



An Additional Sales Tax for the Safety of ALL Summit County Residents





OVERVIEW

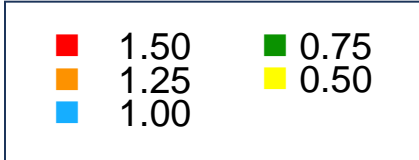
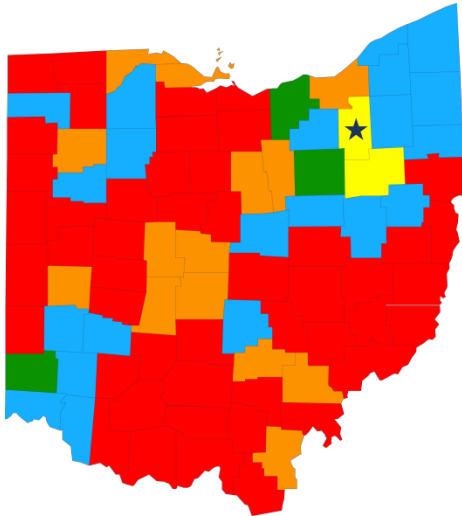
1. Issue 12 would raise the County's portion of the sales tax by an additional 0.25% - from 0.50% to 0.75%. Even with the increase, the County's portion would still be among the five lowest counties in the State.
2. The additional sales tax is not permanent - the tax will end after a period of 10 years.
3. The additional sales tax will be used for important public safety and capital needs:
 - a) 30% of revenue collected will go toward the 800 MHz emergency radio system, 9-1-1 dispatch system and County capital needs.
 - b) 45% of revenue collected will go toward the operation and maintenance of the jail.
 - c) 25% of revenue collected will go toward the general fund, of which 70% is spent on criminal justice and public safety.
4. The sales tax will not fund an arena - after public input, the County Executive and County Council removed the arena from the list of uses for the additional sales tax revenue.

In all, 92.5% of the additional tax will be spent on public safety and capital needs!

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SALES TAX RATES

Summit County operates on the lowest County sales tax in the State. Even with the additional tax, the County sales tax rate will be among the lowest five Counties.



COUNTY	COUNTY TAX RATE
Adams	1.50
Auglaize	1.50
Belmont	1.50
Brown	1.50
Champaign	1.50
Clark	1.50
Clinton	1.50
Columbiana	1.50
Coshocton	1.50
Crawford	1.50
Darke	1.50
Erie	1.50
Fayette	1.50
Fulton	1.50
Guernsey	1.50
Hardin	1.50
Harrison	1.50
Henry	1.50
Highland	1.50
Huron	1.50
Jackson	1.50
Jefferson	1.50
Lawrence	1.50
Licking	1.50
Logan	1.50
Marion	1.50
Meigs	1.50
Mercer	1.50
Monroe	1.50
Morgan	1.50

COUNTY	COUNTY TAX RATE
Morrow	1.50
Muskingum	1.50
Noble	1.50
Paulding	1.50
Perry	1.50
Pickaway	1.50
Pike	1.50
Preble	1.50
Ross	1.50
Sandusky	1.50
Scioto	1.50
Seneca	1.50
Shelby	1.50
Van Wert	1.50
Vinton	1.50
Washington	1.50
Williams	1.50
Wyandot	1.50
Ashland	1.25
Athens	1.25
Cuyahoga	1.25
Delaware	1.25
Franklin	1.25
Gallia	1.25
Hocking	1.25
Lucas	1.25
Madison	1.25
Miami	1.25
Ottawa	1.25

COUNTY	COUNTY TAX RATE
Putnam	1.25
Richland	1.25
Union	1.25
Allen	1.00
Ashtabula	1.00
Carroll	1.00
Clermont	1.00
Defiance	1.00
Fairfield	1.00
Geauga	1.00
Greene	1.00
Hamilton	1.00
Hancock	1.00
Holmes	1.00
Knox	1.00
Lake	1.00
Mahoning	1.00
Medina	1.00
Montgomery	1.00
Portage	1.00
Trumbull	1.00
Tuscarawas	1.00
Warren	1.00
Wood	1.00
Butler	0.75
Lorain	0.75
Wayne	0.75
Stark	0.50
★ Summit	0.50

Proposed New Rate of 0.75%

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Summit County has been fiscally responsible with **YOUR** tax dollars:
 - Spends the lowest per capita of the large urban counties in Ohio, and will still be the lowest with the additional revenue.
 - Since 2008, Summit County has significantly cut its spending and its workforce:
 - Reduced general fund spending nearly \$20 million, from \$122.3 million to \$102.6 million
 - Reduced overall spending nearly \$100 million, from \$576.6 million to \$478.4 million
 - Reduced its workforce by 20% - 757 employees
- Unfortunately, due to cuts from the State, decreased revenue from the recession, declining property values and new unfunded mandates in public safety communications, the County cannot simply get by without new revenue for public safety and capital needs.



