



2017 Amberley Village Police Levy FAQ's

Proposed Renewal Reduced by 20%

May 2, 2017 Ballot

As residents head to the polls on May 2 to vote on Issue 5, the police levy reduced by 20%, the Village felt it was important to ensure that the most frequently asked questions were answered. After reviewing the FAQ, if you would like to know more about the Village's financial situation before you vote, call the Village Administration Office at 531-8675 and speak to Village Manager Scot Lahrmer. Police levy information is also available online at www.amberlevillage.org.

Why is the levy needed?

The Police Department costs nearly \$2.7 million to operate per year. The General Fund contributes over \$1 million annually toward the Department's expenses while the balance is paid from the police levy. The voters passed the 2012 police levy which generates \$1.6 million each year. The May 2 police levy will generate \$1.3 million and the Village General Fund will pay \$1.4 million toward police services.

Why now?

The 2012 10-mill police levy expires in December 2017. Without renewal of this reduced levy, the Village will no longer have a dedicated source of funding for its police department to alleviate the burden on the General Fund.

What has been done to reduce the costs in the Amberley Village Police Department?

In 2012, we informed residents of the staff restructure plan and cost discipline approach which has been successful in containing costs. The Village has also been able to generate new revenue sources and receive grants to off-set the use of tax dollars. After the Village Council's Finance Committee and Village staff spent several months reviewing and studying the financials from the past 4 years, options for millage were considered and the Council determined an 8 mill police levy was the appropriate level.

How much will Issue 5, the police levy, cost me?

VALUE OF PROPERTY	2012 LEVY COST (expires Dec. 2017)	Proposed REDUCED LEVY (lowered by 20%)
\$200,000	\$608/year	\$480
\$500,000	\$1,520/year	\$1,200

How will the revenue be spent?

Monies generated from the 5-year police levy, renewed at the reduced 8 mills, will generate an estimated at \$1.3 million. This is a dedicated source of funds that can only be utilized for the police department operations which is why the ballot language contains a description of how the funds can be used (see ballot on reverse side). These levy funds will be used **strictly** for the expenses of providing police services to the community.

Hamilton County Board of Elections – Official Ballot Language

ISSUE 5

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL AND DECREASE)

VILLAGE OF AMBERLEY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of part of an existing levy, being a reduction of two (2) mills to constitute a tax for the benefit of the Village of Amberley, County of Hamilton, Ohio, for the purpose of **POLICE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**, at a rate not exceeding eight (8) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to eight cents (\$0.80) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY