

**A total of 210 comments were received from residents during the open comment period running from August 4 to August 23. They can be read here.**

I can support a tax increase but only if Delaware is willing to provide a 100% credit for taxes paid to other cities. My wife works in the City of Columbus and already pays more combined municipal income tax to Columbus and Delaware than the state of Ohio. Every city on your comparison list with a tax rate of 2% or more has a 100% credit. I lived in Westerville when they first tried to pass a big increase and it failed because they did not offer a 100% tax credit. As soon as they changed to a 100% credit, it passed. It's a little disingenuous to not list the Tax Credit and Credit Limit in your comparison table (see attached).

I don't mind the increase in the city tax, but what will make me want to move away from Delaware is the punitive tax for working out of the city. By only granting only a 50% credit for those of us who work out of the city, you are punishing those of us who live here and support the city in other ways. There is no comparable job for me in the city of Delaware where I can make a similar salary. Thus I work in Columbus.

As taxpayers income increases, the city's income increases. As new families move into the city or new businesses start in the city the city's income increases. I think the city should live within it's current means. Residents are dealing with increased property taxes and increased costs for everything from fuel to groceries as a result of inflation. Because of these factors and others residents have been required to adjust their budgets. The last thing we need is to have less take-home pay each month because of an income tax increase.

No. Absolutely no for btax increase. You have allowed thousand of homes and rental to be build knowing what that would do to this city. STOP ALLOWING MORE BUILDING. Stop giving tax breaks to builders and expect us to pay more and more and more. Our streets and allys are a joke and you want us to pay MORE for your incompetence? NO NO NO

This tax increase includes potential projects within the general fund which do not require updating. If you want to propose an increase by enough to provide .7% to EMS/fire, then fine, but this .40% increase is outrageous in a time when inflation is making budgets tight already. Not to mention, that most residents work in other municipalities and have to pay dual tax (minus a weak 50% credit) to Delaware. I noted this tax credit is not changing, so the tax burden for these particular residents is continuing to increase immensely. Most municipalities offer a higher (up to 100%) tax credit for residents already paying to another municipality they work in. However, the Delaware municipality only offers a small 50% credit, This means that most Delaware residents are already taxed at a higher rate than average Ohio citizens since they pay dual municipality taxes, Put this on the ballot and the vote will be no. The proposal for the funds is weak, and the proposal of where funds will be allocated are primarily not necessary. Re-evaluate this plan, and if you proceed with this on the ballot, proceed with a lower, minimally required increase, especially if the city wants any hope that the vote won't just be No in 3/2024.

What happened to the existing money that is being used for existing repairs? Will that still remain the same or will that money go to other places in the budget are you going to give us a list of streets that will be repaired over the next five years so that we can track how our money is being spent will any of this money be used for new equipment and or new personnel I have seen this done too many times and too many times the streets that you say will be done do not get done it's time it is time for the city to show us they will do what needs to be done. His money should only be used for repaving the streets and not be used for repairing the streets after a water or sewer line is broken I have more that I would like to ask, but I've never been able to find out when these meetings are being held since I do not get the Delaware crizal, I think you need to find a better way of informing the citizens what is going on

Will this new tax actually provide a 50% credit for taxes paid to other cities, or will it continue with the current rule which is: "This credit is the lesser of .50 of the tax paid to the other city, or .00925 of the income taxed by the other city and Delaware". This distinction makes a huge difference in what we pay annually.

While the tax increase has not been updated in 13 years, the entire central Ohio area is having the property values being reviewed, which could cause a jump for some property owners, so why not wait to see how that impact happens. This is a pretty big jump, and as a new homeowner who just scraped by to get an affordable home in the city that's pretty scary to me. Additionally, a jump like this could displace even more folks who earn the least income in the city. There needs to be consideration for keeping things affordable for the service workers, otherwise those people will move somewhere else they can afford and housing in the City is already at a premium regardless if you rent or own. I love paying taxes, but I think this increase at this amount is going to really hurt the people already at the bottom economically speaking. Why not wait until the property values have been reassessed, and also consider only raising the % from 1.8 to something like 2.05-2.1 or a plan that would be an increase more gradually over time that we can vote on.

The city needs to focus on schooling for the kids, parking garages for downtown, and fixing the streets properly before raising taxes. There's a lot of housing still going in which will help with taxes.

Wow!! That is a big jump. Please do not do this. So many people are struggling right now! If an increase is necessary, try for something less, please

I very much believe in the expansion of Delaware services. Would have really liked to of seen some funding for the arts on the Parks/Rec agenda. (Theater/Music/Film)

No thankyou. I see a lot of "wants" in the proposal. This is not the time to add more expenses to people who are already suffering. We already have a tax system that does not work well with people who live in Delaware and work in Columbus. Support our EMS, fire and police. Separate those from this proposal as a separate issue.

I will never support any income tax that does not include full repossitty for those that are taxed in two or more locations this unconstitutional injustice has gone on long enough.

I think you need to take money away from other areas in the budget for now. Wages aren't keeping pace with the massive inflation and people have no emergency funds. It's definitely not time to raise income taxes on us.

I oppose this. Can't be just to 2.00%, have to be greedy and go for 2.25%. Must be time for raises and more benefits.

I oppose the proposed tax increase. Many Delaware residents work in Columbus or its suburbs. They therefore pay a significant tax to their work city and also have to pay substantial additional tax to Delaware (due to the limited credit for taxes paid to a workplace city). Delaware residents who work in Columbus now pay significantly more than someone who lives and works in Columbus (the City with the highest tax rate at 2.5% in the area). A Delaware increase would only make this situation worse. Unless Delaware would give a full credit for taxes paid to other work cities, I strongly oppose any increase

Now is not the time to raise income taxes. We're experiencing insane inflation and stagnant wages where most citizens don't even have \$500 for an emergency. Now is the time to cut the fat out of the budget and shift monies around. Don't punch the citizens when they're down.

After having lived in the City of Delaware for over 20 years, I moved out a few years back due to the income tax. The majority of home owners in Delaware commute to Columbus to work and get hit with both Columbus and Delaware City taxes, on top of that, Delaware County property tax rates are the highest in the state. Delaware is a good city to live in, however I feel that the city has been irresponsible in the amount of housing growth that it has allowed as the current infrastructure and services are not capable of supporting it. Inflation is out of control, property taxes are going up again and you want to raise taxes to build Pickleball courts? A new pool? A new athletic complex? And how long will it be before new school levy's are needed to support building new schools? I always loved Delaware City, and hated to move, but the out of control housing expansion, along with getting double taxed by Delaware and Columbus, plus the county property taxes proved to be too much. If you have to raise taxes to support roads and existing infrastructure, then do so. But take some responsibility, stop expanding, improve existing services, and then use the money wisely instead of starting new pet projects that will require even more funding in the future.

Delaware is a great city and the income from our taxes need to keep pace with our growth to avoid decline. Where would we be without the great amenities we have that we now take for granted without the tax revenue that makes them possible. With growth come needs which are not going to go away so I suppose this proposed permanent city income tax increase.

You should not increase taxes on us, we pay taxes in both Columbus and Delaware because we work in Columbus. If you took the full amount we pay to Columbus then I would possibly understand but you DO NOT recognize the taxes we pay other cities so no you should not raise taxes. Balance the budget like all the struggling families do without putting that strain on working families. Maybe look at your contracts and reducing spending on things that aren't needed. The government cannot keep taking from the middle class. What does the general fund cover and why do you need 22M? I think that's a bit inflated. I think you need to do the due diligence and really look at cost and contracts and see where you can make cuts without asking us for more money.

I would like further consideration for expansion of in-kind match for tax. Being a resident in the city of Delaware and working in another city means I am paying income tax in both cities. As a resident I would like to see an increase in the in-kind match to go along with a tax increase. This is to take into account that our neighbors in the area are having to increase tax as well to meet the growth. We have huge transit population for work, and the dual tax requirement is a burden to some. Please also note that there is an increase in legal challenges to the dual income tax requirement here in Ohio, and would hate to see Delaware placed in a situation where a fixed income is placed on hold why challenges are run through the court <https://www.cleveland.com/datacentral/2020/08/explaining-ohios-maze-of-city-income-tax-rates-and-credits-and-why-you-should-log-where-youve-been-working-thats-rich.html> Tax increase are a way for a growing city to meet the challenges of growth, but compromise to do it fairly is what citizens will approve and appreciate. I would suggest a look at what % the credit can be adjusted (+/-) to allow the city to still receive the increase, and not add to the ever increasing tax burden. I finish with one last comment in that citizens are still adjusting to an inflation phase post COVID that saw family income's ability to meet their needs dwindle compared to more recent year. Expense the city faces are also felt by my fellow neighbors.

