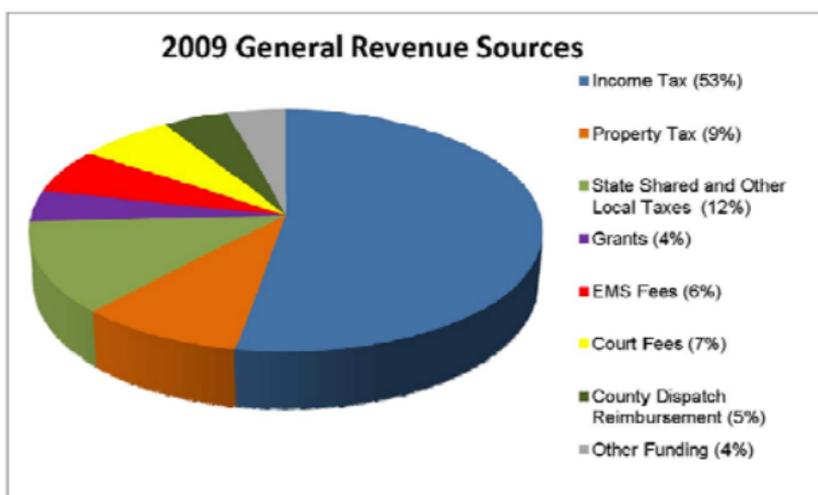


Keep Xenia Safe Vote on Issue 9

November 2, 2010

The City receives revenue from a variety of sources. The City's primary source of revenue is income tax, which has been significantly declining since 2007. State shared taxes have also seen major reductions while property tax has had modest growth.



Seventy-two percent (72%) of the city's general operating expenses are for Public Safety Services (Police, Fire, and Communications [911]), which totaled \$12,136,059 in 2009.

About \$6.0 million is specifically designated for police, fire, and dispatch. This means that another \$6.1 million must be transferred to the police and fire fund to cover the cost.

The .5% income tax increase is estimated to generate \$2.5 million per year. Half (.25% or \$1.25 million per year) is designated solely for public safety, which will **RESTORE 6 police officer positions, 6 firefighter positions, and allow for the reopening of Fire Station No. 2.** The remaining half will be used for long overdue street rehabilitation, building maintenance, infrastructure repairs and replacements, information technology needs, etc.

**THE CITY IS ONLY ASKING
FOR WHAT IS NEEDED TO
KEEP XENIA SAFE.**

Q and A's

What you need to know to make an informed decision on November 2nd.

Why is a levy necessary?

The City of Xenia has struggled to balance the budget since the economic downturn began in 2003. Revenues continue to decline and the existing property tax levy has not been increased since its inception in 1959; that is, the revenue generated by the 3.5 mill property tax levy have not increased since a change in state law back in 1976 and only generates \$409,000 per year. Without additional revenue, the public safety positions cannot be restored and Fire Station No. 2 cannot be reopened.

How much will the levy cost me?

If you are retired and receiving a pension or Social Security income, receiving a disability income or unemployment income, then YOU WILL NOT PAY! Income tax is paid only by those with an earned income. If you are *employed* and make \$40,000/yr., you will pay an additional \$16.67/month in income tax.

What cost saving measures has the City made?

- REDUCTIONS IN STAFFING SINCE 2003 — 24 full-time and 2 part-time positions since 2003 and 12 public safety positions in 2010
- Fire Station No. 2 was CLOSED
- Non-Union wages have been FROZEN since 2008
- Across the board budget cuts

How do Police and Fire employee cuts affect me?

The Police and Fire Divisions collectively respond to an average of 38,500 requests for service each year, and since 2003, they have been responding to a continually increasing call volume with fewer personnel. This translates to slower response times, which may lead to greater loss of life and property.

If the Levy passes:

- **Six Police Officers and Six Firefighters will immediately be reinstated.**
- **Fire Station No. 2 will be reopened.**
- **Funding will be available for critical infrastructure, such as street improvements; police, fire, and fleet vehicle replacements; building maintenance; and capital purchases.**

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