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## NEWS RELEASE

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### RHODES SAYS TAX LEVY ESTIMATES 'A ROUGH GUESS'

For the past five years Hamilton County property owners have been able to see what proposed new tax levies would actually cost them before they voted. The best they can get this year is "a rough guess" according to County Auditor Dusty Rhodes.

"We have the information for every property on our website, [www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org)," said Rhodes, "but values on virtually all properties will change with January's tax bills.

"The website only shows what would be paid on current value. The new values will not be known until the State Tax Commissioner approves them sometime after the election," he added.

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Rhodes said the state requires county-wide revaluations every three years.

"In the year we revalue we simply do not have all the information that we want to provide taxpayers and voters considering these levies," he said. "It's a problem of the timetables established by state law.

"However, we think it's important to at least give voters some idea of what they are being asked for and urge everyone to check our website for estimates of their cost for new or increased levies," he added.

Rhodes also issued a summary of all proposed levies on the November ballot including the estimated cost for an owner-occupied residence valued at \$100,000.

## TAX YEAR 2005 LEVY SUMMARY- PROPOSED AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2005, ELECTION

TAXING AUTHORITY	TYPE OF LEVY	ELECTION	MILLAGE	STATUS	TERM OF LEVY/YEARS	2005	ANNUAL	ESTIMATED
						COST \$100K Market Value	ESTIMATED COST TO TAXPAYER \$100,000 Market Value	ANNUAL YIELD TO TAXING AUTHORITY *
<b>CITIES &amp; VILLAGES</b>								
Cheviot	Streets	November 8, 2005	1.50	Renewal	5	\$ 16.22	\$ 16.22	\$ 85,553
Cheviot	Current Expense	November 8, 2005	0.75	Additional	5	\$ -	\$ 22.10	\$ 90,051
Cleves	Current Expense	November 8, 2005	6.00	Replace 6.00 Decrease .33	5	\$ 173.46	\$ 176.81	\$ 261,766
Fairfax	Current Expense	November 8, 2005	0.96	Renewal	5	\$ 7.91	\$ 7.91	\$ 39,974
Golf Manor	Police	November 8, 2005	6.00	Additional	Continuing	\$ -	\$ 176.81	\$ 298,525
Greenhills	Recreation	November 8, 2005	0.70	Renewal	5	\$ 8.38	\$ 8.38	\$ 17,917
Lincoln Heights	Current Expense	November 8, 2005	12.00	Renew 10.00 Increase 2.00	5	\$ 213.32	\$ 272.25	\$ 298,302
Mariemont	Permanent Improvement	November 8, 2005	3.00**	Renewal	5	\$ 23.02	\$ 23.02	\$ 124,703
Newtown	Current Expense	November 8, 2005	2.50	Additional	5	\$ -	\$ 73.67	\$ 199,344
North Bend	Life Squad/EMS	November 8, 2005	1.00	Replacement	5	\$ 27.05	\$ 29.47	\$ 27,421
Terrace Park	Current Expense	November 8, 2005	9.50	Renewal	1	\$ 127.21	\$ 127.21	\$ 433,690
<b>TOWNSHIPS</b>								
Colerain	Fire & EMS	November 8, 2005	4.34	Renewal	5	\$ 118.08	\$ 118.08	\$ 4,721,857
Crosby	Fire & EMS	November 8, 2005	8.50	Replace 4.50 & 1.00 Increase 3.00	Continuing	\$ 73.57	\$ 250.48	\$ 532,380
Delhi	Park	November 8, 2005	1.00	Additional	Continuing	\$ 22.17	\$ 29.47	\$ 473,537
Harrison	Fire & EMS	November 8, 2005	1.59	Additional	Continuing	\$ -	\$ 46.85	\$ 147,744
Miami	Current Expense	November 8, 2005	0.46	Additional	5	\$ -	\$ 13.56	\$ 197,882
Symmes	Road & Bridge	November 8, 2005	1.30	Replace .90 Increase .40	7	\$ 21.42	\$ 38.31	\$ 701,570
<b>SCHOOLS</b>								
Three Rivers LSD	Current Expense	November 8, 2005	(7.89)	Reduce 7.89 mills to 0.00	Continuing	\$ 210.61	\$ -	(\$2,784,849)***
Three Rivers LSD	Current Expense	November 8, 2005	(0.01)	Reduce 5.00 mills to 4.99	Continuing	\$ 91.96	\$ 91.77	(\$2,819)
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICTS</b>								
Western Joint Ambulance Dist.	EMS	November 8, 2005	1.00	Additional	Continuing	\$ -	\$ 29.47	\$ 490,676

Calculations are based on a \$100,000 market value residential property using a sales tax reduction of 1.322674 times the 2.5% homestead reimbursement.

\* Annual yield includes the property tax revenue and all eligible reimbursements from the State of Ohio.

\*\* The Mariemont permanent improvement levy does not expire until December 31, 2006. If the November levy passes, it will begin in 2007 as a renewal of the existing levy.

\*\*\* H.B. 66 may impact the calculation of the estimated total reduction of \$2,784,849.