I believe the proposed increase tax is overly aggressive. With all the increased development along with taxable income, nearly .40% increase is again, excessive.

I see the infrastructure problems. However, another solution is to slow the high-density housing building; the RATE and zoning of building is unsustainable. Not only is it a population problem, it pushes out low-income persons, and is harmful to the environment. Start at the zoning level first before significantly raising taxes. We're beginning to be overcrowded in this city/county and overbuilt for retail. I would like a far more in-depth analysis of zoning, high-density building, and "need" (lack of need) for further retail. Slow it down and preserve quality of city rather than moving to sustain high growth with increased costs. I vote no until further, and sustainable, zoning restrictions are in place.

This is a ridiculously large tax increase that comes at a time when most Americans are already squeezed by high inflation and rising interest rates. I am resolutely opposed to this unconscionable tax hike. Apparently, those involved are tone deaf or don't read the news. If this is approved, I will keep my residence outside of Delaware permanently.

This proposal is fair and reasonable. Our streets and roads need better maintenance and improvements. Developers should bear the full cost of any new streets and sewers. We do not need to subsidize them. Downtown parking is currently wholly inadequate, especially for handicapped residents. I rarely venture downtown anymore. Because of a compromised ability to walk, I find myself only patronizing only businesses, especially restaurants, with their own dedicated parking lots if I am alone, driving myself. Developing the east side of the Olentangy Riverfront should be a future priority. The tax increase proposal should be placed on the March 2024 primary election ballot to ensure full resident participation.

I'm OK with raising the rate to 2.00, less so with 2.25. The 2.25 rate puts us in the same league as high-income areas such as Reynoldsburg, Hilliard, and Upper Arlington. That might be OK if you were talking about the south end of Delaware County, but City residents, for the most part, are out of that league financially.

I understand the need for more funding. But residents are in the same financial bind. We only have so much money to pay bills. You need to look at other options than raising taxes for working people who are already struggling to feed their families, put gas in their cars and just pay utilities. There needs to be some empathy for your residents. Not raising their taxes again. Especially at just a difficult time with inflation the way it is, with no relief in sight.

No. New. Taxes. Why is the only recommendation to ask for more money? What programs and events have been revisited for reduction or elimination? Inflation has reduced the disposable income of everyone, we shouldn't be burdened with another \$15,000,000 of government spending.

Since Delaware does not have reciprocal agreements with City of Columbus, in effect people who live in Delaware and work elsewhere are paying very high income taxes, in combination we would show as the highest tax rate on your chart where you claim Delaware's taxes are amongst the lowest. With the economy as it currently is and with no efforts on Delaware's part to establishing reciprocal tax agreements with the City of Columbus, I'll be voting against this proposal.

I believe it is clear an increase is needed and I hope passes, BUT the issue of residents working elsewhere and only getting a break on Delaware income tax must be addressed. Else the increase will fail.

You propose a income tax increase with inflation UP ,Why not all it a inflation rate bump up to the citizens of delaware bet true full ,We know when it goes up it does go down for the citizen.With all the development over the last 20 yr you missed the opportunity. Propose a sale tax increase for the city or for the countywide area piggyback using a infrastructure projection operational budget.The proposal you laid out does not assure the tax money will go to the proposed projects .City counsel usually votes to release those funds or more them to other project by recommendation . why not take some city general fund money invest in cd at 4-5% then piggy back to roll over. I lived here for over 50 years and the vision of city of delaware is geographical limited. I have read the previous budgets in the past years. Propose why not put a city gas tax or a electrical car charge tax at .01 per galleon to help,fund the future of city of delaware this will allow all traveler that pass thur in resident help up keep roads in infer structure. a tax income is not the right time after a primary election put it on like the state did with a special election timing is not right with economics of your citizens being over whelm with day today living expenses ,The majority people they move her trying to raise a family just getting by. We all no properties / tax's will go up can only get so much out of a penny from the dollar. Thankyou

We don't get credit if our work locations are different! Further very little help in case we pay double taxes! Hence I don't support this initiatives!! Should focus more on getting big Corp firms into the city instead !!

The other Suburb have taxation treaties with neighborhood sister cities. You may need to consider similar treaty incase you want to increase Delaware city income tax or increase the Credit if work is outside of delaware and live in Delaware

since residential development does not pay for itself, are you considering raising impact fees on new residential projects to help with the costs of such development

No to increase taxes. Look for money elsewhere. Increase fee to rent parks etc.

I am against this proposal because the city of Delaware has approved numerous housing developments which existing homeowners have been against. So my question is where is the money from the developers and where are the calculations of increased residents that will be moving into city after these numerous new homes have been built???

I read somewhere that some of these funds would go to increased maintenance on roadways, including the ALLEY's. When I first moved here 30+ years ago, Delaware maintained the potholes in the alleyways. Then, all of a sudden, they said they belonged to the residents and it was their responsibility to maintain them. Well, that just will not happen. I would support this increase if it does in fact include the maintenance of the alleyways.

I am completely against any tax increase and I don't think using the comparison of other cities around us having a higher tax rate compared to our city is a good argument for the government taking more money from its citizens instead of the city thinking about "raising" more funds. Is it not possible to cut expenditures? I find it bad enough that we already pay 1.85% income tax on top of the federal and state income tax the government is dipping into my paycheck 3 times for the same thing. I hope you take my opinion into consideration please and thank you.

This is not the time to raise taxes. Inflation is already shrinking everyone's paycheck. And with less money for consumers to spend, businesses are still struggling to dig out of COVID. Each household in Delaware has had to "tighten their belt" and prioritize spending. And so should government.

I am a retired person, and an increase would not affect me, however I can understand and see the need for this increase and fully support the increase.

I do not support an income tax generally nor do I favor an increase. The proposed increase would take Delaware from one of the lowest rates in the region to the second highest rate. During a time of positive growth, such an increase could deter people from moving here and opting for one of the other communities in the region. I believe other alternative revenue streams should be explored and considered before opting for the easy revenue stream that is an income tax.

I would like to see the city prioritize "need to have" vs. "nice to have." Parks & Rec items, for example, are nice to have but aren't essential services when prioritizing expenses. The proportion of the population using these amenities should be considered when allocating funds. More essential services are police and fire, even if underutilized proportionate to population because the need is unpredictable. Residents don't have the option to just ask for more money when their budgets are tight, so they must prioritize and cut expenses. I expect the city to do the same. It's easy to spend other people's money, but inflation has taken a big bite of income these last 12 months or so, and even with it subsiding, it takes some time to bounce back. This also seems like a very large increase, so it might go over better if it were less.

I'm 73 yrs old. I'm trying to continue to live in my home. Tax increases hit us older citizens hard. Home maintenance which I used to be able to do myself becomes more difficult and expensive every year. My income is fixed and low. My only asset is my house. Please give us older citizens some consideration so we can continue to live in our homes. Thank you.

We are new resident to Delaware location and we are already paying lot of taxes in different components. Again increasing the Delaware tax will impact our regular life. Our income for this location is not changing but the taxes are increasing also this community keep on increasing the HOA bill amount.

Taxes are too high in Ohio already. Abolish the city income tax and state income taxes. Raising taxes is out of the question. The city needs to cut spending and live with less like the rest of us do in these times of high inflation and taxation.

While I understand our city is in need of funds, I also am currently going back and forth on this increase. The city has offered MANY tax breaks to developers taking away funds from our school system as well as the city. City streets as another example. These TIF's have put an undue burden on long time residents in our city in fixed incomes. Our city needs to thing long and hard about those long time residents on fixed incomes that are now being driven out by developments approved by the city. While the city wants to grow, it also needs to be aware of those that have been here a long time helping it grow. I would love to know the information on the residents that have recommend this increase. Are they long time residents? Are they making profit off this decision? Also it's interesting that when this change was recommended that the City Manager also decided to leave. The city has had lot of turn over recently and when they come when this like this are submitted, it also draws questions. I believe the city needs to be more transparent on these issues. Who is making making money off these TIF's? Who's benefiting from these developments? Who are the realtors making money? Closing companies? Why is there so much turn over recently within the city office? Answer these questions and I'll decide how to vote.

