



LOCAL INCOME TAX

FACT SHEET

FOR NEW CONCORD VOTERS

VOTING INFORMATION

When do I vote?

Election Day is November 7.
Early in-person & absentee voting
begins October 11.

Where do I vote on Election Day?

Larry Miller Intermediate School
(LMIS)
13125 John Glenn School Rd.

What are voting hours on Election Day?

Polls are open
6:30 AM - 7:30 PM.

Where can I find more voting information?

www.boe.ohio.gov/muskingum

NEW CONCORD VOTERS NOVEMBER 7 BALLOT INFORMATION

Your elected officials want New Concord voters to have all the information you need to make an informed vote in this election. Below are some questions and answers that we hope are helpful.

What is the current financial situation of New Concord?

- **Budget** - The village operates within its means. We have always operated within a tight and approved budget that is closely monitored throughout each year.
- **Economy/Inflation** - The economy has experienced massive swings in recent years, and inflation-related price increases remain high. Until this year we have been able to continue with our safety and other services intact thanks to grants and to covid-related federal funding from CARES and ARPA, both of which have come to an end.
- **Wages/Retention** - Staff retention is an increasing concern across all departments, especially police and fire, due to neighboring higher wages.

What is the current income tax rate?

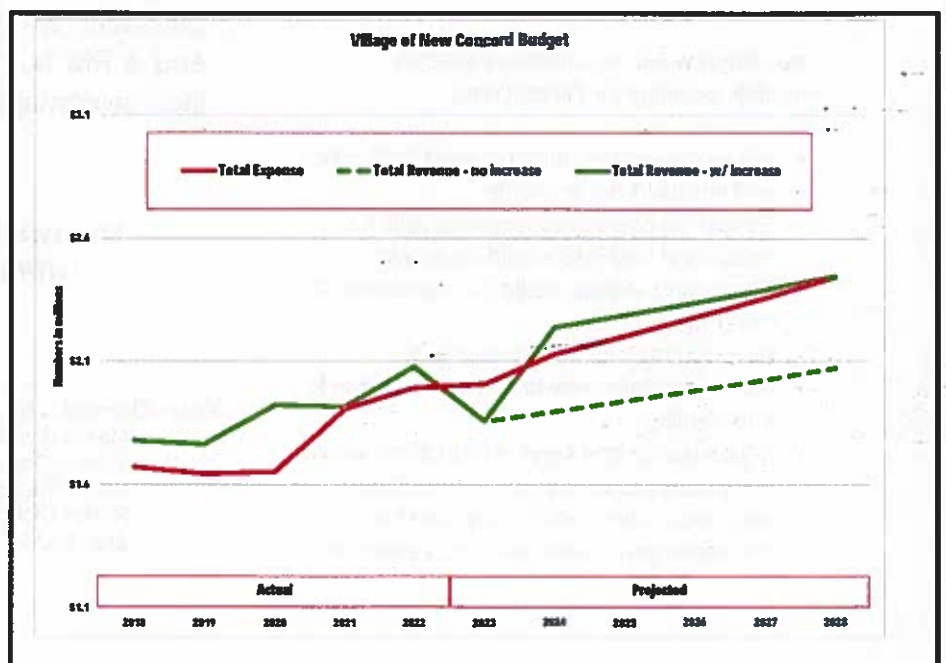
- 1.50%. For example, if you have \$10,000 of taxable income, you currently pay \$150 in local income tax.

What is the proposed income tax rate?

- An additional .75%, bringing the total to 2.25%. For example, if you have \$10,000 of taxable income, you would pay an additional \$75 in local income tax, bringing the total to \$225.

Why is this being proposed?

- Operating costs in every village department have sharply increased in recent years while village income has remained virtually unchanged.
- Income tax funds are essential to village operations. This makes up seventy-eight percent (78%) of village income. It covers fire/EMS, police, street department and administration.



Why is this being proposed? (continued)

We want to continue to provide the high quality of services that village residents expect.

The experience and professionalism of the staff of the Village of New Concord is our greatest asset. We want to retain our excellent employees and ensure their livelihood is reasonably compensated.

If this passes on Nov. 7, how much more income would the village receive?

The village would collect approximately \$339,000 in additional funds.

Where would additional income be used?

The funds will provide for the operation of safety services and general services for the entire community.

Does the village offer an income tax credit?

Residents who pay income tax to the municipality in which they work receive up to 100% tax credit.

Retirees whose income consists of Social Security benefits, retirement benefit payments or payments from annuities would not be taxed on that income.

What happens if this doesn't pass?

The village would experience a budget shortfall, possibly for the first time

- We would not be able to sustain 24/7 police and fire/EMS departments.
- Response times to emergency calls for police and fire/EMS would be slower.
- Roads and streets would be maintained at a lower level.
- Deferred maintenance would grow.
- Needed repairs may take more time due to affordability.
- Maintenance and service reductions would likely cause a downgrade in the village's insurance rating, which may result in increases to homeowners' insurance rates.

What will I see on my ballot?

The following wording that will appear on the ballot is required by the Ohio Board of Elections:

33. Proposed Municipal Income Tax Village of New Concord A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.
Shall the Ordinance providing for a 0.75 per cent levy increase on income for the operation of the village safety and general services be passed?
<input type="radio"/> For the Income Tax
<input type="radio"/> Against the Income Tax

Can I get more information?

**Yes! Join us for a public Q&A.
Tuesday October 10 at 6:30 PM
at Village Hall.**

If you can't come to the meeting you can email us at <https://www.newconcord-oh.gov/email-us> OR bring your written questions to Village Hall between 8 AM and 4 PM Monday to Friday. You must include contact information.

***You can bring this flyer
with you to vote.***

Your Elected Officials

Mayor Jennifer Lyle
Village Council
Steve Wootton, *President pro tempore*,
Robert Dickson, Kristi Kearns, Levi Shegog,
Stan Taylor, Jim Whitehair