

On November 3, your ballot will include a five-year operating levy for the BST&G Fire District. Here is exactly what it is, in plain numbers.

The question has two parts, and only one of them is new money:

- A renewal of 4.85 mills: the levy you already pay today. Not new money.
- An increase of 2.50 mills: new funding.
- Total voted rate: 7.35 mills.

What it costs: The ballot figure is \$176 per year for every \$100,000 of the County Auditor's market value. *That is the amount before state credits are applied.* Because 4.85 mills of that is a renewal you already pay, the increase is \$87.50 per \$100,000, and that increase is the same for every property. A typical owner-occupied home goes from about \$81.61 to about \$169.11 per \$100,000.

What it raises: an estimated \$6,071,628 per year.

How long: Five years. If approved, the levy would begin in 2026, with the first taxes due in 2027.

Over the next eight weeks we will post the detail behind every one of those numbers: why the Board placed the question on the ballot, what the revenue would fund, how our cost compares to the departments around us, and straight answers to the questions we are hearing most.

Our goal is simple. No one should walk into the booth on November 3 without the facts.

Questions: info@bstgfire.org or 740-965-3841.

<https://bstgfire.org/2026-fire-levy>

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WHAT YOU'RE VOTING ON

4.85 MILLS	RENEWAL Continues what you already pay
2.50 MILLS	INCREASE Funds continuing operations and secures staffing for Station 352
7.35 MILLS	TOTAL VOTED RATE 5 years • First Due 2027

\$176*
PER YEAR, PER \$100,000 OF MARKET VALUE

You already pay \$81.61 of that. The actual increase is \$87.50.

*Since 4.85 mills is a renewal, the net annual increase to a property owner is \$87.50 per \$100,000 of market value (the 2.50 mill increase only). The \$176 figure on the ballot is the gross amount before state credits; an owner-occupied home pays about \$81.61 today. With the 2.50 increase, it would pay about \$169.11.

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