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ICE promises warning to Springfield before surge



Townships could have 1 option to 'survive'

End of property tax may require becoming cities

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If efforts to abolish property taxes in Ohio are successful, townships may have only one option to continue funding services: become cities.

Townships are mostly funded by property taxes – about 66% – according to the Ohio Township Association. They use those taxes to pay for services like police and firefighters, road and cemetery maintenance, and waste disposal. As a city or municipality, those governments could impose income taxes on residents to fund those services instead.

“We would be bankrupt within six months” if property taxes were abolished, said Darryl Cordrey, a trustee in Hamilton Township in Warren County. “And that’s every township in Ohio. That’s all we have is property taxes.”

A constitutional amendment to abolish property taxes could appear on the November ballot if the grassroots group pushing the effort collects the necessary 413,000 signatures.

The idea does not have wide support in the statehouse. In recent campaign speeches, Vivek Ramaswamy has focused more on eliminating income tax, despite saying he’d like to lower property taxes “eventually down to zero” when he first announced his run for governor.

But the debate, spurred by soaring property taxes in recent years, has prompted fear for townships and schools, and a new bill from two Republican lawmakers.

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DeWine: Federal officials to give at least 24 hours' notice

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Gov. Mike DeWine said federal officials promised him at least 24 hours' notice if they plan to ramp up immigration enforcement in Springfield, which is home to thousands of Haitian immigrants.

Haitians in Springfield were bracing for a potential surge in Immigrations and Customs Enforcement after Feb. 3, when their legal status was set to expire. A federal judge offered a last-minute

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Judge orders DHS to detail plans for Haitians. **7A**

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Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine said he has received no indication that ICE is planning an operation in Springfield. SAMANTHA MADAR/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Police blocked off part of downtown Springfield, seen in March 2024, on Feb. 9 after officials received bomb threats. DORAL CHENOWETH/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Kroger CEO's pay is close to \$17M yearly

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Learn more about new Kroger CEO Greg Foran. **4A**

Kroger will pay its newly-minted CEO Greg Foran upwards of \$17 million or even more a year to run the supermarket giant, the grocer disclosed in a government filing.

The Cincinnati-based company announced Feb. 9 it had completed its 11-month search for a new top executive, tapping the former head of rival Wal-

mart's U.S. stores operation. In a filing to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the grocer broke out financial details of his compensation package.

Here are the highlights of his annual pay:

- **Base salary:** \$1.5 million

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A 2013 file photo of Greg Foran, then Walmart's CEO of China operations. KIM KYUNG HOON/REUTERS

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