From what I can see online, municipalities with 2% rate and above offer more generous credits to residence working outside of their city often times up to a full 2%. Does this proposal increase the credits for Delaware residents working outside of the city? If not, our household would not vote for this increase. Also, with the exception of Lancaster, other municipalities have significantly higher median incomes than Delaware. This increase seems to be a financial burden for most Delaware residents.

Delaware city council should focus and engage more in how to attract more economic growth via tax incentives for new small business start ups, attracting employers like New Albany has, and yes even explore what we should stop investing in instead of burdening residents with an income tax. I have done my part in investing in renovating a home adjacent to downtown make the city a better place and through that increasing the value and property taxes. If a measure is put forward I will vote no and relocate from Delaware. Government at levels seems to never learn or understand basic economics in that increasing taxes is a path to lower tax revenue, reduced investments in the community, and will ultimately lead to individuals seeking alternative more tax friendly communities.

Good idea, wrong time. I am opposed to this increase at a time of rising interest rates and an uncertain economy. A recession is not unthinkable and all it would take is another surge of a Covid variant or widening of the war. I'll put up with unpaved alleys and old parks for a while.

I have many, many questions about this proposal that I'd love to have answered by city council. For now, I'll just put this out there...families are struggling financially right now giving up not just wants, but needs. Their employers are struggling too and some families haven't seen a salary increase in many years. We can't go to our bosses and say, "my coworkers and I voted, you need to give all of us a cost of living raise." Or imagine if we went to our friends and neighbors and said "I can't live within my budget please give me money so I can get a pool, pay for a nanny, get a gym or pool membership, add on to my house, do or maintain my landscaping, pay a financial planner, pay off my debt, pave my driveway I've neglected over the years, get an additional car, or get stuff for my growing family." Our property tax is going up and the city wants to take money from us to build a pickle ball court? This task force and City council should be more mindful of needs vs wants. It will soon be too expensive to live in Delaware and families and businesses will need to move.

No I do not agree with raising tax if that happens I will end up moving

No increase in levy. The City MUST stop giving developers and employers tax incentives while transferring the tax burden to residents. If development is stressing roads, infrastructure, and emergency services then developers should pay impact fees that offset these costs. Every department budget should be cut by a minimum of 10%. There should be a hard look at the services provided. The task force refers to a "high level of services" . Are these essential services or nice-to-have services? Perhaps some of these services shouldn't be subsidized by taxpayers and should come with fees that cover the cost. When revenue decreases, the expenses should be decreased accordingly. The Municipal Courts is cited as an area where revenue has decreased. If they are handling fewer cases, they don't need as many people or as much space. The City Council needs to stop thinking like politicians and start thinking as they would if they were trying to save a struggling small business.

With the rising cost of everything, finances are always tight. I don't really want our taxes raised on top of everything else.

No new taxes! Our tax rate is already high enough. As more people move to Delaware, there are more taxes collected. Tax rate does not need to be increased.

As a senior & lifelong resident, I don't know how your "lean" budget, compares to mine. All of our utilities have practically doubled, our real estate taxes, our groceries, and medications, and on & on. It's really frustrating, deciding if we will be able to keep that doctor appointment, buy our medication, or groceries.

I am quite conflicted about this. I have more questions than comments though. Will this include Lewis Center and surrounding parts of Delaware county where the growth is happening especially fast. Next, can there be a secondary temporary funding to deal with roads, and then a lower tax increase to fund other items? I would argue that roads within the city of Delaware are among the highest of priorities.

You have approved thousands of new homes and apartments. These will be occupied by newcomers who will add to the tax base. I cannot support a tax increase until City Council stops approving every development presented to them, removing our very small amount a green space.

I do not support an income tax increase.



Compared to Delaware, the counties in Dublin and Powell have better planning, Recreation centers and lesser events of power failure. But still they have lesser tax rate as against the proposed Tax hike by Delaware county. Ideally Delaware should lower their taxes, as they are not giving as many facilities and benefits.

The taxes are already high enough. Please don't increase the tax rate. Thanks

The city does not need to increase income tax. The city should instead curtail unnecessary spending and reduce its ambitions for expansion. I don't want Delaware to be like Powell or Columbus. I like the small town feel of Delaware and without that there's no benefit to staying.

I am against this tax hike. For instance Dublin city has 2 percent tax and they have way better recreation centers, facilities than Delaware city does. They also have much nicer parks and public playgrounds and schools. My address falls under Delaware county and Lewis Center. I am already paying a lot in tax to both. If there is a tax hike for Delaware, I expect Delaware to have a understanding with say Lewis Center or Dublin to reduce my overall tax.

Hi, We are already paying double taxes for Delaware and Columbus Cities. This increase is not justifiable as other counties around the Columbus is providing similar or better services and taxes are lower or no double taxation issue.

This is way too much of a hike in tax rate and will be a financial burden to our family. Delaware city has no recreational Center's and services provided stop at trash pickup. Dublin has similar population, better or double median income with better facilities and they are at 2.00%. Not sure whether this citizen group included participants from all over Delaware when decided on hike. I oppose this measure.

Honestly, this is too high. I'm far more worried about overcrowding at Dempsey and Hayes than I am building a new pool or parks. 1.85-2.5 is a huge jump, considering Dublin is at 2% and their median income is double ours. Asking for this when we desperately need more money at the schools is inappropriate, considering our average income in Delaware, and we could potentially be asked for more money for the schools at the same time or after this permanent increase is in place. Please do not do this. \$25/month is a lot when considering inflation too.

I wouldn't be opposed to an increase in the tax for residents but Delaware really needs to consider increasing the credit for taxes paid to other cities. It's a huge negative to live in Delaware and work in Columbus for example. An effective total city income tax rate of 3.63% is very high for local taxes. If you want to attract more people to live in Delaware, don't penalize them for working in another city.

I live in Lewis Center and pay Delaware city tax. So if I am living in Lewis Center why I am charged for Delaware city tax. Moreover, we are already paying the property tax which got increased recently in 2023 for me. Also, being an H1 candidate we have to provide the tax for our office address which is around 2.5%. So being resident I would request not to increase this income tax pleaseee

Why not bring in "big businesses"? We don't need more housing developers nor strip malls. We need businesses without tax credits. I'm on fixed income and don't need more taxes, either city or real estate. This is getting ridiculous.

I don't suppose the point of the proposal was to encourage poorer citizens to leave Delaware but that certainly seems to be a likely outcome. It's felt like it was going that direction for a while. We have had a run of extreme growth and this seems like it could stem that a bit. We couldn't try increasing to 2.00% rather than jumping all the way to 2.25%?

I find a 20% increase in the tax rate is too much at one time. A more modest increase is appropriate at time of high inflation before wages have a time to catch up. Taxes should go up as the wages start to adjust to inflation. Doing a 20% increase that then indexes off of wage growth is not the conservative track I have some to expect from Delaware, especially in a time where everyone's budgets are suffering. This is a time to be as gentle on everyone's budget as you can even if it means delaying some spending to let everyone adjust to the current financial challenges.

I respectfully submit that our family pays Columbus City taxes and Delaware City taxes and Delaware property taxes. This is not a small sum of money, particularly when coupled with state and federal taxes. These are very nice suggestions for improvement, but paying 300\$/year per 75,000 in income is a significant increase and takes away from what I can offer my children. I am against the gentrifying of Delaware. It is very nice EXACTLY the way it is! This community is becoming more and more unaffordable. There are very few suburbs around Columbus that a typical middle class family can afford to buy a home or condo. Let's keep Delaware affordable and kind to families! Westerville and Powell used to be just like Delaware and now they've priced out many people trying to achieve the American dream because they kept adding amenities. I would remind the council that the income tax increase to build the Y, did not end up with residents paying a low monthly fee. It is too expensive for many. With all due respect and thanks for reading and considering these comments. I represent all voters in my household.

