



Please Support ISSUES 7 & 8: Fire and Police Renewal Levies

The November 7 ballot includes a continuous renewal of two 3.5 mill levies that provide funding for Fire and Police services. The levies provide consistent funding for public safety services. The renewal levies generate revenue equal to the expiring levies and **WILL NOT** increase your property taxes.



What do the levies pay for?

The levies fund part of the operating budget for both the Fire and Police Departments. The operating budget includes wages, benefits and all other expenses related to daily operations. The levies provide a large portion of the funding that supports the Police Department, 2 full-time fire stations, and combined public safety staffing of 23 full-time and 25 part-time.



The **Fire Levy** allows us to remain in the **TOP 10%** of ISO rated fire departments! The **Police Levy** allows us to continue to be one of the **SAFEST** cities in Ohio.

- In 2016, the fire department lowered its ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating from a 5 to a 3 on a 10-point scale by improving in multiple areas (lower number = better rating).
 - There are over 46,000 fire departments in the United States, and the Clayton Fire Department now ranks in the top 10% of fire departments in the nation according to its ISO rating.
 - A lower (better) ISO class shows the Fire Department's commitment to excellent service and has a tangible benefit for residents: can save a home owner an average of \$200 per year.
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- 2017 is second year in a row Clayton has been designated as one of Ohio's safest cities.
 - This year the City scored in the top 25% of Ohio's safest cities included in an analysis by ValuePenguin.
 - According to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting data, Clayton has the 2nd lowest crime rate per capita in Montgomery County for cities with a population over 10,000.

How Much Revenue do the Levies Generate?



In 2017 the expiring fire levy is budgeted to raise \$788,864 and the Police levy is estimated to raise \$790,719. **The renewal will generate an equal amount.**

Will the renewal levies increase my property taxes?

ABSOLUTELY NO TAX INCREASE from renewal of Fire and Police Levies! A continuous renewal of the public safety levies will ensure a consistent funding source for police and fire services and will **NEVER** cause an increase in property taxes.

How does renewal of the levies impact homeowners?

Because the levies are renewals, homeowners will pay the same amount in the first year, and each year after, as they did in 2017. That equates to approximately \$122 per \$100,000 in home value per year for each levy.

Annual Cost per \$100,000 of Home Value* *Approximation	
<u>FIRE LEVY</u>	<u>POLICE LEVY</u>
\$122	\$122

1. The levy cannot collect more than it did in the first year. Your tax bill will remain at the current amount for the Fire and Police levies.
2. If the value of your home increases when it is reappraised, you will be taxed on the new value at a lower rate to keep the amount the same as in 2017.

Where does your dollar go?

The expiring public safety levies make up less than 6% of the total amount of property taxes collected by Montgomery County from Clayton residents.

How Much of the Fire and Police Operating Budgets Do the Levies Fund?



Your support is essential! The public safety levies make up 43% of the Fire Department budget and 39% of the Police Department budget.

