

The Village of Boston Heights and Issue 60

The benefits of knowing the Issue

What is Issue 60?

- ✓ Issue 60 is an increase from the current 1 ½ % to 2% in our municipal income tax. **Every dollar generated from Issue 60 will stay in the Village!**

Who benefits from this issue?

- ✓ All Boston Heights Residents will benefit from passage of Issue 60 as our Village will recognize 100% of the tax revenue, not just part of it.

How do we residents of Boston Heights benefit?

- ✓ Sufficient safety forces 24 hours a day 7 days a week
- ✓ Sufficient snow removal and salting of our streets
- ✓ Safe community environment (parks, roads)
- ✓ Enable matching funds for grants
- ✓ Fund economic development planning

Who is NOT financially affected by the passing of this issue?

- ✓ Retired village residents and those receiving any of the following: Pensions, Social Security, Workers Compensation, or Alimony payments.
- ✓ Village Residents working in another community that collects an employment tax of 2% or more, Boston Heights provides you with **100% credit**.

Why does the Village need to approve Issue 60?

- ✓ Our Village faces the same rising costs that affect each of us. While some service cuts do help offset the expense they are short-term temporary fixes that can not be used more than once.

What if Issue 60 doesn't pass?

- ✓ Should the Issue fail additional cuts will be needed such as police presence in our neighborhoods, maintenance services for our streets, such as snow removal, and other road maintenance services.

Rising costs continue to plague our Village

- ✓ Health care costs are up 11% - 15% per year.
- ✓ Village insurance up 15% per year.
- ✓ Workers Compensation up from \$8,400 in 2003 to \$44,000 in 2004.
- ✓ Fire, Police, EMS, and 911 dispatch costs were up 14% in 2004.
- ✓ We must prepare for continuing cost increases.

How has the Village responded? What cuts have already been implemented to offset these rising costs?

- ✓ Reduced police coverage by 64 hours a week.
- ✓ Reduced road services by 24 hours a week.
- ✓ Reallocated funds from other accounts, such as those that affect road maintenance, snow removal, road salting and park services.

Vote Yes on Issue 60