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Beachwood Voters Have A Choice

The City of Beachwood provides many services at *no extra charge* including rubbish and recycling collection, senior transportation and sidewalk snow removal.

On November 2, voters will have a choice to continue these and other services at no additional charge by approving a ½ of 1% income tax increase. We will continue to provide a 100% tax credit up to 2% for residents working outside Beachwood.

Why not charge fees for certain City services, like sidewalk repairs, snow removal, senior van transportation and rubbish and recycling pickup?

The Mayor and City Council understand Beachwood residents come to expect the highest level of City services.

A **partial** listing of services provided without charge include:

How much will I pay?

Here are a few examples showing who will pay more and how much:

All Beachwood residents who currently do not pay City income taxes because their income is derived from social security, pensions, dividends, interest and capital gains will NOT be affected by the tax increase.

- Example #1 Beachwood resident who works in the City of Cleveland or any of the other 40 cities with a 2% rate or higher.
Additional income tax: **Zero**
- Example #2 Beachwood resident or non-resident working in Beachwood earning \$50,000 per year. Or a business in Beachwood with a net profit of \$50,000 per year. Additional income tax: \$21 a month
- Example #3 Beachwood resident working in a community with tax rate of 1.5% or less – earning \$50,000 per year.
Additional income tax: \$21 a month
- Example #4 Beachwood resident working in a community with a tax rate of 1.75% – earning \$50,000 per year.
Additional income tax: \$10.50 a month

- Rubbish collection
- Recycling collection
- Leaf and brush collection
- Residential false alarms response
- Appliance disposal/ Special pickups
- Senior van transportation
- Sidewalk repair
- Road and sewer repair
- Skunk control/removal
- Sidewalk snow plowing (7 days per week)
- Various community events and programs
- Document shredding
- Child safety seat installation



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

*Meetings held at City Hall
Open for public comment*

September 7, 13*, 20 and 27* at 7:00 p.m.

October 4, 11*, 18 and 25* at 7:00 p.m.

*Special Meetings

When would this take effect?

January 2011.

When was the last time the income tax was increased?

20 years ago.

Why does the City believe this is necessary?

- The City’s general fund revenue from all sources (i.e. income tax, user fees and investments) dropped by 8.4% in 2009.
- We expect another 10% drop in 2010.
- Our projections show if we do not increase tax revenues, the City’s general fund will likely face a \$4 million operating deficit in 2011.
- Current reserves will be insufficient to sustain such deficits.

Beachwood voters have the opportunity to choose to continue the current level of service without cuts or additional fees.

What has the City of Beachwood done to balance its books and live within its means?

We have taken steps to reduce City expenditures by doing more with less. We have deferred purchases, road improvements and other capital expenditures. As employees have retired or left their jobs we have consolidated responsibilities.

DEFERRED PROJECTS AND PURCHASES

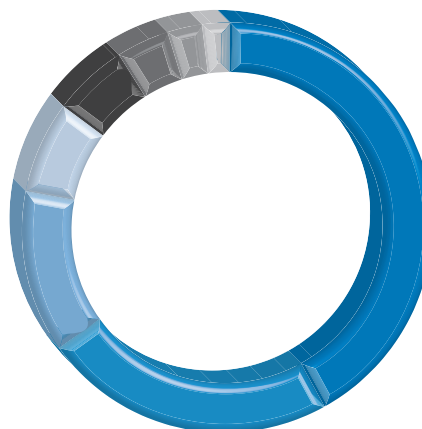
A partial listing includes:

ESTIMATED COST

Public Safety	\$1,780,000
Public Service	\$1,615,000
Richmond Road replacement	\$4,000,000
Stratton Road storm culvert	\$1,000,000
Fire Station #2 replacement (estimate)	\$7,000,000
Additional roadway improvements	\$12,500,000
TOTAL OF ABOVE DEFERRED PROJECTS AND PURCHASES	\$27,895,000

