



Painesville City Fire Levy

November 2022 Election

Painesville City is seeking the renewal of a 1.47 mil fire levy on the November 2022 ballot. **This is not a new levy and will not increase taxes.** This levy is limited to five years (2024-2028) with renewal subject to voter approval. The 1.47 mil fire levy will generate \$341,707 annually for the fire department.

What is the fire levy renewal for?

The fire levy is used exclusively to pay for apparatus, vehicles, equipment and their maintenance, as well as other designated capital expenses within the fire department.

- The fire levy does **NOT** subsidize salaries of fire department employees.
- The fire department provides much needed services within the community and these increased needs have resulted in more costs. For example, ambulance runs used to average 20 minutes when Lake East Hospital was located downtown. Today, ambulance runs average one hour to and from UH Tripoint Hospital in Concord.
- Without the levy, PCFD could not replace vehicles and equipment as they become outdated, which could cause an increase in the city's Insurance Services Office rating. This increased rating may result in an increase in insurance for homeowners and businesses in the community.
- Up-to-date equipment improves safety. A safer community also increases property values.

With the renewal, what would a homeowner pay?

This is not a new levy and will not increase your taxes. Only property owners are charged real estate taxes, therefore renters would not be taxed for this levy.

Renewal Levy Cost 1.47 mil over 5 years			
Property Value	Yearly Cost	Monthly Cost	Daily Cost
\$100,000	\$40.19	\$3.35	\$0.11

Does a 'mil' mean a million?

No. The mil represents how much of the property's taxable value will be charged in real estate taxes. Each mil represents a tax on one thousandth of a dollar of the assessed value of the property.

When was the last time a fire levy passed in Painesville?

The fire levy has been renewed every five years since 2013. Previously, there had never been a dedicated fund for fire operations or capital. PCFD has maintained reduced staffing and operational costs over the past five years. PCFD has also reduced non-essential operations (public education) to help reduce costs.

