

PUBLIC SAFETY/MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT FACT SHEET

STATISTICAL INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS

Comparative Categories	Ashland	Elizabethtown	Hopkinsville Current	Hopkinsville Proposed
Population 2010	21,684	28,531	31,577	31,577
# Sworn Officers	50	43	78	78
Date Facility Constructed	2010	2004	1965	2012
Facility Construction Cost	\$5,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$2,022,136
Current Facility Size (sq. ft.)	17,000	32,000	9,500	32,000
Sq. Ft Per Sworn Officer	340	744	122	410
Serious Crimes Reported 2009**	1,484	1,094	1,394	-----

- Upon construction nearly five decades ago, Hopkinsville Police Department included only 22 sworn officers, **no** computers and only **3** telephones. Today, the staff uses **40** computers and **40** telephones daily.
- Since that time, not only has the police force tripled in size but the nature of crime has changed. Then, there was no cybercrime or electronic fraud. Today both have become prevalent.
- HPD is able to maintain its standards of excellence thanks to the caliber of officers it employs. Working conditions, such as available training facilities, have a significant effect on Hopkinsville's ability to recruit, retain, and foster the development of the best officers.

* Source: Kentucky Uniform Crime Reporting System, www.kentuckystatepolice.org/pdf/cik_2009.pdf.

TANGIBLE BENEFITS OF LOCATING CITY ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CDS) DOWNTOWN

- Approximately 50 employees will immediately join the downtown workforce
- Offices of City Administration and CDS generate a substantial amount of foot traffic through customer base
- Additional employment and customer base will create increased purchasing power for existing and a demand for additional services downtown (restaurants and retail)
- The construction project will create and/or sustain jobs in a time when job creation and retention is crucial
- This project creates improved access to over 100 free public parking spaces in the heart of downtown Hopkinsville
- The City's public investment demonstrates a solid commitment toward downtown revitalization efforts
- Private investment will likely follow the public investment

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FINANCING THE PROJECT

- The City can afford to pay for the construction project through its capital fund and general fund without seeking a tax increase and without jeopardizing the City's good financial standing
- The City is in good financial standing, having reduced its bonded indebtedness by over \$1.4 million in the last 2½ years
- The City's current bonded indebtedness is approximately \$7.5 million, well below the allowable and manageable amount
- The City can refinance nearly \$5 million worth of existing bonded indebtedness through this project, securing lower rates
- As a result of the project, the City's total bonded indebtedness would be less than \$18 million
- Total project costs for retrofitting the Lackey Municipal Building to house the Hopkinsville Police Department and utilizing the old Planters Bank site for offices of City Administration and CDS are estimated at roughly \$8 million – nearly one half million dollars less than estimated costs to construct a new 32,000 square foot public safety building

ADDITIONAL POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

- Interest rates are at historical lows
- The bidding climate is excellent



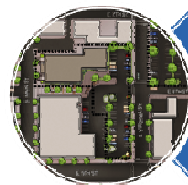
Cost of Retrofitting Lackey Municipal Building to House the Hopkinsville Police Department:

\$2,022,136



Cost of Retrofitting Old Planters Site to House City Administration and CDS:

\$6,274,050



Combined Cost of Both Retrofitting Projects:

\$8,296,186



Cost of Constructing **NEW** Public Safety Facility to House the Hopkinsville Police Department:

\$8,789,069