



**NORTH COLLEGE HILL
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

FACTS on the **REPLACEMENT LEVY** MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

North College Hill will place a five-year, 12 mil Replacement Levy on the ballot for November 2, 2021, mid-term election to replace an existing levy that was approved in 2017.

While the residents of North College Hill overwhelmingly supported this effort, not all operational needs were fully funded. In 2019, a subsequent effort to address these critical needs by partnering with Mt Healthy to form a Joint Fire District was voted down by the voters of both communities, who voiced overwhelmingly their desire to retain their own fire departments. Mt Healthy successfully passed a levy adding 12.9 mils to their existing 5 mil permanent fire levy in 2020.

This effort will continue to fund our community's investment in our fire and emergency medical services ensuring our fire department's sustainability by maintaining essential funding beyond what the City's general fund can support.

**REPLACES
CURRENT 3.2 MIL
LEVY**

- Hiring 6 additional full-time Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT's
- Staffing to support the operation of 2 advanced life support ambulances
- Station renovations & capital equipment

WHAT DOES THE LEVY FUND?



The levy continues to fund experienced, well trained Advanced Life Support (Paramedic) and Fire/Rescue personnel



The hiring of additional full and part-time fire and emergency medical personnel to allow for additional staffing each day to meet increasing service demands.



Capital investments/improvements to include replacement of aging apparatus and equipment as well as providing funding for station renovations needed to accommodate increased staffing.



The ability to staff two ALS units or one ALS unit and fire apparatus. Reducing the time the city is left "uncovered". Resulting in less reliance on mutual aid, faster response times and more efficient emergency scene operations.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Approval of this replacement levy would assess \$12 per \$1000 of assessed property value and generate an average of \$1.3 million for each of the five years of the levy, 2022-27.

A property's assessed value is a percentage of its market value, and is the foundation upon which taxing authorities determine the amount of real estate taxes to be paid. It represents 35% of a property's estimated market value.

In North College Hill, the average Auditor's Total Market Value for a single-family home is approximately \$66,600. Less than 7% of the single-family homes in North College Hill have an Auditor's Total Market Value of \$100k or more.

Even though this levy is for 12 mills, property owners will not see an increase of that amount as the current fire levy of 3.2 mills is being replaced and the new levy will increase taxes by only 8.8 mills.

Tax exemption

Low income seniors and individuals with disabilities may qualify for exemption for property taxes under the "Homestead Exemption".

Additional information is available on both the Ohio Department of Taxation and Hamilton County Auditor websites.

Resident Impact

Market Value	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$90,000
Assessed Value	\$21,000	\$26,250	\$31,500
Added Monthly Cost	\$15.40	\$19.25	\$23.10

MORE INFORMATION



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