

BALLOT LANGUAGE CONFUSION

The ballot language for the levy is very confusing –here is what you will see when you get your ballot:

“for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 7.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 79 cents for each one hundred dollars of “valuation”, for a continuing period of time, etc.”

Many people mistakenly think they will be paying **\$790.00** a year in new taxes on a \$100,000 home!

This is just not true because the ballot language does not allow for an explanation of what you will actually pay. That explanation is shown on your actual tax bill.

The confusion in calculating the amount of additional taxes you will pay is because of the term **"valuation"**.

The term **"valuation" used on the ballot** means **assessed** valuation and not the **market** valuation of your home. It is very misleading and confusing.

So how do you determine your “assessed” valuation?

Assessed valuation is 35.0% of market value.

\$100,000 of market value x 35% = \$35,000 of assessed value.

The assessed value of \$35,000 is further reduced by a “rollback” credit of 12.5%.

$\$35,000 \times .875$ (12.5%) = \$30,625 of taxable value – **or the amount you will pay the tax on.**

\$30,625 (**assessed valuation**) divided by \$100.00 = \$306.25 x 79 cents = \$241.94.

Remember the ballot language?

The 7.9 mill levy – or “**79 cents for each \$100 of valuation**” means you will pay \$241.94 in additional taxes per year or \$20.16 per month.

Senior citizens and disabled homeowners are also eligible for a “Homestead Exemption Tax Credit.” This is **in addition** to the 12.5% rollback credit on the assessed value.

Don’t be confused – while you may know that your house has \$100,000 or more of “market value” you **are not taxed on the market value.**

You are taxed on the assessed value.

The ballot language is written according to Ohio law and is very misleading. That is why we have created a chart to show the actual amount of the additional tax that you will pay with a 7.9 mill levy.

It is confusing for many people, so please make sure you have the accurate facts.

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