



A More Sustainable Path for Hampshire County EMS

How the proposed EMS levy would replace the current fee structure and support countywide emergency medical services.



If approved, the proposed levy is intended to replace the current ambulance fee — not add a second charge on top of it.

The proposed five-year EMS levy would create a more stable funding structure for countywide EMS operations. It starts with more projected usable revenue than the current fee model. Because it is a property-based levy, revenue can grow with the county's taxable property base. It would also open the door to expanded training opportunities, including potential high-school EMS workforce programming, and greater cooperation with qualifying volunteer EMS partners.



Current Projected Fee Revenue
\$1.971 million / year



Projected Levy Revenue
\$2.173 million / year



Difference in Year 1
+\$202,498 / year

What the Levy Makes Possible



SAME PEOPLE. A STRONGER TOMORROW.



**Build Toward 7-Day
Springfield Coverage**

Rising operating costs make the current flat fee difficult to sustain. The levy is the current plan on the table that can grow toward full seven-day third-truck coverage in Springfield.



**Expand EMS Education
and Training**

The levy authorizes training and workforce development, creating the opportunity for countywide training efforts and potential EMS education programming at the high school.



**Support Volunteer
EMS Partners**

The levy would allow lawful support and closer cooperation with qualifying community EMS providers and recognized response partners in Hampshire County.

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Stabilize Service

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Train the Workforce

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Expand Coverage

A more reliable funding structure helps HCESA plan ahead instead of relying on a flat fee that does not keep pace with rising costs.



Important Safeguard

The voter-approved levy rate would be a ceiling. Under the ballot language, the County Commission may reduce the rate if a lower rate will meet projected EMS needs, but it may not increase the rate above the approved amount.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors — Today and Tomorrow.

*This flyer provides general information about the proposed EMS levy.
For property-specific tax impacts, see the County Commission's
EMS Levy Property Impact Guide.*



HAMPSHIRE COUNTY EMS SPECIAL LEVY — PROPERTY IMPACT GUIDE

The proposed five-year EMS levy would allow raised funds to be used for countywide emergency medical services, including operations and staffing, training and workforce development, vehicles/equipment/facilities, community EMS education and training, and lawful support for qualifying EMS providers and recognized response partners.

In practical terms, that authority could expand opportunities (once current operational requirements are met) for EMS training and workforce programs with local high schools and allow greater cooperation with qualifying volunteer EMS units through training and other lawful support. **The ballot permits the County Commission to reduce—but not increase—the rates if lower rates will meet projected needs.**

CLASS II RATE 9.50¢ / \$100 assessed	CLASS III & IV RATE 19.00¢ / \$100 assessed	CURRENT FEE Billed: \$2,318,800 Projected Revenue: \$1,970,980	PROJECTED LEVY REVENUE \$2,173,478 / year
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WHAT WOULD IT COST HAMPSHIRE COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS?

Class II — Owner-Occupied Residential Property | 9.50¢ per \$100 assessed | ≈ \$57 per \$100,000 appraised

Assessor percentile (percent of homes at or below this value)	Appraised value	Assessed value (60% appraised value)	Annual EMS levy	Compared with one \$175 fee
10th	\$65,000	\$39,000	\$37.05	\$137.95 less
20th	\$89,400	\$53,640	\$50.96	\$124.04 less
30th	\$106,700	\$64,020	\$60.82	\$114.18 less
40th	\$123,600	\$74,160	\$70.45	\$104.55 less
50th (median)	\$142,500	\$85,500	\$81.22	\$93.78 less
60th	\$164,800	\$98,880	\$93.94	\$81.06 less
70th	\$190,200	\$114,120	\$108.41	\$66.59 less
80th	\$221,900	\$133,140	\$126.48	\$48.52 less
90th	\$279,000	\$167,400	\$159.03	\$15.97 less
~92.7% break-even	\$307,018	\$184,211	\$175.00	≈ SAME AS \$175
95th	\$337,800	\$202,680	\$192.55	\$17.55 more
98th	\$417,800	\$250,680	\$238.15	\$63.15 more

Classes III & IV — Other Taxable Property | 19.00¢ per \$100 assessed | ≈ \$114 per \$100,000 appraised

Reference appraised value	Assessed value (60% illustration)	Annual EMS levy	Monthly equivalent
\$50,000	\$30,000	\$57.00	\$4.75
\$75,000	\$45,000	\$85.50	\$7.12
\$100,000	\$60,000	\$114.00	\$9.50
\$125,000	\$75,000	\$142.50	\$11.88
\$150,000	\$90,000	\$171.00	\$14.25
\$175,000	\$105,000	\$199.50	\$16.62
\$200,000	\$120,000	\$228.00	\$19.00
\$250,000	\$150,000	\$285.00	\$23.75
\$300,000	\$180,000	\$342.00	\$28.50
\$350,000	\$210,000	\$399.00	\$33.25
\$400,000	\$240,000	\$456.00	\$38.00
\$500,000	\$300,000	\$570.00	\$47.50
\$600,000	\$360,000	\$684.00	\$57.00
\$700,000	\$420,000	\$798.00	\$66.50
\$800,000	\$480,000	\$912.00	\$76.00
\$900,000	\$540,000	\$1,026.00	\$85.50
\$1,000,000	\$600,000	\$1,140.00	\$95.00
\$1,200,000	\$720,000	\$1,368.00	\$114.00

Notes: Examples use a 60% assessment ratio; actual taxable assessments may differ because of homestead, farm-use, exemptions, or other adjustments. Class II percentiles are based on 9,110 identified residential Class II parcels in the Assessor's 2026 file. The break-even comparison assumes one ordinary \$175 ambulance-fee billable unit; the current fee is imposed per billable unit, not necessarily per tax parcel. Current fee figures use the FY2027 billing roll of \$2,318,800 and the 85% working collection projection of \$1,970,980.

Sources: Hampshire County Assessor 2026 property records and certified valuations; FY 2027 ambulance-fee billing roll; proposed EMS levy order; West Virginia State Auditor review.