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This levy will make a difference in what type of community **YOU** live in. Revenue from this levy will directly benefit the services you receive from the Police Division, the Fire Division, and the Public Service Department.

Based on an average income of \$40,000, the cost is **\$16.67 per month** ...

what will **YOU** get for that?

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Police and Fire/EMS services will be **MAINTAINED**; two vacant police officer positions will be restored (one is the School Resource Officer) and further layoffs avoided; Fire Station 2 will not be closed; streets and parks will be maintained and improved; funding will be available for fleet and building maintenance, information technology needs, police and fire capital needs; and recreational opportunities will be explored.

Be sure to visit our "May 4th Ballot Issue" page on our website at www.ci.xenia.oh.us

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When seconds matter ...

KEEP XENIA SAFE



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Facts YOU need to know ...

- The proposed .5% income tax increase will generate approximately \$2.7 million in revenue and will cost residents \$16.67 per month based on a gross earned income of \$40,000 per year. The last voted tax increase of any kind for the City was in **1991**.
- Additional revenue will be used to MAINTAIN police and fire service levels and for capital needs (police cars, ambulances, etc.); general capital needs (Parks, Fleet Maintenance, City Facilities, Information Technology needs); dedicated street resurfacing dollars; select program restoration; and Economic Development.
- Without additional revenue, 4 Police Officers and 6 Firefighter/Paramedics will be laid off. Fire Station 2 will be periodically closed.
- The City has exhausted all cost reduction options, including reducing staffing **by over 10%** since 2003 including a decrease of 24 full-time and 2 part-time positions, across-the-board budget cuts, wage freezes, labor union contract concessions, etc.
- State and local revenue collections have dropped significantly. Income tax collections dropped by 7% and state funding dropped by 15% in 2009.

Maintain Safety Services

The City of Xenia wants to maintain the excellent Police and Fire/EMS services it provides to over 27,000 residents. The



Police Division, consisting of 43 officers, and the Fire Division, consisting of 41

firefighter/paramedics, collectively respond to over 38,500 requests for service each year with an average response time of less than 5 minutes. Half (.25%) of this income tax increase will be



dedicated solely to Police and Fire/EMS services and current service levels will be maintained. What does that mean to you? Your safety will not be compromised. You, your family, your home, and your streets will continue to be protected.

Improve Xenia Streets

The recent survey done by Wright State University indicated that improving City streets was a top priority. Revenue from this income tax increase will be dedicated to street improvements; without it, there will be very little funding for street improvements and other capital improvements.



YOU DECIDE

WHAT

YOU WANT ...

**A
REDUCTION
IN SAFETY
FORCES:
6 FIRE-
FIGHTERS
AND 4
POLICE
OFFICERS
WILL BE
LAID OFF**

VS.

**MAINTAIN
CURRENT
POLICE &
FIRE
SERVICE
LEVELS &
RESTORE
TWO
VACANT
POLICE
OFFICER
POSITIONS**

Longer response time with fewer safety forces

VS.

Continued excellent public safety services



VS.



Deteriorating streets vs. resurfaced streets



**Please VOTE
on May 4th**