



- Chamber Poll clearly 77% of members surveyed oppose raising these taxes demonstrating a majority opposition for this increase.
- The proposed increase will make Danville the second highest taxed city in comparison to the comparable communities we compete within the state. If we plan to compete for economic growth and business development we are going the wrong way.
- In 2015 the city raised the Occupational licensing fee to 1.5%
Net Profits Licensing Fee to 1.25%
20 cents/per \$100 motor vehicle tax
Increased revenue on property taxes 4%
And increased the tax on insurance premiums 6% to 8%
We do not feel adding an additional \$1.9 million in new taxes so soon after the last tax increases is reasonable.
- The tax increases being adopted since 2015 are growing faster than our business community which is not seeing any virtual growth.
- The Advocate Messenger reported that an individual working 40 hours per week at \$10 per hour would only pay an additional \$104 annually. After taxes that is 2 day's pay for that individual.
- The Chamber also opposes the addition of a Preservation employee which just adds another annual cost to the city and additional codes to enforce, once again moving our city away from business friendly and welcome. (NOTE: This has been taken out of the budget as a new position. Planning & Zoning's new director will be asked to handle the requirements for the city's certified local government status.)