

# How Hanover Township Taxes Compares with Others

Sometimes it is important to compare what we as residents in Hanover Township receive in comparison to other municipalities that either is abutting to us or are similar to us in Northampton County either in size or in services provided. This information is presented so that residents in the Township have an understanding as to how their tax dollars are used and how we compare to those in our immediate area.

ASSESSED VALUE		PALMER (2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Township)	BUSHKILL (2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Township)	BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP (1 <sup>ST</sup> Class Township)	FORKS (2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Township)	EAST ALLEN (2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Township)	LOWER NAZARETH (2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Township)	HANOVER (2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Township)
	NOTES	1, 2, 6	2	3	2	3, 4, 5	3	1, 2, 7
↓	2017 → MILL RATE	<b>8.25</b>	7.50	7.09	7.00	6.50	4.15	3.90
\$150,000		1,237.50	1,125.00	1,063.50	1,050.00	975.50	622.50	585.00
\$100,000		825.00	750.00	709.00	700.00	650.00	415.00	390.00
\$50,000		412.5	375.00	354.50	350.00	325	207.50	195.00

Notes: (1) Hanover’s Fire Tax is .5; Palmer Fire tax .065 (2) These Townships contract and bill for refuse & recycling; (3) These Townships the resident contract for their own refuse & recycling; (4) State Police protection; (5) East Allen’s Fire Tax is 1.0; (6) Tax increase in 2017; (7) 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year without a tax increase. **Bold:** Tax increase in 2017

## What You Wanted To Know About Taxes ..... And Were Afraid To Ask

Do you know what a mill is? Do you know how many mills of real estate taxes you pay to Hanover Township, the County of Northampton and the Bethlehem Area School District? Do you know how the assessed value of your house and the millage rates are used to compute your taxes? Everyone pays real estate taxes if they own a property, but most people don't understand how their taxes are computed or how all the verbiage about millage and assessed value translates to your wallet. Well, read on and hopefully some, if not all of your questions will be answered.

The word mill means a money amount equal to 1/10 of one cent. One mill is represented in decimal form as .001. Each year the three taxing authorities, the Township, the County and the School District establish the millage rate for the upcoming year. Currently the rates are: Hanover Township – 3.9 mills (.0039), County of Northampton – 11.8 mills (.0118) Bethlehem Area School District – 54.05 (.05405) for 2016 / 2017 up from 52.51 (.05251) in 2015 / 2016.

# TAXES FOR RESIDENTS OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP

<b>Taxing Entity</b>	<b>Assessed Home Value</b>	<b>Mill Rate</b>	<b>Annual Tax Bill</b>	<b>% of Tax \$'s</b>
Bethlehem Area School District **	\$50,000	54.05	\$2,702.5	77.5
County of Northampton	\$50,000	11.8	\$590.00	16.9
<b>Township of Hanover</b>	\$50,000	3.9	\$195.00	5.6
Bethlehem Area School District **	\$100,000	54.05	\$5,405.00	77.5
County of Northampton	\$100,000	11.8	\$1,180.00	16.9
<b>Township of Hanover</b>	\$100,000	3.9	\$390.00	5.6
Bethlehem Area School District **	\$150,000	54.05	\$8,107.50	77.5
County of Northampton	\$150,000	11.8	\$1,770.00	16.9
<b>Township of Hanover</b>	\$150,000	3.9	\$585.00	5.6

**\*\* Indicates a rate increase from 2015/2016 to 2016/2017.**

**Hanover Mill Rate has remained the same since 2008. 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year at 3.9 mills.**