I have been a tax paying resident of Delaware for 23 years. I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. Our real estate taxes continue to rise & now you are proposing a new tax. I cannot afford more taxes. You are forcing me to leave the city I love.

I do not want to pay that much when I live this far from Columbus. Too steep of a hike. I would vote no.

I pay way too much in combined taxes as it is. I will vote down any tax increase. My salary has not increased for over a year and I expect to retire in a year so will be in a limited budget. I don't want to live to just pay taxes. .

Wouldn't mind the tax increase...IF reciprocity was increased to a reasonable level for those working outside of Delaware County. Right now, it's practically nothing.

Not a good idea to raise income tax. As it is the interest rate on housing has increased and keeps on increasing every year. The income has not necessarily increased to offset the increased amount of mortgage payment. In addition electricity bills keep on increasing. The food cost and basic essential prices are also going up. Increasing tax income will put further dent on individuals and family.

Instead of raising our taxes, stop building so many apartments and rental housing units. This proposed raise will be particularly difficult on we seniors who are on fixed incomes.

A: Asking for comments is a ploy, since you have already determined you will spend extra money on a special election to get minimum turnout. B: If you would limit spending to your current income, there would be no need for an increase. C: You will be gaining extra income automatically from the Intel project through additional residency.

Not until you stop the half hearted, half fixed, half paved, half assed job you have done on the roads in Sunnyview Farms. Glad Hull Court got paved twice in last 14 years. My court would be better with 2" of gravel on top instead, is older than Hull Court and has not been repaved EVER! Stop wasting tax money on dumb crap and fix my damn road.

Delaware city income tax rules for income tax to other city are quite odd with neighborhood cities and resulting more income tax paid by individuals as they need to pay for work city, and also resident city. Can't get full refund for tax paid to work city

The only reason for a tax increase that I am in favor of is for funds to increase the street maintenance budget.

I'd like to see the new developments pay a greater share towards the burden put on local infrastructure. I'm saying that as a homeowner in a new development. I'd also like to see our local governments putting more pressure on the State to once again help fund local services instead of giving tax breaks back to the wealthy. As well how about a more progressive income tax paid locally instead of a flat tax that burdens some more than others.

3-yr temp increase is more palatable. When will Merrick Rd extension be started? Excess & fast traffic cutting through our neighborhood is unsafe & burdensome!!

Can we stop building so many homes that are impacting things in a negative way or add on impact fee for all the new homes being built? All the new building impacts so many things like water, trash, schools, roads, grocery stores, etc.

I do not support an income tax increase. I would support an income tax reduction. At the extreme, stasis would be acceptable. Numerous opportunities exist for city savings

It's a hard no for me unless they re-evaluate the credit received for taxes paid into other cities.

This calculator doesn't work online or on the phone app.

This is horrible idea!! The economy is in the tank and many of us are taxed twice for local taxes. If we work outside the city we pay double. This government has been terrible stewards of all the money they take from us. Always want more. ENOUGH ALREADY. QUIT ROBBING THE CITIZENS OF DELAWARE.

Double this and spend it quickly we've lagged behind in community capability since I moved here in 1975. Let's go

It was mentioned when on the local news stations by a member of Council that Delaware has a high level of services vs other communities in the area. It would be nice to know what they all are. Columbus provides refuse collection at no cost via income taxes. I pay separate for that in Delaware. Plus like Columbus, Delaware doesn't have curbside leaf vacuuming like many smaller communities like Worthington, Westerville etc. Provide. While I support the idea of an increase. Be nice to know what those better City Services are?

We lived in Delaware(1.85%) and worked in Columbus (2.5%). We are getting .925% credit from Delaware if we pay taxes to other cities like Columbus. Why can't Delaware give total 1.85% credit if we pay the taxes to other cities? Also there is a law in Ohio to pay 1 city income tax. Why can't you don't have the agreement between the cities in the same metropolitan and same state? Why people have to suffer paying 2 taxes just because of living in Delaware. Honestly our family is thinking to love from Delaware to other city in Columbus.

I would like to see the tax waived for seniors

As a concerned and also a senior citizen, I can't support this proposal. I believe has granted too many tax benefits to new business, they promise to bring in new employees, but have they? Do we have any numbers on any of them? The new subdivisions-are they made to provide areas for such things as pickleball courts or walking trails. Is the current pool not big enough, looks to be in good shape, if not who failed to maintain. As taxpayers we provided funds for the "Y", should be maintained by those who use it, not entire population. My wife and I live on fixed income, no real cost of living for almost 9 years. We will not support any new tax increase.

As individual members of this community, families need to deal with these issues everyday. We all want to take vacations, buy new cars and make improvements to our homes but we are bound by our resources. What specific efforts have been made to address the individual budgets of each department within the city? What types and percentage of budget cuts have been implemented by these departments? As families we are told to tighten our belts. Have the belts of the city been tightened? How? When I hear that developers who want to come into Delaware with building projects and are granted multi-year tax abatements, I fail to see the city being prudent in putting the increased costs of these developments which ultimately are placed on the citizens of Delaware. Delaware has too long been the developers paradise where projects are not a win-win for those who are asked to foot the bill. Unnecessary programs like citizen police academy, DEI program administration and other non-value added memberships such as ICMA waste valuable resources. Growth for the sake of growth does not make Delaware a more desirable place to live. Let's tighten the belts and stop giving away the farm.

While we love the city of Delaware and its amenities, if it is true that the city of Delaware is experiencing tremendous growth, wouldn't the increase in residents also increase the tax funds available? We would encourage the city to consider reducing its capital needs and working within its budget to save for future projects rather than adding new ones. The taxes in Delaware already feel like a heavy burden.

I will absolutely be voting NO for any increase. I have seen an incredible decrease in the amount of road repair, utility upkeep, and general maintenance. But yet the only increase I have seen is letting more houses being built. Start telling people NO and fix the situations u have now going on in ur city. Stop with the growth. Another issue: have u ever tried to visit ur downtown area? Have u sat outside Whit's ice cream to enjoy company? You cannot hear ur company for the account of the loud car exhaust and cars racing to the next stop light. Have u thought to enforce the laws currently on the book to deal with these issues. I do not visit downtown Delaware, I do not eat in down town restaurants, I do not support ANY businesses downtown. And I will continue to do that, and by all means I will vote NO.

No. In a economic downturn and borderline financial depression, the last thing Delaware needs is another taxes on it's citizens. I'm sure spending more money is someone else's solution, but it's not ours. Sounds like we have a bunch of Chiefs and no Indians...In all my years as a Comptroller in my professional compacity, I've learned that it's a personnel problem. Not a money problem. Fix yourselves before you decide to jump into my wallet. There's money, learn to use it wisely. My .02

The Task Force makes the following claims: 1) they "utilized tax calculators that modeled the impact on revenue that would result from changes in the stated tax rate and changes to the credit that residents receive for tax paid to other cities" 2) "because 78% of resident taxpayers work outside of the City of Delaware, a change in the credit offered for tax paid to other cities has a significant impact on city revenue" The report does not provide enough detail into the analysis that they completed to determine the full tax burden for Delaware residents that work outside of the city. 10 of the 14 other cities cited in the report offer 100% credit for taxes paid to other municipalities. City leaders needs to justify why they can only offer a 50% credit by showing the math on how different credit amounts impact revenue. I would urge the Task Force and Council to increase the credit or provide better justification as to why it is not feasible. Also, EMS transport is a public service that should be provided to all citizens regardless of ability to pay. I'm not against soft billing, but if a person's insurance doesn't cover EMS or otherwise refuses to pay, the City and it's third party vendor SHOULD NOT collect the debt from the person.

I understand the reason for requesting an increase. I take issue with the reprocrocity the city offers. It's the only place I have lived that does not offer a full match. If it's being raised that needs addressed.

This increase is very disproportional. With me and my SPOUSE both working in Columbus city jurisdiction, the dual tax payments are a burden. So calling Delaware a Low tax city is not accurate. I disagree with this proposal. This increased tax would make sense if there is a better tax sharing agreement with Columbus. Otherwise the city is just trying to make the lives of the people who choose to live here harder.

We don't need any more new income tax placed upon us, especially the retired community. I would suggest scaling back operations at City Hall and scaling back salaries. I know that some popular and nobody likes hearing that just as we don't like hearing new taxes being imposed either. Clean up the administrative positions especially amongst Democrats. When their hands are in the public trough they don't care about anybody except themselves.

