



# 2016 AUBURN HILLS FIRE MILLAGE TUESDAY AUGUST 2ND



## WHO?

**\$1.5B**

Total Taxable Value Protected

**23,000**

Total Residential Population Protected

**100,000**

Weekday Population Protected

**14**

Full-Time Firefighters

**1**

Fire Chief

**1**

Assistant Fire Chief

**1**

Admin Assistant

## WHAT WILL THE INCREASED MILLAGE FUND?

Equipment Purchases and Upgrades

Technology Upgrades

Hire Additional Firefighter/Paramedic Staff

## WHEN + WHERE?

Michigan's State Primary Election is held on Tuesday August 2nd. On the ballot will be a question regarding the fire millage.

To find your local voting precinct, call 248-370-9402 or find it online at [WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/VOTE](http://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/VOTE)

# WHY IS IT NEEDED?

## CURRENT BUDGET OUTLOOK

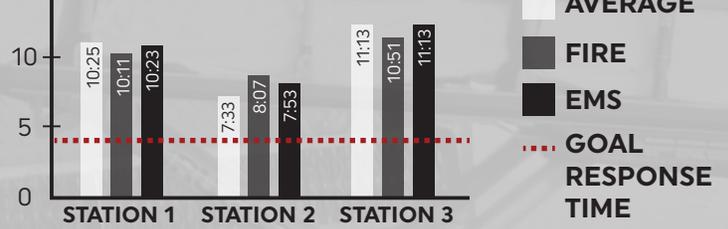
WITHOUT MILLAGE INCREASE

	2016	2017	2018
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$3,725,626	\$3,770,090	\$3,740,981
<b>REVENUE*</b>	\$3,602,111	\$3,414,673	\$3,428,834
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>(\$123,515)</b>	<b>(\$355,417)</b>	<b>(\$312,147)</b>

\*Revenue from current millage and fees

## AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES

IN MINUTES



Not only will the increase eliminate the Fire Department budget deficit, but staffing will increase at all three fire stations and improve response times for critical fire and emergency medical calls.

## HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOU?

Due to the decrease in taxable value after the recent recession, taxes generated for the fire millage after the proposed increase will be similar to those generated in 2008.

### MARKET VALUE

### TAXABLE VALUE

### TAX INCREASE

\$300,000

\$150,000

\$110

\$150,000

\$75,000

\$55

\$100,000

\$50,000

\$37

**\$59,300**

Average Auburn Hills Taxable Home Value  
(Amount on which your taxes are levied)

SOURCE: AUBURN HILLS ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

**\$43.86**

Average Tax Increase with  
New Fire Millage

**\$1,070,000**

2017 - Additional Revenue for Fire  
Department with Millage Increase

## HEADLEE OVERRIDE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Increasing residential population, business expansion, tourism and job growth in the City have created significant growing demands on the Fire Department. The original 2.5 mills designated for fire services (Fire and Life Support activities) in the City Charter would be sufficient to expand services with additional staff and equipment. However, the 1978 Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 rolled that millage back to 1.7604 mills. The City is requesting to restore the millage rate back to the original voter-authorized 2.5 mills as provided for in the City Charter. The current 1.7604 mills generates annual revenue of about \$2.6 million. An override to 2.5 mills will produce an additional amount of revenue of about \$1,070,000, for a total estimated annual revenue amount of \$3,637,092. If approved by the voters, a property with a taxable value of \$59,300, which is the average property taxable value in Auburn Hills, will pay about an additional \$43.86 per year in property taxes to adequately fund the Fire Department.

Shall a "Headlee Override" be adopted so that the current limitation on the amount of City taxes that may be levied for fire purposes against all taxable property in the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as follows:

- Up to 2.5 mills from approximately 1.7604 mills (\$2.50 from approximately \$1.7604 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for fire purposes.

If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated maximum amount of \$3,637,092 for fire purposes for the City in 2017 by allowing the City to levy the maximum mills for fire purposes previously approved by the voters and authorized by the City Charter and the State law which have been reduced as required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

YES

NO

## QUESTIONS?

Contact one of the departments  
below for additional information

### CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

TOM TANGHE • CITY MANAGER  
248-370-9440

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

JIM MANNING • FIRE CHIEF  
248-364-6860

### CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

248-370-9402