USE OF NEW REVENUE

How will the additional sales tax dollars raised by Issue 12 be used?

	1 ST YEAR	10 YEARS	% OF TOTAL
800 MHz, 9-1-1 Dispatch, County Capital	\$6,181,813	\$68,311,358	30%
Operation and Maintenance of Jail	\$9,272,719	\$102,467,037	45%
General Fund			
Criminal Justice/Public Safety (70%)	\$3,606,058	\$39,848,293	17.5%
General Administration (30%)	\$1,545,453	\$17,077,839	7.5%
Total Revenue	\$20,606,043	\$227,704,527	100%

Again, 92.5% of the new revenue collected will be spent on public safety and capital needs.

USE OF REVENUE

800 MHz EMERGENCY RADIO, 9-1-1 DISPATCH AND COUNTY FACILITY NEEDS

- The County's current 800 MHz emergency radio system is nearing its end of life – and the cost to upgrade it to a mandatory P25 compliant system is more than \$30 million.
- Each community in the County (with the exception of Sagamore Hills Police) relies on this system to respond to emergency calls and to communicate with each other. Without the system, our police, fire services and EMS squads will not be able to respond quickly and reliably to emergencies
- Additionally, the County and City of Akron operate aging dispatch operations that should be consolidated. Funds from the sales tax will fund the necessary consolidation and the upgrade of the system. Additionally, as Next-Gen 911 becomes a mandated reality, the sales tax funds will allow for the new required system upgrades.
- The County's facilities, most of which serve criminal justice and public safety functions, are in dire need of repair. Funds from the additional tax will be used to make the necessary improvements to roofs, windows, etc. on the County buildings throughout the County - most of which serve criminal justice and public safety functions.

USE OF REVENUE

800 MHz EMERGENCY RADIO, 9-1-1 DISPATCH AND COUNTY FACILITY NEEDS

30% of the additional sales tax will go into a segregated fund for the 800 MHz, 9-1-1 dispatch and County facility needs. Below is a breakdown of how those funds will be used:

Estimated mid-range cost for the 800 MHz Emergency Radio System Upgrades	\$30.8 million
Estimated costs for 9-1-1 Dispatch Systems	
County-Akron Consolidation	\$7.0 million
Next-Gen 911 Upgrades	\$3.5 million
Currently Unfunded Capital Needs	
Facility Improvements	\$8.2 million
Estimate for 10 years of Routine Annual Maintenance	\$7.8 million
Total Unfunded Needs	\$57.3 million
Anticipated Revenue	\$68.3 million
Balance for Debt Service Costs, Additional Capital Needs, etc.	\$11.0 million



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To the right are the expected costs that your community will have to fund to replace its share of the 800 MHz system's tower equipment, consoles and radios. Because this system is important to the lives of our citizens and first responders, and because most of our local communities are financially strapped, the County has committed to pay the costs of these upgrades for all the communities if Issue 12 passes. However, if Issue 12 does not pass, these costs will need to be paid by the individual communities, potentially at the risk of cutting safety services or other services. For these reasons, Issue 12 has been endorsed by the Summit County Police Chiefs Association and Summit County Fire Chiefs Association.

