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Condition: The station does not have an exhaust capture system to remove diesel fumes from inside the facility working and living areas. Other concerns include foundation issues, lead paint, asbestos, poor insulation, gaps around doors, difficult to heat and cool, no co-ed facilities, and lack of dining area, showers, and sleeping spaces.

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Together, we can continue improving our hometown by increasing **safety efforts** and **quality of life for everyone!**

"We all want to live in a safe community where citizens are efficiently served and resources are managed responsibly. Together Investing in Municipal Excellence means a brighter future for Stillwater and its residents," said Stillwater City Manager Norman McNickle.

The proposition requires a majority vote to pass.

Early voting: March 31 & April 1, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Election Day: Tuesday, April 5, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

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*Tours are approximately
30 minutes.*

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for a 20-year bond of \$9 million.

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The new station would be funded through a General Obligation (GO) Bond, paid by property tax (ad valorem tax). In Oklahoma, this tax is levied in mills against taxable real, personal and public service property. A mill is one dollar per thousand dollars (\$1/\$1,000) of the taxable property value.

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