Thank you for the work of the Task Force and the hours they put into this issue. Unfortunately, I do not agree with their recommendation for an income tax increase. In my 30 years in management, I have found that throwing money at an issue rarely solves anything. Of course, in government that is always the first course of action and rarely, if ever, yields positive results. I go back to the building and operating of the community center (the Y). So many people told me that they were excited to have free gym and pool they could go to...the additional money would be a great investment. They were surprised to learn that it was not the case and management of the entire project has been suspect since the beginning. That is only one area where my money was not used properly...and that is only one area. I can only speak from past experience as I have not reviewed in detail the financials of Delaware. In my limited experience with city employees, I do not have a whole lot of confidence in their commitment to the best customer service and the prudent use of tax dollars. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I will not be supporting this increase.

Moving into retirement with one income and no dependents living at home, my wife and I are on a very tight budget. I wonder, isn't the huge influx of new housing/residents you'll be collecting taxes from help increase the the cities revenue and help offset the need for such a large increase. I'd be okay with trimming unnecessary expenditures like a new pool and other amenities to help reduce the resident's financial burden. Money is very tight these days, is now the right time for an 8mil tax referendum? Is there any federal assistance programs out there or some private donors? I would love to see roads repaved, but I don't look forward to Westerville or Orange taxes imposed to do it. Love the way Westerville has maintained their surface streets and main roads + improvements to curbs, sidewalks and signage, but I know that comes with a cost and we're stretched as it is honestly.

I struggle paying childcare and student loans as is. Although this is posed as a small increase, my family lives with a very tight budget and this would seriously impact us. If I were to go above my budget in spending, I would be told to cut out what I can. Why can't the city do so?

Why do you need more money? Last time your hired more Police. We do not need more Police. We need lower taxes. I moved here from Dublin, Oh were the amenities, roads, and parks are far superior, yet I am out of pocket \$4000 more a year because of this insane income taxation. I have to balance my budget to live here, why can't the city do the same?! Do better City of Delaware Ohio, quit taking our hard earned money and get in line with Dublin and Westerville. Places that offer a lot more than this town does. I hope that our fellow citizens speak loudly with their voice and vote to strike down bloated political spending. Absolute power corrupts absolutely

I would vote no on this. The city of Delaware already has high taxes for people that live in Delaware but work elsewhere. I'm taxed by two cities which doubles my taxes compared to when I lived and worked in Columbus. Word gets around that this is the tax situation and has influenced two friends just of mine not to move to Delaware. Spend our money more wisely. Cost of everything is up, people can't afford this.

The citizens on the committee must be significantly more wealthy than the majority of the population and can either afford, or don't even have to pay, the increase in taxes. Because I deign to own property within the town limits, I am forced to fork over a significant amount of income received from a remote job as well as payer higher taxes to that state. None of which was disclosed when I purchased my home. Heavy semi truck traffic is causing major structural damage to my home that I will have to pay tens of thousands of dollars to repair. Yet the city does nothing. There is a lot to be proud of in this city that my family has resided in, or been a part of, for three generations. Increasing the income tax at the proposed level will result in a delay to repairs needed to my home. If others in the neighborhood are feeling the same burden, the condition of our properties will continue to go down and detract anyone from moving here. There's a fine balance and in the current economic climate, I don't believe this will actually have the desired effect.

Please do not increase income tax rate. Advice looking at other opportunities.

Being a single earner increasing the tax is going to put more burden on the livelihood I'm okay with an increase in taxes to pay for new resources for our community, but it should come with an offset on local taxes paid to other cities. Paying taxes to both, Columbus and Delaware doesn't seem fair. I should only have to pay one (or half to both).

With the economy the way it is people can't afford more taxes! Why not stop giving tax breaks to all these developers moving into the city and use that tax money instead of continuing to burden the residents who are struggling to pay for groceries, utilities, gas and everything else that has gone sky high? Find another way.

Since i work for a company located in columbus city, i end up paying taxes to both Columbus and Delaware cities. Any increase in taxes is really impacting our family finances due to this fact. If it is only that i pay to Delaware city, i would be ok but unfortunately thats not the case.

Already , we are paying more taxes when compared to other city, it's better not to increase more . It will really be tough for all people and people Will slowly start moving out of this city.

Dont increase tax as it impact a lot in out finance. I work in Columbus city and it is another burden for me to pay tax to Columbus and Delaware with lot of follow up with both city. Kindly provide some solutions as well for taxation in both city.

Hi Delaware City, We are already paying high property tax and this tax rate hike will definitely effect most of the families, so please reconsider it to stay taxes where we are right now.

I disagree with the amount being requested, it is too high. The City needs to get itself sorted into a sustainable growth state instead of the uncontrollable growth that they currently allow. Too many subdivisions are going up, and not at reasonable pricing either, and that is driving so many of these costs up. It makes new roads to be maintained, increases trash/recycling pickup/snow plowing, increases parks that need to be managed- this HAS TO STOP - just say NO. I have seen our recycling trucks dumping at the transfer station - is that really recycling? Doesn't look like it. The police department needs to stop spending on military surplus items, they are not needed for a police force - we DO NOT need a military force but a police force. Businesses need to pay their fair share of taxes, we should be focusing on other benefits of Delaware and not tax breaks for large businesses. App only parking payment is not acceptable. There is still a significant older population in Delaware that would most likely not use this. Personally, I find it abhorrent and will avoid any areas in town that use this, if this means I need to go somewhere else, I will. The situation the City currently finds itself in is it's own fault for not managing all the new growth appropriately and this should not fall on the citizens who didn't approve it. The City should not ask for new taxes when there is SO MUCH spending and growth that they need to get under control first.

I am in support of this increase so long as the funds do go toward the allocations that truly are meant to improve Delaware as described in the impacts and benefits section

I stay in Delaware and work in Columbus. 2.5% for Columbus and 1.85% for Delaware makes it 4.35% which is very high all things considered. Please refrain from any tax hikes and if possible have a tax agreement with City of Columbus.

I'm just not happy that we're paying both Columbus and Delaware. That's a lot of Tax money. We're already paying pretty solid property taxes, and not having an Income tax treaty with Columbus isn't adding up. If Dublin, Plain City and New Albany are fine working with Columbus, why can't Delaware city be is what I wonder.

We are already paying too much tax for living in Delaware and working in Columbus. Wouldn't it be wiser to NOT ask Individuals to pay taxes twice for the same amount they earned once? Even if you increase tax, at least please provide 100% tax credit if the resident is working in another city. Please do not punish us for living in Delaware. Thanks

We already pay 1.85% which is one of the highest in the country. Further increase is definitely hard on people and we may rethink moving out to other county which does not have city tax. Considering we also pay Columbus tax, this is unjustified.

Issues: Park & Rec rate the same as Streets? Street upkeep should not be an option vs Park usage.  
Priorities Will City residents receive a for Discount Parks usage or non-City residents receive an upcharge?

We are already paying Columbus city tax and half of the tax here and increasing Delaware tax would add additional burden on my family. It's a NO from my side please

It seems like with the additional residents and income they bring, along with the additional work from home residents that will bring in the full 1.85%, we shouldn't need to raise more funds.



Absolutely not! This county is growing faster than any other county in the state of Ohio. We have more residential building and commercial building going on, and all of them are paying taxes to the city of Delaware. It is absolutely unconscionable that the city would wish to raise their taxes higher than the city of Dublin, Powell, New Albany, Westerville and others. With the cost of homes being astronomical in this area over the past several years due to deplorable Democratic leadership, which has spent money like water through a sieve. No more please. It is time to be fiscally responsible. Not spend like there is no tomorrow, and force people to pay for things we do not need or want. Get a grip people. We do not provide our city with more than Dublin, Westerville, New Albany, Powell or Grove City, and they do it by teaching less than you propose. Be more proactive with being responsible with our tax dollars.

If Delaware would stop massive corrupt tax abatements to the utterly horrid developments, and other wasteful expenditures, it might actually have money. This is extortion

Yes

Totally against. Long time citizens of the City of Delaware are still struggling with inflation. Pay has not increased to match. A lot of people struggle to pay bills and keep food on the table as it is. Even though I am at my highest pay rate ever the current inflation has caused me to make even more cutbacks for my family than before. A lot of citizens, like myself, feel as if they are moving backwards, not forwards.

