

# Tax Increase Explanation

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## Why have my taxes changed?

Your property taxes are calculated using three factors:

- A. the value of your property as determined by the County Auditor;
- B. the tax rate established in your community;
- C. tax reductions, credits and rollbacks established by Ohio law.

### 1. Property values

Your property was revalued by the County Auditor during the 2009 Property Value Update. Based on recent economic conditions, some properties in Tuscarawas County experienced a reduction in property value. Please be aware that a decrease in property value does not result in a comparable decrease in property taxes due to the HB 920 tax reduction factor (see below).

### 2. Tax Rates

Tax rates change when the voters within a community approve new levies. Levies that passed during 2009 which appear on your current tax bill are:

#### 2010 LEVIES APPROVED

**Newcomerstown Public Library**.....2.50 mills Current expenses, 5 years (943 for, 666 against)

**Tri County Joint Ambulance District**.....0.50 mills Ambulance and emergency medical service, 5 years (1,275 for, 971 against)

**Village of Bolivar**.....1.50 mills Police protection, 5 years (186 for, 174 against)

**Village of Parral**.....2.50 mills Current expenses, 5 years (69 for, 30 against)

**Village of Sugarcreek**.....2.00 mills Current expenses, 5 years (507 for, 292 against)

**Village of Tuscarawas Council**.....2.40 mills Current expenses, 5 years (230 for, 104 against)

**Council of the City of Uhrichsville**.....2.85 mills Ambulance service, emergency medical service or both, 5 years (770 for, 467 against)

**City of Uhrichsville**.....2.00 mills Fire truck & equipment, 5 years, (244 for, 219 against) May primary

**Lawrence Township (Inc Bolivar & Zoar)**.....4.00 mills Fire protection, continuing period of time, (1,501 for, 730 against)

**Warwick Township (Inc Village of Tuscarawas)**.....1.00 mills Fire operation. 5 years (218 for, 115 against) May primary

**Wayne Township**..... .80 mills Construction or repair of roads and bridges, (302 for, 190 against)

**Garaway Local SD**.....1.00 mills Permanent Improvements, Continuing period of time (651 for, 315 against) **Renewal** May primary

**Tuscarawas Valley SD**.....2.20 mills Emergency requirements, 10 years (1,117 for, 844 against)  
**Renewal** May primary

**Joint Union Cemetery** Dennison, Xville, Mill Twp.....0.48 mills Operation & maintenance, 5 years  
(617 for, 223 against) **Renewal** May primary

**Village of Port Washington**.....0.60 mills Operation & maintenance of a union cemetery, 5 years  
(34 for, 11 against) **Renewal** May primary

**Village of Strasburg**.....1.00 mills Fire Maintenance, 5 years (224 for, 86 against)  
**Renewal** May primary

**Clay Township**.....2.25 mills Fire Maintenance, 5 years (68 for, 10 against (68 for 10  
against) **Renewal** May primary

**Senior Center Services**.....0.70 mills Senior services, 5 years, commencing in 2011, **first due in  
calendar year 2012** (20,607 for, 8,752 against)

**Alcohol Drug Addiction/Mental Health Services**.....0.50 mills Operation of alcohol and drug addiction programs  
and mental health programs and the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing maintenance and operation  
and drug addiction, facilities and mental health facilities, 5 years, commencing in 2011, **first due in calendar year  
2012** (15,852 for, 13,243 against)

**Village Council of Barnhill**.....5.00 mills Current expenses, 5 years, commencing in 2011, **first due  
in calendar year 2012** (46 for, 43 against)

**City of Dover**.....3.60 mills General operating expenses, 5 years, commencing in 2011,  
**first due in calendar year 2012** (2,865 for, 1,563 against)

**Auburn Township**.....2.00 mills General road maintenance and resurfacing, 5 years,  
commencing in 2011, **first due in calendar year 2012** (205 for, 60 against)

**Jefferson Township**.....3.00 mills Fire protection, 5 years, commencing in 2011, **first due in  
calendar year 2012** (286 for, 112 against)

**York Township**.....3.00 mills Fire protection, 5 years, commencing in 2011, **first due in  
calendar year 2012** (448 for, 91 against)

### 3. Tax Reduction Factor

The HB 920 reduction factor, mandated by Ohio law, is designed to keep tax revenues stable when property values increase or decrease. The factor that prevented your taxes from dramatically increasing when property values were on the rise will now keep your taxes from significantly decreasing despite declining property values. This reduction factor will keep the revenue to our schools, cities, libraries, etc. at nearly the same level as originally approved by the voters. A portion of your tax rate is not affected by the tax reduction factor and will result in a slight decrease in your tax bill.

#### Other Property Tax Reductions

**10% Rollback:** Taxes on all residential and agricultural properties are reduced by 10%. Commercial properties are not eligible for this reduction.

**2.5% Reduction:** Owner-occupied properties are entitled to an additional 2.5% reduction in taxes. If you believe you are eligible but are not receiving this tax reduction, call 216-443-7089 for an application.

**Homestead Exemption:** If you are age 65 or older or totally & permanently disabled and own& reside in your own home you are eligible for the Homestead Exemption. This exemption will reduce your taxable property value. Call 330-365-3220 to request an application form. **Filing deadline is June 6, 2011.**