

Public Hearings will be offered on
the following dates:

06-16-09 at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall
2nd Floor, 3814 Harrison Avenue

07-07-09 at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall
2nd Floor, 3814 Harrison Avenue

07-13-09 at 7:30 P.M. at Harvest Home Park
Lodge, 3961 North Bend Road

07-21-09 at 6:30 P.M. at Cheviot City Hall
2nd Floor, 3814 Harrison Avenue

07-27-09 at 7:30 P.M. at Cheviot Memorial
Fieldhouse Lower Level, 3729 Robb Avenue



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Where does your tax money go?

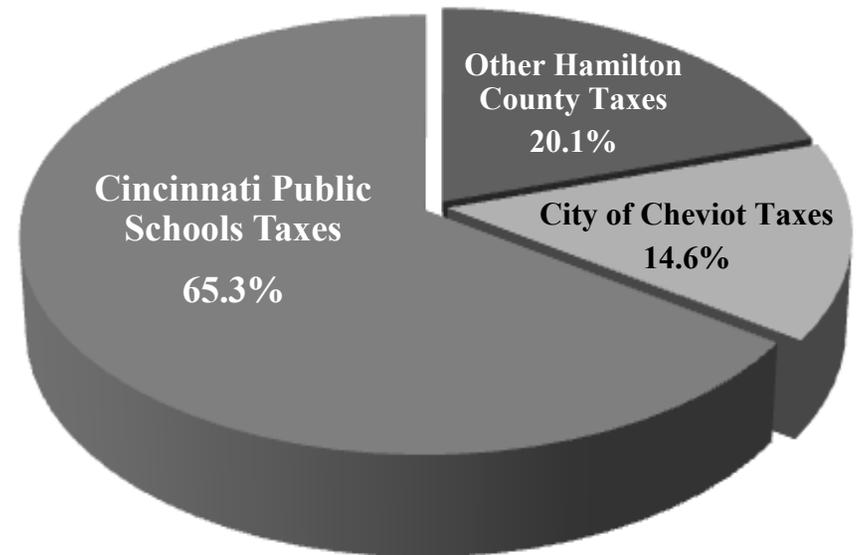


Keep Cheviot a Full Service City
Important Levy Information Enclosed

- ◆ The City of Cheviot will place an Operating Levy on the ballot for the August 4th Special Election
- ◆ This is a new levy for 5.61 mils and will generate an additional \$719,000 a year to the City of Cheviot
- ◆ Currently, the owner a \$100,000 house pays \$1,345 per year to the Cincinnati Public School District, \$413 per year to Hamilton County, and \$301 per year to the City of Cheviot via their Property Taxes
- ◆ With the elimination of the current Public Works Fee, the proposed levy will cost the owner of that same \$100,000 house about \$34 per year above what they are currently paying to the City
- ◆ The levy is a necessity as costs for fuel, natural gas, electric, health insurance, and other items have continually increased over the last five years while City tax revenue has remained stagnant over the same period of time
- ◆ In addition the State of Ohio has cut local government funding and changed inheritance tax rules which has reduced the income levels for the City of Cheviot
- ◆ The City of Cheviot has already made major cuts to the operating budget and can not make any additional cuts without eliminating a City Service
- ◆ Large item purchases such as Police Cars, Garbage Trucks, Fire Equipment have been suspended beyond recommended amounts of time in order to conserve money



Your Property Taxes by Percentage:



Your Cheviot Property Taxes Provide the following services:

- ◆ Police Protection
- ◆ Fire Protection
- ◆ Garbage Pick-Up
- ◆ Paramedic Service
- ◆ Snow Removal
- ◆ Yard Waste Collection
- ◆ Recycling
- ◆ Leaf Pick-Up
- ◆ Road Repair
- ◆ City Parks including fields for youth/ adult sports

**Please Vote YES for Cheviot Tax
Levy on August 4th!**

Fellow residents of Cheviot:

On August 4th, the City of Cheviot will hold a special election to request passage of a new 5.61 mill tax levy for the purpose of meeting current operating expenses for the next five years. As your elected representatives and neighbors, we would like to take this opportunity to tell you why we feel the passage of this levy is absolutely crucial to our city's continued viability.

As most residents are aware, City Council and the Administration enacted a Public Works Fee in October of 2008 to bridge the gap between the revenues the City collects and the costs of maintaining the services we provide. These services, which include Police and Fire protection, Paramedic services, trash collection and yard waste removal, snow removal and street repair, as well as the maintenance of the city's parks, athletic fields and recreational facilities, are considered some of the region's finest. They also come at a substantial cost, one which continues to escalate while revenue continues to decline. As your elected representatives, we have done everything within our power to continue operations with the resources we have available, including cutting from the budget everything from much needed street repair, to overtime for city employees, to desperately needed equipment purchases, but we have reached the point where there is simply nothing left to cut if we are to maintain our current levels of service to our residents.

City Council and the Administration continue to work hard to find a long term solution to the city's financial situation and the proposed Tax Levy is a key component of the plan. While we realize that asking for a Levy during the current economic downturn is a difficult proposition, it is important to realize that less than 15% of your property taxes actually go to the City of Cheviot, with 20% going to Hamilton County and over 65% going to the Cincinnati Public School District. For the average resident, this means that for less than \$300 per year, you are receiving the aforementioned Police and Fire protection, Paramedic services, trash collection and yard waste removal, snow removal and street repair, as well as use of the city's parks, athletic fields and recreational facilities. With the Public Works Fee set to expire at the end of this year, the proposed Levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home a mere \$3.69 a month above what they are currently paying to the City. It is hard to imagine anyone could feel they are receiving the same value from either Hamilton County or the Cincinnati Public School system.

As your elected representatives, we can say with confidence that passage of the proposed Levy will help to ensure the city's economic viability for at least the next five years, during which time it is our intention to bring in an economic developer to work with us to help bring in new businesses, expand our tax base and revive our residential areas. Until recently, the city had gone 26 years without a tax increase of any type and it is our sincere hope that through these efforts, it will be a long time before future elected representatives have the need to do so again. Make no mistake though, for this plan to have a chance of succeeding, it is absolutely essential that we have the revenues in place over the next five years to maintain our current levels of service to our residents and build on them for our future.

August 4th will be a watershed moment in the history of Cheviot, and we hope you all will join us in supporting this effort to ensure a brighter future for our fair city.

Sincerely,

Cheviot City Council and Administration