1. Share a bridge from 2023 to 2026 for total revenue (income tax, property tax, licenses & permits, engineering fees, and investment income) and a bridge for total expenses including details on the general fund which is 54% of income tax revenue. Include assumptions for notable increases and decreases. 2. What is included in "increased service levels"? Dublin, Sunbury and others do not provide services so are their residents better off than Delaware or worse? Why? 3. Economic Development: Are we using 100% of Federal & State funding before deciding to spend dollars from the city budget? 4. Does "Encourage [a] variety of housing types, including 'starter', 'empty nester', attainable, and affordable" mean tax incentives or a subsidy? 5. Property tax: Did the task force review ways to decrease expenses in this category? 6. Athlete field: \$30-40 million expected spend - what is the ROI? The capital plan also includes an estimated \$130,000 spend in 2023 to create a plan with no revenue opportunities defined. 7. Airport: Spending > \$2 million? Why continue the subsidy from the general fund? ROI? 8. Regiononomics: The Fiscal Sustainability of the General Fund projections shows that until 2032, the city's expenditure will be lower than revenue. Why increase taxes today? What are the consequences of increasing taxes?

I'm fixed income retired. Tax increases are very difficult. I would suggest automating, outsourcing & cutting administration. I would also suggest Insourcing black topping road work...buy the equipment. Or get a joint bid joining forces with Sunbury & Powell for road work

I am not in favor of the tax. It benefits non-taxed users. When will the population growth provide needed resources and relieve long standing resident of the increased cost of living in Delaware?

I think the proposal was well researched and thought through. People want more services, and discounting that, just the square mileage area of the city requires more revenue in order to stay current. Delaware will still be one of the most economical places to live near Columbus.

Is there a breakdown of percentage of total tax collection by regions/areas within the city? And tentative areas where all the proposed developments (parks etc.) are planned? While we understand there is a shortage of commercial establishments within the tax boundary, what measures are being taken to attract business?

I am surprised that the Delaware city income tax is so low compared to other nearby cities. This is a reasonable increase in income tax and I support putting this issue on the ballot next year. If the measure were to pass, I would love to see more bike paths throughout the city. I live on the west side and it would be nice to have a bike route that went downtown and routes that connect more areas of the city.

Inflation continues to seriously cut into our family budget and the budgets of other families. I'm sure it's affecting the city's budget, too. But some of these projects are unnecessary in these tight financial times. Existing Parks and Rec facilities are, at worst, adequate; at best, very good. We don't need a new pool, field complex, pickle-ball courts, etc. What we have now is very nice and just needs to be maintained (and yes, my family does use them regularly). And pickle-ball is taking off privately. So, foregoing public building of more pickle-ball courts may actually encourage businesses to come in and occupy some of our vacant business locations. I support additional funds for streets and the capital plan, except that Oak Grove Cemetery needs few if any improvements—it's an important but seldom-visited cemetery. We should focus on high-traffic items. In general, I support the capital-plan and general-fund improvements; but I'd ask that we wait until financial times are better for all but the essentials. It appears that not much work has been done to cut bloat from the budget. Specific cuts should come first, to give residents confidence that the city is doing all it can to trim unnecessary or unhelpful parts of the budget. So, in general, I'd ask that we (1) always be self-critical about what the city does that it should stop doing—and then stop doing it, and (2) table unnecessary improvements until disinflation or deflation has had more time to do its work.

In regards to the proposed income tax increase I would like to point out that while every commodity has increased: food, gas, electricity, natural gas, water, trash collection, steadily increasing property taxes, to name a few, the average person's income has not increased to keep up with these higher costs. By further raising our taxes you are in fact hurting the citizens of Delaware. I see a lot of growth in the city, apartments, business, and new houses. Will that not provide additional tax revenue for the city? I am against raising taxes yet again and increase the financial burden that many Delaware citizens are already experiencing.

I do not support this tax increase as proposed. It is a clear overreach, and disrespectful to the many residents who live in this City and earn this income to expect us to pass a PERMANENT increase of this size without specific parameters. It also does not take into account (1) enterprise funds and fees which have funded all related CIP projects and sustain these City services through fees (NOT taxes), (2) City income tax windfalls since 2020, and (3) the very real and clear message sent by voters that we don't want a permanent tax increase to catch-up on a maintenance backlog (that's silly -- once the backlog is done, the tax should go away!). Here is what I would support: - A permanent 0.3% reduction in the Fire Dept tax. The financial reports and CIP show an excess of funds for this department. - A continuation of the 0.15% tax for Parks and Recreation Services (NOT specialized to the YMCA), especially free and reduced programming and Mingo gym improvements - with a 5 or 10-year sunset clause, with renewal once utilization by the department for the community is shown - 0.4% increase for roads, with 0.2% being temporary to catch up on the 60 miles that we're behind (so around 5-10 years) - 0.1% for capital improvement projects (permanent; Dublin allocates 0.5%) - 0.02% for economic development of high- (Continued. Full message in attached PDF. Thank you.

I do not agree with this at all in any way, shape or form. RE taxes (Which are already high) are going to go up, so why not wait until that happens and then take another look at the budget.

I do not agree with this increase, particularly given you only give 50% credit for other localities.  
Ridiculous.

I understand the need for an increase in income tax. However, not increasing the credit for those who work outside of the city is a problem for us. The proposal will raise our tax rate to be similar to Dublin, Worthington, and Westerville, but would not increase the credit to be similar to those cities. I would also like to know more specific plans of how those funds would be spent, especially on parks and recs and pedestrian/bike trails that Delaware is seriously lacking when compared to other cities in the area.

We are struggling enough and no you want more money!?

Until the City of Delaware changes its income tax credit from 50% to 100% for its citizens who work in other municipalities, I'll vote against any proposed income tax increase

We are already paying lot of taxes as we work in Columbus city paying almost 3 plus percent . This increase will burden us more and we cannot afford Can you give full credit from Franklin /Columbus city if you increase this ? Please compare with Lewis center that have zero city tax .. Delaware should get more corporate companies so we pay only to one city by working here

I welcome the tax proposal to contribute a bit more to get better services. However, going by the cities you have mentioned, each one of these gives a 100% credit to the work city. Reynoldsburg, Gahanna and Hilliard each have the highest tax rates of 2.50 percent but they also give a 100% tax credit whereas Delaware only gives a partial credit. Delaware should consider a tax treaties with Columbus/Franklyn county. Delaware need to focus on getting some big corporates like new Albany and provide jobs so people work here and pay taxes just to Delaware See links to the tax credits by these cities <https://hilliardohio.gov/questions-answers/taxes-qa/#:~:text=Hilliard%20gives%20credit%20to%20taxes,to%20the%20City%20of%20Hilliard.>  
[https://www.gahanna.gov/tax-information-2/#:~:text=Understanding%20Your%20Taxes&text=As%20of%20July%201st,by%20the%20City%20\(2.5%25\).](https://www.gahanna.gov/tax-information-2/#:~:text=Understanding%20Your%20Taxes&text=As%20of%20July%201st,by%20the%20City%20(2.5%25).) <https://www.reynoldsburg.gov/Faq.aspx?TID=22>  
<https://www.delawareohio.net/government/departments/income-tax/income-tax-faqs>

I am not in favor of an increased tax measure. I will not support it as written. It should have a sunset clause and and require renewal or have an amendment that gives full credit for taxes paid in other cities in addition to the increase. Our schools need our tax income as Delaware continues to grow and our school are overfilled with kids and don't receive full funding partly due to Delaware granting TIFs which have results in millions less in school funding.

I personally feel an income tax increase would have a negative impact on the community and how money is spent into the economy. We are just not beginning to see the impact of inflation and government restrictions. As a tax paying resident and a life long member of the community this would significantly and negatively affect the way I am able to support my family. Please consider alternatives. The city and county are adding new residents by the day and that means more income for the city. I have also heard rumors in the community that this is a move to get low level income residents to leave Delaware.

I hope that this budget is increased employee wages.

