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NOVEMBER 5, 2013 BALLOT ISSUES

Dear Resident:

On November 5, city voters will be presented with two (2) ballot issues: Issue 7 - Renewal of the 3.5 Mill Operating Levy and Issue 8 - Electrical Aggregation.

We hope that you will take the time to inform yourself and vote in this very important election. Please feel free to contact our city offices with any questions. We will be glad to help.

ISSUE 7: Renewal of 3.5 Mill Operating Levy

- The existing 3.5 Mill operating levy was passed in 1959.
- No increased dollars on this levy have been generated from existing homes and businesses since 1978 due to enacted legislation which states that voted tax levies can never exceed the collected tax amount generated when it was first levied except for when property is annexed into the municipality.
- The current effective voted tax millage for residential property in the City of Xenia is approximately .94 mills on the 3.5 mill operating levy.
- The proposed renewal levy will generate an estimated \$415,000 annually per the Greene County Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue.
- **A renewal levy is NO NEW TAXES. It will not generate any additional revenue nor would it cost the taxpayers any additional dollars.**

3.5 Mill Operating Levy Current Annual Cost to Taxpayers

| <u>Tax appraised value</u> | <u>Tax @ .94 mills</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 50,000 | \$ 14.39 |
| \$ 75,000 | \$ 21.60 |
| \$100,000 | \$ 28.79 |
| \$125,000 | \$ 35.99 |
| \$150,000 | \$ 43.18 |
| \$200,000 | \$ 57.58 |
| \$225,000 | \$ 64.78 |
| \$250,000 | \$ 71.97 |
| \$300,000 | \$ 86.36 |

ISSUE 8: Electrical Aggregation

- Ohio Electric Choice began in 2001 and created the ability for local governments to form a buying pool for their residents. These groups, known as governmental aggregations, leverage their "buying power" to solicit a lower supplier price for the electricity needs of their members.
- To begin an aggregation program, the community must be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- The City of Xenia is choosing to do this with **voter approval –"opt out"** option.
- **Opt-out aggregation** means the City will issue an RFP for an electric generation supplier. The City then selects an energy supplier and establishes the price to charge its citizens. Notification by the City of Xenia will be given and residents have the opportunity to opt-out of the buying pool.
- **Opt-out** governmental aggregation automatically enrolls all local residents, unless they individually opt-out of the program and choose not to be included.
- Whether a customer opts out or accepts the City's choice of a new generation supplier, the electricity is still **delivered** to the customer, because the delivery of electricity continues to be regulated under Ohio law.
- The DP&L will continue to maintain and repair utility poles and wires, as well as read meters, regardless of a resident's choice to opt-out. If your power goes out, you will continue to call DP&L for restoration.
- **Residents do not have to switch their electric generation supplier. A resident's supplier cannot be switched without their permission.**

