



Shall the City of Edwardsville remain a Home Rule municipality? Yes / No



What does continuation of Home Rule mean for Edwardsville?

It means you give away your vote on future tax increases. It gives government bureaucrats a blank check with your signature!

Home Rule does the following:

- Allows the City of Edwardsville to raise property taxes without limit and without voter approval!
- Allows the City of Edwardsville to impose new taxes on businesses, services, groceries, parking, and products like gasoline without voter approval!
- Allows the City of Edwardsville to protect their own salaries and pensions and even increase their own benefits without voter approval!

Home Rule always means higher taxes.



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Before you believe their rhetoric, ask yourself how taxpayers would benefit by handing this power over to government bureaucrats!

What's in it for you? What's in it for them?

The City of Edwardsville has 45 government employees making more than \$50,000 and **two employees making more than \$100,000 per year**. 126 employees on the payroll in 2011...for 24,000 residents.

EDWARDSVILLE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TOP PENSIONS

Name	Age at Retirement	Annual Pension	Employee Contrib.	Pension Paid To Date	Est. Lifetime Pension Payout	Employee Contrib. % of Lifetime Payout
Driesner Barbara A	61	\$29,436	\$33,518	\$62,534	\$1,252,584	2.7%
Baird Nina J	74	\$26,954	\$29,901	\$259,171	\$918,864	3.3%
Werner Ollie F	55	\$23,667	\$31,404	\$86,944	\$887,398	3.5%

80% of local taxes are used to pay salaries and pensions of government employees!

Home Rule *always means higher taxes.* Why else would city bureaucrats want to keep you from voting on tax increases?! **VOTE NO to end Home Rule!**

