



## Painesville City Police Levy

November 2019 Election  
Fact Sheet

Based on the recommendations of the Citizen's Safety Committee, Painesville City Council has proposed a 2.5 mil, five year police levy on the November 2019 ballot for the Painesville Police Department.

### What is the police levy for?

During the late 1980 through 2008, Painesville City annexed significant acreage of land into city limits and has since seen several new housing developments established. According to the 2010 census, Painesville City grew 9.74% in population and in 2017 grew an additional 1.4%. In 2010, the Painesville Police force had 38 badges on staff. In 2019, the force has 37 badges. The proposed levy would:

- Allow the department to hire additional officers to match the population needs of the community. This would include new patrol officers and a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at Heritage Middle School, similar to the SRO at Harvey High School.
- Address current wage issues within the department. With current rates below average compared to other local law enforcement agencies, the results is decreased recruitment and unstable retention of high quality officers. The levy seeks to make the department competitive.
- Establish a crime cameras system that would couple with license plate readers to prevent or solve the majority of shooting incidents within city limits. Cameras would be installed at main intersections and heavily trafficked areas to deter and solve both major and minor crimes. The proposed cameras are not traffic cameras used to write citations or generate revenue.
- Address outdated or poorly equipped functions within the department including vehicles, equipment for the emergency operation command center and critical technology upgrades.

### With the levy, what would a homeowner pay?

An example breakdown of the cost to homeowners with a property in the city is listed below. Only property/home owners are charged real estate taxes, therefore renters would not be taxed for this levy. For the exact cost of the levy on your property, go to [www.lakeviewauditor.com](http://www.lakeviewauditor.com)

| Proposed Levy Cost for Homeowners<br>2.5 mil over 5 years |             |              |            |
|---|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Property Value  | Yearly Cost | Monthly Cost | Daily Cost |
| \$75,000  | \$65.63     | \$5.47       | \$0.18     |
| \$100,000   | \$87.50     | \$7.29       | \$0.24     |

### Does a 'mill' mean a million?

No. Many state and local jurisdictions raise money from property taxes based on the value of the land that each person or business owns. The mill represents how much of the property's taxable value will be charged in real estate taxes. Each mill represents a tax on one thousandth of a dollar of the assessed value of the property.