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

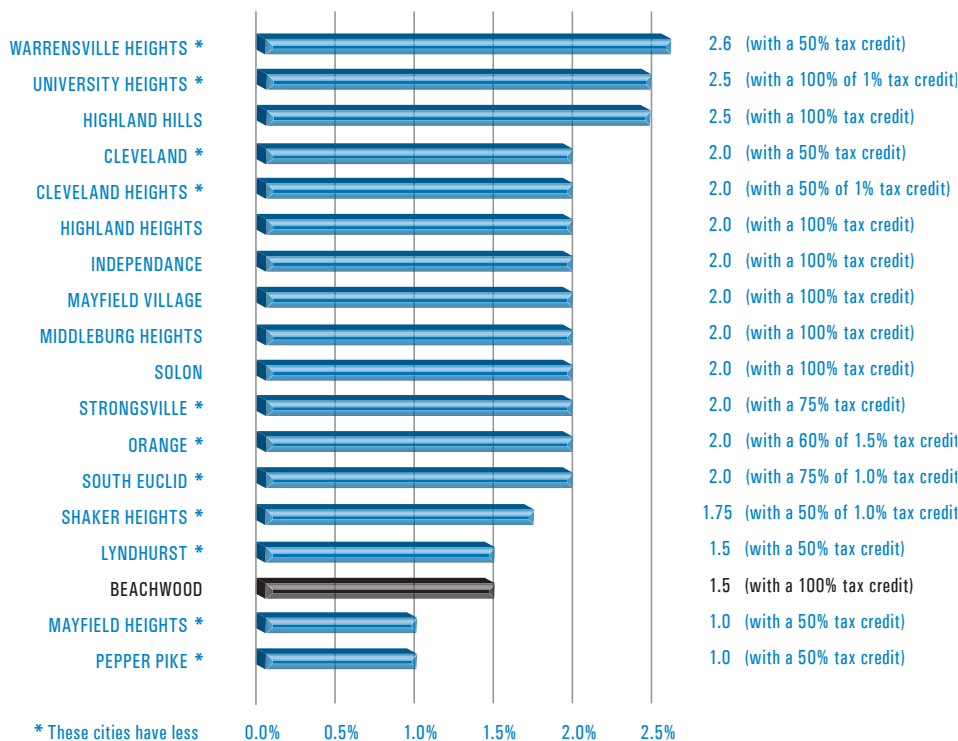
2009 EXPENDITURES



	%
Public Safety	42
Public Services	23
General Government	13
Culture and Recreation	7
Debt Service (Principal & Interest)	6
Capital Outlay	4
Community Development	3
Health and Welfare	2

In 1997, the Beachwood City Council established a **100% tax credit** for Beachwood residents who earn their income outside of Beachwood. This tax reduction was implemented in recognition of the fact that so many of our residents work in other communities and must pay income tax where they work.

CURRENT INCOME TAX RATES FOR RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES



Won't the City of Beachwood soon start receiving new income tax dollars from the Chagrin Highlands project?

Yes. With the opening of Ahuja Medical Center at the end of this year and the proposed opening of Eaton's World Headquarters in 2013. However, these increases have already been included in our budget projections.

Why not raise fees to cover the operating cost of the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center?

The fees for a pool pass charged to residents and taxpayers who work in our community would have to triple to cover the cost of operating the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center.

To break even on pool expenses, individual seasonal passes would have to increase from \$45 to \$135 and a family of four pass would increase from \$145 to \$435.

Where can I get more information about the City's Budget?

Beachwood's CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report), detailing all City income and expenditures, is available on the internet at www.beachwoodohio.com.

In addition, the Mayor, City Council and City Administrators will be available for questions. Meetings will take place weekly from now until November at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

See meeting dates listed to the right. →

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At City Hall and open for public comment

- Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 13* at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 27* at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 11* at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 25* at 7:00 p.m.

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