

Fire/EMS Levy on November Ballot

Council has approved legislation to put before the residents a 2.0 mil Fire/EMS levy. Council has also decided not to renew a current 1.26 mil General Operating (GO) levy. The GO levy was voter approved in 1976, and by law, needs to be renewed every five year.

The net cost of the new 2.0 mil Fire/EMS levy less the expiring 1.26 mil GO levy is an increase of \$4.95 per month for an average household with a home valued at \$100,000.

The proposed Fire/EMS levy would be a permanent levy and would be used only to support the Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Services.

The City's Fire/EMS Departments have in the past been mostly staffed with part-time employees. It has recently become more difficult to staff this service with part-time employees. Several Miami Valley Fire/EMS Departments are committing to all full-time employees which is making the competition for qualified personnel who are interested in a part-time position difficult.