



## **Average Homeowner's Cost Comparison**

One key analytical tool used by the City Council and City staff is a comparison of the average costs incurred by homeowners in several cities throughout the Valley. The average charges for the current fiscal year for various cities are compared with the average costs for the current fiscal year in the City of Mesa. While some neighboring municipalities have a different resource mix than Mesa, bringing them all together allows for comparison to ensure that Mesa remains an affordable place to live, work and play.

The Average Homeowner's Annual Cost Comparison Notes:

- The City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert are the only municipalities that do not have a primary property tax. All other revenue sources exist in all municipalities.
- Estimated city sales taxes paid is based on average household expenditures from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey applied to each city's sales tax rate. Some cities have different rates for different taxable items. Mesa does not collect sales tax on the sale of food for consumption at home.
- Comparisons are determined using a standard service level for all cities.
- Standard solid waste charges are for twice per week garbage (and recyclables where applicable) collection using 90 gallon barrels. Solid Waste residential charges include a Green and Clean fee for Mesa.
- Other city's environmental fees are included as applicable.
- Charges are based on FY 16/17 annual average usage of 8,900 water gallons per month, ranging from 6,000 in winter to 12,000 in summer.
- Wastewater charges are based on the average consumption of water during the winter months.

FY	Prepared	Prepared 2/27/2018						
	CITY PROPERTY TAXES (1)							
	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	CITY SALES	SOLID WASTE	WATER	WASTEWATER	ANNUAL	
	(2, 3)	(2, 3)	TAXES (4, 5)	CHARGES (6)	CHARGES (7)	CHARGES (8)	TOTAL	PCT OF MESA
MESA								
Median Value	\$119,063	\$119,063						
Rate	\$0.0000	\$1.0968	1.75%	\$29.60	\$46.59	\$29.05		
Annual Cost	\$0	\$131	\$499	\$355	\$559	\$349	\$1,893	100%
CHANDLER								
Median Value	\$165,541	\$165,541						
Rate	\$0.2700	\$0.8700	1.50%	\$16.93	\$24.78	\$27.38		
Annual Cost	\$45	\$144	\$552	\$203	\$297	\$329	\$1,570	83%
GILBERT		•		•		'		•
Median Value	\$177,765	\$177,765						
Rate	\$0.0000	\$1.0281	1.50%	\$16.00	\$24.28	\$21.69		
Annual Cost	\$0	\$183	\$492	\$192	\$291	\$260	\$1,419	75%
GLENDALE								_
Median Value	\$93,849	\$93,849						
Rate	\$0.4632	\$1.6140	2.90%	\$19.05	\$34.82	\$32.20		
Annual Cost	\$43	\$151	\$964	\$229	\$418	\$386	\$2,192	116%
PHOENIX			•		•			•
Median Value	\$92,066	\$92,066						
Rate	\$1.3359	\$0.8241	2.30%	\$26.80	\$28.91	\$24.18		
Annual Cost	\$123	\$76	\$672	\$322	\$347	\$290	\$1,830	97%
SCOTTSDALE								
Median Value	\$275,943	\$275,943						
Rate	\$0.4956	\$0.5889	1.65%	\$15.96	\$36.36	\$19.82		
Annual Cost	\$137	\$163	\$542	\$192	\$436	\$238	\$1,707	90%
TEMPE						•		
Median Value	\$135,443	\$135,443						
Rate	\$0.9246	\$1.5688	1.80%	\$25.09	\$33.82	\$22.63		
Annual Cost	\$125	\$212	\$591	\$301	\$406	\$272	\$1,907	101%

## Notes:

- 1. In FY 2017/18 both the Primary and Secondary Property Tax are based on Tax Year 2017 Limited Property Value
- 2. Single family residential property: Annual Cost = (Median Value) x 10% x (Tax Rate/100) (Source: Maricopa County Assessor's Office)
- 3. Primary and Secondary Property Tax rates reflect the tax rates as listed on the Maricopa County, Tax Levy and Rates page
- 4. City Sales Tax annual cost is based on average household expenditures from the Consumer Expenditure Survey from the Bureau of Labor Statistics
- 5. The city sales tax listed is for retail sales. If two cities show the same retail sales tax rate, the estimated sales tax dollar amount may be different because some cities have different tax rates for non-retail items. Mesa does not collect sales tax on the sale of food for consumption at home.
- 6. Charge for twice per week garbage (and recyclables where applicable) collection using 90 gallon barrels. The Solid Waste residential charge includes a Green and Clean Fee for Mesa. Other city's environmental fees are also included as applicable.
- 7. Charges are based on FY 16/17 annual average usage of 8,900 water gallons per month, ranging from 6,000 in winter to 12,000 in summer.
- 8. Winter Water Average formulas are applied in cities where known.

AVERAGE MESA HOMEOWNER'S COST COMPARISON OF FY 2018/19 WITH PROPOSED UTILITY RATE INCREASES												
	CITY PROPERTY TAXES (1, 2)											
	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	CITY SALES	SOLID WASTE	WATER	WASTEWATER	ANNUAL					
	(3, 4)	(3, 4)	TAXES (5, 6)	CHARGES (7)	CHARGES (8)	CHARGES (9)	TOTAL					
MESA (w/o Rate Increases)												
Median Value (2018)	\$125,016	\$125,016										
Rate / Monthly	\$0.0000	\$1.0201	1.75%	\$29.60	\$46.59	\$29.08						
Annual Cost	\$0	\$128	\$499	\$355	\$559	\$349	\$1,890					
MESA (w/ Rate Increases)												
Median Value (2018)	\$125,016	\$125,016										
Rate / Monthly	\$0.0000	\$1.0201	1.75%	\$30.61	\$48.76	\$30.21						
Annual Cost	\$0	\$128	\$499	\$367	\$585	\$363	\$1,942					
CHANGE												
Median Value	\$0	\$0										
Rate / Monthly	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	0.0%	\$1.01	\$2.17	\$1.13	\$4.31					
Annually	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$12	\$26	\$14	\$52					
PCT CHANGE		0.0%	0.0%	3.4%	4.7%	3.9%	2.7%					

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