



## **PLEASANT TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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## **Pleasant Township Trustees Propose 2-Mill Fire Levy to Enhance Emergency Services**

**LANCASTER, OH** — The Pleasant Township Trustees, in coordination with the Pleasant Township Fire Department, have officially announced the placement of a **2-mill fire levy** on the upcoming ballot. This measure is designed to ensure the continued safety of residents by providing essential funding for personnel, equipment, and modernized emergency response capabilities.

### **Meeting the Growing Needs of Fairfield County**

As Pleasant Township continues to grow, the demand for rapid, high-quality fire and EMS services has reached an all-critical point. The proposed levy aims to bridge the gap between current department resources and the rising costs of life-saving operations.

"Our priority is, and always has been, the safety of our neighbors," says Michael Hutton, Pleasant Township Fire Chief. "This levy isn't just about maintaining the status quo; it's about ensuring that when a resident calls 911, we have the best tools and the right number of professionals ready to respond immediately."

### **What the 2-Mill Levy Covers**

If approved by voters, the funding generated by the levy will be strictly dedicated to fire and emergency medical services, including:

- **Staffing & Retention:** Maintaining competitive wages to keep highly trained paramedics and firefighters within the township.
- **Equipment Upgrades:** Replacing aging fire apparatus and outdated life-saving medical equipment that no longer meets modern safety standards.
- **Facility Maintenance:** Essential repairs and upgrades to existing stations to ensure 24/7 operational readiness.
- **Rapid Response Times:** Ensuring the department can meet the increasing volume of calls without delays.



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### **Financial Impact**

The 2-mill levy is a property tax based on the assessed value of a home. For a homeowner with a property valued at **\$100,000**, the cost of the levy is estimated at **\$70 per year** (or approximately **\$5.83 per month**).

### **Community Transparency**

The Pleasant Township Fire Department is committed to transparency. In the coming months, the department will host a series of **Community Open Houses** where residents can tour the station, see the current equipment, and ask questions regarding the levy's impact on the community.

The Township Officials would like to keep residents fully informed; this is an investment in the infrastructure of our safety. We encourage everyone to look at the facts and see how these funds will be used to protect our homes and families."

### **About Pleasant Township Fire Department**

The Pleasant Township Fire Department provides fire suppression, technical rescue, and emergency medical services to the residents of Pleasant Township in Fairfield County, Ohio. The department is staffed by dedicated professionals committed to excellence in public safety and community service.