

# Ohio's Townships Provide Essential Services Every Day

Townships, the first form of local government in Ohio, provide essential, quality of life services to nearly 35% of the state's 11.8 million residents.

Property taxes collected by townships are used to provide:

- » Maintenance of **41,600 miles of local roads**
- » Care and preservation of **3,000+ cemeteries**
- » Police protection in more than **100 townships**
- » Fire and EMS through nearly **400 departments**
- » Land use planning in more than **650 townships**



A proposed constitutional amendment is being circulated that would eliminate property taxes statewide beginning in 2027. For townships, property taxes represent:

**7.2% of all property taxes collected statewide.**

**Primary funding source for core services.**

**No identified replacement funding.**

## What Eliminating Property Taxes Would Mean for Townships

- Deteriorating & unsafe roads
- Reduced or eliminated fire, EMS, and police
- Loss of historic cemeteries & landmarks
- Increased urban sprawl and unplanned development
- Cuts to senior services, youth programs, & community events

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*Townships play a vital role in Ohio. Understanding how they are funded helps protect the core services residents rely on.*

