



Additional 3.0 Mill, 5 Year Property Tax Levy  
For Public Safety Services

# Levy Specifics

- Generates \$501,000 per year
- Cost a Property Owner \$8.75 per month/ \$105 per year for each \$100,000 in property valuation

# Levy Purposes

- **Reduce the structural deficit** caused by the reduction of revenue from the State of Ohio and investment interest
  - City receives **\$256,000 less** state revenue per year than in 2010
  - Investment interest is **\$137,000 less** than in 2007
- Current structural deficit averages **\$300,000 per year** in the 5 year forecast

# Levy Purposes

- Add **1 full-time firefighter** to current staffing
  - Allows for 2 full-time firefighters on each shift
  - Estimated annual cost = \$130,000
- Add **1 full-time police officer** to current staff
  - Allows for the creation of a school resource officer position requested by the schools
  - Estimated annual cost = \$85,000
- Designate funds for **downtown improvements**
  - Estimated annual earmark = \$25,000

# Other Financial Considerations

- Bellbrook does not have a municipal income tax
- **Water rates** have **not** been increased since 2011
  - If rates had been increased just 2% per year, the average water customer would be paying **\$40 more per year**
- **Waste collection rates** have decrease from \$17 per month in 2011 to \$13 per month in 2017
  - **Annual savings of \$48 per year**

# Other Financial Considerations

- Current property taxes are **\$561 per year** for all municipal services (police, fire, zoning, property maintenance, street improvements, storm water improvements, museum)
  - Property tax rates for the City have not changed since the replacement police levy was passed in **2011**
- No additional property tax levies have been passed by the City since **2009** (2.0 mill fire levy)

# Other Financial Considerations

- Police and fire dispatch was consolidated with Sugarcreek Township, Xenia and Greene County saving **\$125,000 annually**

# Community Impacts

- Keep local safety services high quality and up to date
- Invest in safety equipment, personnel and community programs to sustain our low crime rate and emergency response times
- Maintain the quality of life for our residents
- Protect property values
- Attract businesses and visitors to downtown Bellbrook