

# SENIOR TAX LEVIES IN MISSOURI - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Source: Missouri Association of Levy Boards and Senior Organizations (MoALSO)

## 1. What is a senior levy?

A senior levy is a tax on taxable property, allowed by state law, to benefit older residents. Currently, 55 counties and St. Louis have a senior levy.

## 2. Where does the funding come from?

The funding comes from a property tax of five cents per \$100 of assessed value on both real and personal property.

## 3. How much does the tax cost?

For example, a taxpayer with a home valued at \$100,000 would pay \$9.50 annually in real property tax, and a taxpayer with a \$10,000-valued automobile would pay \$1.67 annually in personal property tax.

## 4. How much will be generated?

Consult with your county assessor to determine the assessed property value in each county.

## 5. How will the funds be used?

The funds will support services enabling individuals to age in place in your county. This includes services like home-delivered meals, senior center development, home-safety repair, and supports for daily living for older adults.

## 6. Who is eligible for funding?

Senior service providers for residents aged 60 and above in Jackson County are eligible.

## 7. Is it only for low-income individuals?

No, while some services are based on need, others will be available to all individuals aged 60 and older.

## 8. How is the funding distributed?

Each county will select an independent board to determine the allocation of the funds. All funds will stay in that county.

## 9. What happens if the Proposition doesn't pass?

If the Proposition doesn't pass, there will be funding gaps, resulting in a lack of services for seniors who require assistance to remain in their homes.

## 10. When will the services begin?

Services are expected to commence approximately 18 months after the ballot issue is passed.