



Administration

To: City Commission

From: City Administrator Dustin Dassinger

Date: 08/27/2025

Subject: Public Safety Sales Tax Discussion

Commissioners,

Public safety is one of the most critical responsibilities of local government. The City of Dickinson in partnership with Stark County, provides police, fire, EMS, and emergency management services that are essential to the health, safety, and well-being of our residents and visitors.

In recent years, the demand for public safety services has increased, while the costs of personnel, equipment, facilities, and technology have continued to rise. Current revenue sources are stretched and do not adequately address long-term operational and capital needs.

To ensure sustainable funding for these essential services, staff is presenting for discussion a proposal to establish a dedicated 1 % Public Safety Sales and Use Tax.

A potential revenue allocation would be:

- 80% to the City of Dickinson for public safety operations and infrastructure
- 20% to Stark County for public safety operations and infrastructure.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustin Dassinger".

Dustin Dassinger

City Administrator



