

## WHAT **REALLY** HAPPENS IF WE ABOLISH ALL OHIO PROPERTY TAXES?

- Big hikes in sales and income taxes – as high as 20%
- Massive cuts to police/fire/EMS/911 – fewer first responders, longer response times, out-of-date equipment
- Drastic cuts to local schools – bigger classes, fewer teachers, aging infrastructure
- Vital services eliminated for seniors, children, and Ohioans with disabilities

**Rising property taxes are a serious concern but abolishing them abruptly means every local community will immediately face massive cuts in services.**

Property taxes make up nearly two-thirds of all local tax revenue, and to eliminate them altogether with no plan for what comes next is just reckless.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES?

Ohio's ADAMH (**A**lcohol, **D**rugs, **A**nd **M**ental **H**ealth) Boards serve all 88 counties and are required by law to provide prevention, treatment, and recovery services. Nearly every ADAMH Board has voter-approved property tax levies; **eliminating property taxes would collapse Ohio's safety net for addiction treatment and mental health services.**

These voter-approved dollars fund critical services including:

- ❗ Crisis response — mobile crisis teams, walk-in crisis centers, and behavioral health urgent care facilities
- ❗ Prevention programs that help young people build resilience and reduce the risk of future substance misuse or mental illness
- ❗ Family support — caregiver education, peer support, and housing for people transitioning out of treatment
- ❗ Specialized programs for veterans, older adults, and individuals involved in the criminal justice system



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