The tax rate for Delaware should not be higher than surrounding much wealthier communities like Dublin and Powell (which are 2%). I understand the issue of rising costs but jumping .4% in one shot is too much. In addition, incomes are rising in Delaware as wealthier residents are moving in (evidenced by the type and cost of housing being built). This raises the tax basis and should lower the percentage of a needed increase. I do not plan to vote for any increase above 2%.

We understand the proposal but we should look at Dublin as an example. If Dublin is able to sustain with 2% income tax rate, we should try that rather than moving directly to 2.25%

The reason the infrastructure cannot handle it is because you people we elected. Who we thought would have our best interests in mind. Keep approving new neighborhoods one after another. There has been what 700 + houses built in the last 5 yrs if not more. Now City Council approved an 800 apt complex that will at least bring one if not two more cars to our city roads which cannot handle the traffic. Build build build!! I have been told numerous times that our Mayor wants to make Delaware like Westerville. I grew up in Westerville. I moved here in 2000. I had visited a hundred times since a I was a kid. My daughter graduated in 2000. She would tell me about having to stand up against the wall at Hayes to eat lunch at shelves along the walls because of overcrowding. Yet the city keeps approving growth. So now want to raise the income tax. Which in turn will raise my rent which I can barely afford now. Because. When landlords in Delaware realized they could charge what Columbus does people got screwed!! I knew people who had to sell family homes because they cannot pay the taxes anymore here. My apt complex charges \$75 dollars for a square plywood box they call a garage it used to be \$35 . We have a horrible President in Office, inflation is sky HIGH. But you all want to add some more taxes. Delaware has been ruined. First it was the Wheel on the Delaware Emblem. Tear down anything that resembled old Delaware. Progress is not always a good thing. No new taxes.

I vote NO

There have been a ton of new homes built within the city limits and their property taxes are higher than older homes. Why hasn't that influx of additional income assisted the financial situation of the government?

My comment: I reside in Delaware while working in Columbus, a situation shared by the majority (99%) of our community. This results in us paying a complete 2.5% tax to Columbus and an additional 0.925% to Delaware, leading to a combined city tax of 3.425%. It's worth noting that this dual taxation nearly matches Ohio's state income tax rate. This contrasts with the scenario for residents of places like Dublin who work in Columbus; they don't face extra taxation from Dublin due to an agreement between the two cities. This arrangement makes Dublin an appealing choice for Columbus employees.

Personally, I don't endorse increasing income tax for individuals not employed within the city of Delaware. I suggest that the city of Delaware enters into an agreement with Columbus to collect the full 2.5% tax from them, eliminating the need for us to pay the additional 0.925%.

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I understand the need for a small tax increase. However, I think the allocation of the increase needs to be updated. Also, instead of saying this "may be" how the revenues could be allocated, the allocation should be more definite. More should be allocated to infrastructure and less to the general fund. With all these people moving in to the city, traffic is going to be terrible. Also, more needs to be allocated to fire and police and schools.

I live in Delaware while working in Columbus. This results in me paying a complete 2.5% tax to Columbus and an additional 1.125% to Delaware, leading to a combined city tax of 3.625%. It's worth noting that this dual taxation nearly matches Ohio's state income tax rate. This contrasts with the scenario for residents of places like Dublin or Hillard who work in Columbus; they don't face extra taxation from Dublin due to an agreement between the two cities. This arrangement makes other counties an appealing choice for Columbus employees. Personally, I don't endorse increasing income tax for individuals not employed within the city of Delaware. I suggest that the city of Delaware enters into an agreement with Columbus to collect the full 2.5% tax from them, eliminating the need for us to pay the additional 1.125%. I disagree for extra burden on my family when I am already currently paying more than 3 percent.

I would not support an increase. I work out of the county and receive a minimal credit. If I received full credit I would consider supporting the increase.

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I am writing to express my concern regarding the anticipated increase in income taxes. Given our current financial commitments, this potential hike could considerably impact our financial stability. It's important to note that we are already fulfilling our income tax obligations to the city where our office is situated. In light of this, I kindly urge you to consider exploring the possibility of collaborating with the city authorities where our office is located. By establishing an arrangement to collect taxes from that city, we could prevent the scenario of double taxation, safeguarding our financial wellbeing. Your assistance in this matter would greatly alleviate the burden on our finances and ensure a fair and equitable tax situation.

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Dear Members of City Council, please see the attached document in response to your income tax survey.

The ask for an income tax increase comes at a time when the economy is hard on the working folks. I belong to a few of the groups like "what's up Delaware" and My Neighborhood and there is someone always asking for help with food or household items. Gas and grocery prices have increased and talking about decreasing someone for more taxes will put an increased strain on those already struggling. I will definitely vote No Thank you

I see no allocation for Delaware City Schools. I don't even see it mentioned. I personally will not approve a tax increase and will actively propose it until the city acknowledges and presents a plan to address the district's growth. The infrastructure won't matter if the schools fail.

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This is too much of an increase. Please explore better alternatives.

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I am here to express my concern regarding the income tax rate hike from 1.85 to 2.25. I am already paying a lot for my property and increasing it will basically have a substantial impact on my financial well-being on me and my family. I know tax increase is crucial for public services, infrastructure etc. But I am already providing more than 10,000 per year and increasing again will just financially hurt me. I kindly urge the official to reconsider tax increase.

Hi Team, Having just moved to Delaware county after buying a house in April 2023 this tax increase would be a big jolt to my financial. The proposed increase in the income tax rate from 1.85 percent to 2.25 percent in our county would affect me and my family financially as well as mentally. I feel compelled to voice my opposition to this significant tax hike, as it will have a substantial impact on not only my financials but also the well-being of many other hardworking individuals and families within our community. Taxes play a crucial role in funding essential public services, infrastructure projects, and community development initiatives. However, such a drastic increase in the income tax rate could lead to unintended consequences that may ultimately outweigh the benefits. Given that I am already contributing approximately USD 12,000 through various taxes, this additional burden will undoubtedly strain my finances and make it more challenging for me to meet my family's needs and aspirations. I understand the county's need for revenue to support its programs and initiatives, but I believe there are alternative solutions that can be explored before resorting to a tax increase of this magnitude. It is essential for our local government to consider the potential repercussions on individuals and families who are already managing their finances diligently. Thanks for letting me express my thoughts and hope you will consider my plea. Regards

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of the proposed city tax increase. Given the current economic climate, imposing additional financial burdens on both residents and businesses would only exacerbate their financial difficulties. Instead of resorting to tax hikes, I encourage us to seek alternative methods for funding essential services and encouraging economic growth. Implementing tax increases at this juncture could potentially discourage investment and hinder our city's recovery. I implore you to prioritize fiscal responsibility and to explore innovative solutions to our budgetary challenges that do not impose additional strain on our community.

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While I understand the importance of generating revenue for our county's needs, I find it challenging to support the proposed income tax rate increase from 1.85 percent to 2.25 percent. It's crucial to consider the potential impact on our residents, particularly those who are already stretched financially. An increase in the income tax rate could place an additional burden on individuals and families who are working hard to make ends meet. Before proceeding with such a change, I believe it's essential for our county officials to thoroughly evaluate alternative means of generating revenue and consider potential areas for budget optimization. It's possible that with careful planning and prudent financial management, we can find solutions that do not require increasing the tax burden on our residents. I would also encourage greater transparency in communicating how the additional funds from the proposed tax rate increase would be utilized to benefit the community. Clear and specific information about the projects and initiatives that would be funded through this increase can help build trust and understanding among the residents. In summary, while I recognize the need for resources to support our county's growth and development, I am hesitant to endorse the proposed income tax rate increase without a comprehensive exploration of other options and a more transparent breakdown of the associated benefits.

I feel the 8M increase is not a good thing. With the growth alone on the Northside of Delaware there should be no increase. This is all new revenue and this is a small area of build up. Let's adjust what our new income from new builds will be and look at an increase in a couple of years. Some are still recouping from the pandemic and the loss of income for that

I am against any increase in taxes

Why keep punishing the residents that have to work outside of Delaware to earn a living wage. I wouldn't mind if it went towards another high school since the building houses is out of control. But that's not the case.

