTAL	\$1,269,564	\$2,805,236	\$4,296,718

And further that in the event the highest override amount succeeds, Tier 3 shall control and Tier 1 and Tier 2 shall be of no effect, and if the next highest override amount succeeds, then Tier 2 shall control and Tier 1 and Tier 3 shall be of no effect and finally if the lowest amount succeeds then Tier 1 shall be in effect and Tier 2 and Tier 3 shall be of no effect.

WHAT THIS VOTE MEANS FOR MARBLEHEAD

✓ A YES VOTE TONIGHT

- Advances a multi-tier, multi-year solution to the June 9 ballot
- Gives all Marblehead voters the choice of which tier, if any, they support

✗ A NO VOTE TONIGHT OR IN JUNE

- 43.5 positions lost — cuts in Article 23 balanced budget take effect July 1
- Library open only 3 days/week; loses accreditation pathway
- Police Student Resource Officer eliminated from schools
- Increased fire department overtime; currently down 1 full shift
- Schools face \$4M deficit in FY28 — further cuts to staffing, programs, and safety
- Town's structural deficit continues to grow — larger, harder decision in the near future