Entity	# of Radios	Minimum Estimate	Midrange Estimate	High-End Estimate
County	1185	\$4,095,573.17	\$5,919,090.65	\$6,848,288.14
Akron	2020	\$6,477,432.51	\$10,467,910.96	\$11,125,891.42
Barberton	92	\$164,820.85	\$729,352.52	\$1,188,118.95
Bath Twp	117	\$213,584.87	\$518,425.62	\$719,809.12
Boston Heights	22	\$43,389.43	\$50,555.55	\$57,721.68
Boston Twp	2	\$4,783.06	\$8,794.53	\$9,445.99
Clinton	19	\$34,039.09	\$102,178.01	\$128,245.69
Copley Twp	149	\$266,938.11	\$668,839.31	\$969,424.51
Coventry Twp	57	\$136,317.26	\$319,359.04	\$385,186.31
Cuyahoga Falls	351	\$1,234,079.36	\$2,110,080.36	\$2,597,588.61
Fairlawn	102	\$407,736.16	\$737,537.16	\$895,099.17
Green	87	\$470,645.69	\$678,759.45	\$804,994.97
Hudson	48	\$92,793.49	\$108,428.66	\$137,582.84
Lakemore	51	\$120,095.33	\$188,739.71	\$228,982.33
Macedonia	9	\$18,223.78	\$29,405.37	\$50,715.72
Mogadore	59	\$141,100.33	\$312,934.57	\$379,413.31
Munroe Falls	70	\$166,807.17	\$350,831.47	\$434,396.27
New Franklin	93	\$166,612.38	\$426,612.54	\$594,259.20
Northfield Center	13	\$23,289.90	\$27,524.43	\$31,758.96
Norfield Cnt/Sagamore FD	11	\$20,806.84	\$24,389.90	\$27,972.96
Northfield Village	10	\$18,915.31	\$22,272.64	\$25,529.97
Norton	114	\$220,137.53	\$493,395.08	\$715,692.63
Peninsula	16	\$37,464.50	\$68,899.22	\$91,189.70
Reminderville	20	\$37,830.62	\$44,345.28	\$68,859.93
Richfield	76	\$184,732.10	\$421,383.80	\$492,112.50
Silver Lake	24	\$57,396.74	\$111,573.33	\$143,021.17
Springfield	76	\$188,507.85	\$390,698.55	\$479,593.50
Stow	180	\$887,125.82	\$1,326,360.24	\$1,611,169.66
Tallmadge	180	\$422,651.32	\$792,182.24	\$1,127,498.41
Twinsburg	80	\$153,522.48	\$225,481.11	\$268,418.49
Twinsburg Twp	17	\$40,656.03	\$56,273.49	\$87,944.19
Akron BOE	202	\$442,689.25	\$692,727.30	\$758,525.34
Akron-Canton Airport	5	\$11,757.65	\$20,106.32	\$24,310.73
Barberton-Norton MAD	4	\$8,766.12	\$10,069.06	\$21,674.99
CNVP	38	\$69,278.18	\$81,656.03	\$104,161.88
Humane Society	2	\$4,783.06	\$8,794.53	\$9,445.99
Metro Parks	96	\$228,186.97	\$489,925.33	\$553,919.69
Metro RTA	300	\$915,459.28	\$1,047,379.15	\$1,839,109.77
SWCOM	14	\$25,081.43	\$29,641.69	\$34,201.95
University of Akron	82	\$226,002.79	\$428,367.39	\$516,440.98
Valley Fire District	47	\$114,777.70	\$271,612.15	\$318,307.35
TOTAL	6140	\$18,594,791.50	\$30,812,893.75	\$36,906,025.00

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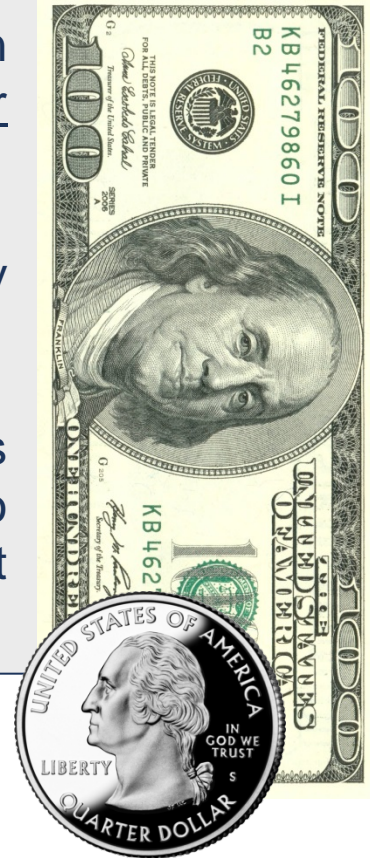
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY JAIL

- The Summit County Jail is currently understaffed by 40-50 deputy and civilian workers. The Sheriff has numerous times expressed the need for more staff and this need was confirmed in a staffing analysis that was part of a federal lawsuit.
- Without adequate staffing at the Jail, the potential for more deputy, civilian worker and inmate injuries exists and the County faces increased financial exposure from inmate lawsuits, worker injury and lost time. Additionally, as revenue continues to lag, the prospect of closing portions of the Jail is becoming an increasing reality, which would result in more criminals on the streets.
- The Jail is also more than 25 years old, and many repairs and improvements are needed to the aging facility.
- Currently, the County needs an additional \$3.7 million to \$4.5 million each year to adequately staff the Jail and make much-needed facility repairs and improvements.
- 45% of the additional tax will go into a segregated account to be used only for the operation and maintenance of the Jail. Over the ten year life of the tax, \$102.5 million will be set aside to fund the shortfalls at the Jail during that ten year period, and to create a reserve that will fund those shortfalls for an additional ten years after the sunset of the tax.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

WHAT WILL ISSUE 12 COST SUMMIT COUNTY TAXPAYERS?

- Issue 12 will add an additional \$0.25 to every \$100.00 spent on applicable goods and services in Summit County. Neither food nor medicine are taxed under this proposal.
- The additional sales tax will cost the average Summit County taxpayer just \$3 per month.
- This is a small price to pay to ensure that our police, firefighters and EMS can quickly respond to our emergency needs, and to make sure that the Summit County Jail operates in a manner that keeps our deputies and community safe.





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SUMMARY

- Issue 12 will raise approximately \$20 million in additional sales tax revenue per year, and even with the increase, the County's sales tax rate is among the lowest in the State.
- The length of the tax is just 10 years.
- The proceeds of the sales tax will be used almost exclusively (92.5%) for public safety, criminal justice and capital needs.
- The additional sales tax will cost the average taxpayer \$3 per month – even less for those on a fixed income.



Questions?



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