I don't think now is a good time for this increase with the way inflation is & also that our home values are being re-evaluated again, which most likely will increase in value, hence we will have to pay more in property taxes. Our population continues to increase, especially with the continuous building going on. That is a way your tax revenue will increase. Often times there is money wasted and if we think of ways to stop these wastes or cut costs, we can increase money that way instead of raising rates.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

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What is the City doing to try and attract more businesses? Why does the City continue to annex ground for residential and not business? I would like to be provided data on how taxes change based when you add residents vs. a business. Will full reciprocity be provided? Why are we looking to build a parking structure and for whom? How will the City recoup those costs for the structure? Why does economic development need additional dollars? What is the City's plan for workforce retention? Why does it need one? There needs to be greater details and data provided on the potential projects to residents. What is our comprehensive plan? What is our strategic plan? How are we trying to foster a better business environment by reducing red tape?

Don't do it. Use your elected authority to figure it out. Unacceptable to your constituents. You have no other choice. The hole has been dug. Just do it so we can replace you all in the coming elections.

Employers do not pay high enough wages that match all these high priced cookie cutter developments going in and Delaware's answer for its rampant overbuilding is to just keep taxing residents out of house and home. All these cookie cutter unsustainable developments will be empty soon because people who moved in will have to move back out because they can't afford to live here. Instead of taxing us to the point of a mass exodus, while turning around and freely giving developers tax abatements, PMUs, waiving tree fees, felling mature trees which provide so many climate mitigation benefits, and bending the rules to please developers/builders 90 percent of the time. All these developers coming in and eating up all of our remaining greenspace need to pay reparations for the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services as nature HAS a greater value than any tax break. Destroying greenspace, destroys quality of life in the form of increased disease, pollution from runoff, urban heat island effects, and food insecurity due to food scarcity. We cannot rely on California to supply our food anymore. It must be grown here. If everything is paved over, there will be no access to food in the future. And we will just be getting hotter. If you keep chopping mature trees down, you are essentially killing your most vulnerable of your citizens, as lack of tree canopy correlates with unfavorable health outcomes. Please see the big picture and rethink your strategy.

There are two components to any city's financial stability, income, and expenses. There is little justification given on the income side of the balance sheet. Growth alone should be able to drive enough revenue to fund the city operating expenses. Page 9 of the Task Forces Financial Review tells you all you need to know. Revenue in the of the fastest growing counties is flat in 2024 (.31%) and decreases in 2025 (-.9%) before rebounding to a conservative 2.2% through 2028. While expenses rise by 9.27% in 2024 and level off to 3.1% through 2028. These two assumptions create the city's problem of a \$13.9M deficit in 2028. I don't believe the revenue numbers are close to accurate and the Task Force Report gives no reasonable explanation. If the city raises an additional \$8M a year in income taxes, \$21.6M collected in 2023, this is a 37% increase. If the expense estimates on page 9 are accurate the city will have a balance of \$26M in 2028. The windfall in CARES Act/ARPA known to most as COVID funds was meant to cover the impact of the pandemic, the financial impact reality never hit state and local governments. The State of Ohio built large cash reserves and used funds to support the Vax-A-Million lottery program. People must live within their means, why can't our public officials?

At a time when families and small businesses owners are struggling due to high inflation, another tax increase is an insult. I notice that there are 5 cities that are at 2%, and you chose 2.25%. So instead of finding ways to solve your spending problem, you default, as government does, to just asking for more money. I vehemently oppose this tax increase. Try living within your means like the citizens of this city have to do.

I'm not in favor of a permanent increase. The amount of increase is too large to just make it permanent. Fiscal stewardship of resources for these needs wanes over time and the funds are just taken for granted. I think you should have to make your case periodically to the tax payers/voters that all was spent wisely and seek a renewal. We bought our house and moved to Delaware about 35 years ago. In hindsight as my wife and I get nearer to a fixed income there are things we voted and supported that we now regret. I can now start seeing the effects of gentrification and how it comes to pass.

Don't mug me in an attempt to conceal your mismanagement of current tax revenue, failure to govern and grow in a responsible manner. The City of Delaware already double dips and steals my money that is earned in Columbus. Your first step should be to privatize every service possible (trash, water, sewer), slash the budget and spend conservatively. The tax rate is already high and the town is poorly managed and maintained. I regret moving within the City limits that unfortunately were annexed from Liberty. Annexation should be a crime.

I reside in Delaware while working in Reynoldsburg, a situation shared by the majority (99%) of our community. This results in paying a complete 2.5% tax to Reynoldsburg and an additional 0.925% to Delaware, leading to a combined city tax of 3.425%. It's worth noting that this dual taxation nearly matches Ohio's state income tax rate. This contrasts with the scenario for residents of places like Dublin or any surrounding cities who work in Reynoldsburg; they don't face extra taxation from Dublin due to an agreement between the two cities. This arrangement makes Dublin or surrounding cities an appealing choice for Reynoldsburg employees. Personally, I don't endorse increasing income tax for individuals not employed within the city of Delaware. I suggest that the city of Delaware enters into an agreement with surrounding cities to collect the full 2.5% tax from them, eliminating the need for us to pay the additional 0.925%. To make a city better you can't just empty the pockets of its residents, rather get better companies and infrastructure like New Albany.

With all of the new home building being done in the city right now, I believe an income tax increase is premature. With more homes will come more people, and the city's tax revenue will grow naturally from that. At the very least, any tax increase should be graduated, so that families and individuals with lower incomes don't feel as much of a sting.

The city of Delaware does not give a significant credit to income earned and taxed in other districts resulting in the highest tax rate in the state for many residents. A permanent tax increase is a huge penalty for these residents. Additional tax revenue should come from all of the new homes and businesses being built inside the city.

Hi, we as a residence of Delaware County pay tax at a median salary range compared with other counties. So raising a tax would be a burden to the families. Please consider not to revise tax at this time.

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed increase in city tax rates. Given the current economic conditions, I believe that this increase will have a negative impact on our community. As you know, many families and businesses are struggling to make ends meet. An increase in taxes will only add to their financial burden and make it harder for them to recover from the pandemic. I urge you to consider alternative solutions that can help the city avoid raising taxes. For example, we could look into cutting unnecessary expenses or finding new sources of revenue. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope you will take my concerns into consideration when making your decision. Sincerely,

Don't support this rise in tax .

I do not believe that it is in the public interest to keep increasing the proportion of our income that government bureaucrats will control. I do not support the concept of increasing the dependency of any adult on the resources of others as a long term arrangement. It devastates to self esteem of the dependent, and saps the potential of every tax payer to allocate his or her own money in the way that he or she sees best. Governments are extremely inefficient and ultimately corrupt distributors of other people's money. We do not need fancy, but soulless river front projects built to attract those who want glitz and entertainment. This will only undermine the stability and longer term well being of Delaware residents. Please recognize that aside from roads and essential infrastructure, individuals, not bureaucrats, are much better suited to allocating their resources productively.

I absolutely DO NOT support this \$8M tax increase. We already pay enough taxes and with the ongoing population increase you will have plenty more residents to collect money from.

We are not ready for this increase. Already we are paying huge taxes which includes state, federal, county and city. We cannot afford this increase at this time.

We are not ready for the increase. We are already paying the highest taxes for the county. The inflation and high costs of all items are making it difficult for us to manage families . Higher taxes would be an additional burden. The tax revision can be planned once inflation has cooled and prices of items reduce.

We don't want the income tax to increase. Its already a big burden on us, as we have to pay Delaware City Income Tax, even though we are paying tax to Columbus City, as am working in Columbus. Please keep the tax at the current rate or lower and please don't increase it.

I oppose the tax increase for Delaware City. This is unfair for middle class citizens like me.

An increase seems overdue. The proposed amount does not seem overly burdensome when one considers what the money can do for our city. However, I feel a larger percentage should be directed to streets, or whatever can be done to alleviate the many traffic bottlenecks around town.

We were sold stating my address is part of Lewis Center which doesn't have city tax. But the reality is there is a Delaware city tax and am paying. The next thing is Liberty township kids studying in Berlin schools but they don't pay city tax either. All these three falls under Olentangy school district. So, why not regularize city tax for Lewis center and Liberty Township along with Delaware rather than increasing tax rates. I appose increasing tax rates. Decrease tax rates.

Should not increase income tax even a dollar.



New homes and home owners are already attracting heavy influx of property tax . Additional city tax will make the matter worse. Especially the community we live attracts taxes from Berlin , Lewis center and Delaware . Not in favor of rate increase

File attached