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This week's Oral Quarrel asked readers how they felt about the possibility of Farmington Hills City Council raising taxes and whether they would prefer a tax hike or service cut. Following are the responses:

I have been a resident of Farmington Hills for 20 years. I definitely would rather see services cut and taxes not raised. We have senior citizens that can no longer live in the city and city council should do what the folks who live here do. If you can't afford it, you don't buy it. So the heck with these surpluses, no more taxes, it's ridiculous.

I am a senior citizen and I would rather have the services cut than the taxes raised. It's getting so I can't live in Farmington Hills any more.

Have services cut and start with the city council.

Have city services cut.

I don't get city services and I would just as soon not have the taxes raised. I am a widow and I can't hardly pay them now. I am sick and tired of getting increases all the time and I don't believe we are getting enough for that.

I want neither services cut or taxes raised. Let's cut the waste. For example why do we need so many city cars. It seems like every employee has their own car. Why not pay mileage for using their own car and why are the department heads afraid to return unused budget money. The fire chief recently told his district chiefs to stock up on everything because there is too much

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money left from last year's budget and why do we provide a car and fuel for the Fire Chief to drive 50 miles per day from and to his home.

I have been a citizen of Farmington Hills for over 23 years. I am a senior citizen and have no children in school. My children went to private school. I paid for them. I think it's high time we stopped this taxation of everybody by a few. I think it should be put up to a vote and I would rather see city services cut and my taxes reduced. That's the way I feel about it.

I would rather have city services cut than taxes raised and I have been a resident for 23 years and I think we have enough taxes.

No on the tax increase. We used to pay for garbage pickup and got along fine. At some point the council has to learn to hold the line, like all politicians. They have to learn that lesson.

I am opposed to having the taxes raised. I would rather have the services cut. We haven't got that many services anyway.

Don't raise the taxes, cut the city services. The only thing we get for services now that we can see is rubbish collections.

I think that if city council raises taxes, they better count on being unemployed as council members during the next election. The city already charges enough taxes. No I don't think they should cut services. They don't provide much in the way of services as it is. I think they better cut the fat out of the budget and learn how to live within their means like the rest of us do.

I would like to see the City of Farmington Hills operate in an efficient manner. No, they shouldn't raise taxes, they are high enough as it is.

I would not want the taxes raised but I don't want the services cut either. The main concern I have why they have the power to raise the taxes to 10 mills without us having anything to say about it. If we need taxes increased, I am all for it.

Do not raise taxes under any circumstances. Live within your present existing budget.

Do not raise our taxes. You can stay within your budget and complete everything you have to.

Raise taxes again? Haven't we just been reading about a million dollar surplus? They better not raise taxes again or they will have some sort of revolt on their hands.

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I CAN'T EVEN AFFORD TO PAY ATTENTION!!!



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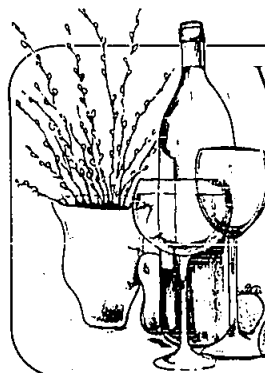
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