



Ashland County Health Department

2024 Levy Renewal FAQ

Why is there a Board of Health levy on the November 5, 2024, Ballot?

Collections for the Ashland County Health Department (ACHD) current .45-mill mill operating levy will end this year. The levy on the November ballot is to renew this .45-mill levy with NO TAX INCREASE.

What is a mill?

Property taxes are measured in mills. Each mill generates \$1 of taxes for every \$1,000 of a property's assessed value. A renewal levy keeps the same millage and will not adjust it even if the value of the property continues to rise. NOTE: the assess value of a property is different from the appraised or market value of the property. For more information about your property's assessed value, please visit the Ashland County Auditor's website at: <https://www.ashlandcounty.org/auditor/>

Is this a new tax?

NO. This is not a new tax. It will not generate any new money for the Health Department but will continue to provide for planned expenses.

How much tax will I pay for this levy if it passes?

When the levy passes, homeowners will pay the same amount for the Health Department that they currently pay. To view your individual tax, please search for your property on the Ashland County Auditor's website: <https://www.ashlandcounty.org/auditor/>

Will my taxes go up if this renewal levy is passed? What if my property values have increased due to reassessments?

No, the amount that you pay for the health district will not raise if this levy passes, even if your property values have changed. A straight renewal levy only renews the current levy that is on the books. It extends the term and purpose of an expiring levy and uses the original property values that were in place when the expiring levy was passed.

Why does this levy need to be renewed?

The expiring levy provides about 32% of ACHD's operating revenue. The renewal of this levy is necessary for the health district to maintain its current levels of services, programs, staffing, and operating hours.

How much money does the Health Department receive from this levy?

The levy generates approximately \$465,732 annually.

What happens if this levy does not pass?

Severe reductions will need to be made for ACHD to be able to balance the budget. The levy is responsible for a substantial portion of our Health Department's operating funds. Cutting this \$465,732 from the budget will be exceedingly difficult to do without the reductions impacting how ACHD serves the community. If the levy does not pass, the Health Department will be forced to consider cost-saving measures like reducing hours open to the public, cutting staff positions, and removing programs and services especially those that are free to the public.

What does the Health Department do to save money?

The Health Department is committed to providing the best return on investment for Ashland County. ACHD continues to seek and apply for grant opportunities on a regular basis to increase agency services and funding. Many employees of the Health Department fill more than one role at work thereby allowing the agency to do more with less people.

What does the Health Department do for the people of Ashland County?

ACHD works to help improve health and wellbeing for all of Ashland County through education, health promotion, resource referrals, and illness prevention. This work is done by the services provided under the following programs:

Campground inspections

Car Seat program

Children with Medical Handicaps

Emergency Preparedness

Fatality Review Boards

Food Safety

Healthcare Coalition

Health Screenings

Infectious Disease Monitoring

Lead

Naloxone

Private Water Systems

Rabies Prevention

School Inspections

Swimming Pools

Tattoo and Body Art Safety

Vaccinations

Vector Control

Vital Statistics