

Millage Rate Explanations: SUMMER BILL

CITY OPERATING: City operating taxes are used for the general operation of city government. These services include, but are not limited to: Police and Fire, Parks and Recreation, Department of Public Works, General Administrative. These monies are also supplemented by fees, fines, forfeitures and other grants and revenue sharing with the state and federal government. The maximum millage allowed by City Charter is 10.0000 mills. However, due to the implementation of the Headlee Amendment to the State Constitution, this maximum has been reduced to 9.40630. A vote of the electorate of the city is necessary to levy a higher rate.

SANITATION: This millage is authorized by PA 298 of 1917. Sanitation taxes are used to offset the cost of garbage collection and disposal. This tax may vary depending on the charges to the city for such services.

LIBRARY: (Romulus Public Library) This millage is authorized by PA 164 of 1877 and is used for library operations. Library millage rates are set by the Romulus Library Board and approved by City Council.

PA 359 PROMOTIONS: A special tax levied under Public Act 359 of 1925 to be used for advertising, publicity, recreation or exploitation, to encourage the industrial, commercial, educational or recreational advantages of the city for the purpose of encouraging immigration to, and increasing the trade, business and industries of the city.

FIRE/POLICE SVCS: In November 2018, this millage was authorized by the voters as a charter amendment for fire and police services. The vote authorized the millage to be levied for five years, from 2019 through 2023.

SCH OP (NH): (School Operating – Non-Homestead) This millage is a component of Proposal A of 1994. Under the proposal, a school district can levy 18 mills for school operating purposes. An exempt PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE (aka Homestead) property is not subject to the levy of school operating millage. For the majority of Romulus taxpayers, this line item will be zero as your property is your Principal Residence and it is exempt from this tax. Businesses, rental properties and people owning multiple properties will pay the non-homestead school operating millage.

SCH OP (HH): (School Operating – Hold Harmless) In 1994, voters in the State of Michigan passed a constitutional amendment (Proposal A) that established a local tax for homestead properties in high spending school districts. Under the constitutional amendment, school districts are guaranteed \$8,409 per student for 2018/2019. If, prior to 1994, the school district was spending more than the \$8,409 per student, the district is authorized to collect additional “hold harmless” taxes on homestead properties only to make up the difference.

SCH DEBT: Special elections are held to enable schools to levy this millage for such things as school construction or renovation. This line item could be a combination of several elections your school district has had over the years. Please contact your school district for more detailed information on their debt millage.

SCH SINK FND: A sinking fund millage is a limited property tax to fund major repairs and renovations to school buildings. The tax is levied each year and the revenue generated is used to address the most urgent building improvements identified by a school district. State law allows a district to levy a sinking fund millage of up to five mills for 20 years. Please contact your school district for more detailed information on their sinking fund millage.

STATE EDUC TAX: (State Education Tax) The SET was one of several components of Proposal A of 1994 that changed the way in which elementary-secondary education is funded in Michigan. The state levies the SET statewide at a six-mill rate on all real and tangible personal property not otherwise exempt from the property tax.

COUNTY CHARTER: (Wayne County Charter) This millage represents all the operating millage established through Wayne County’s charter which took effect in 1981. There’s also a WAYNE COUNTY millage line item on your winter tax statement. That is for “extra voted millage” of approximately one mill.

RESA ENHANCEMENT: (Regional Educational Service Agency-Intermediate School District) This millage went before the voters in 2017 for a 2.000 mill increase. This millage will expire in 2021.

ADMINISTRATION FEE: A fee authorized by the General Property Tax Act, approved by City Council, used to defray the costs of property assessment, defending the roll, levying, collecting and distributing property taxes for other taxing entities. This is allowed by section 211.44 of the General Property Tax Act. The 1% fee is charged against all millages.

Millage Rate Explanations cont.:

WINTER BILL

WC OPERATING: (Wayne County Operating) - This millage is an “extra voted millage” that requires periodic approval by voters.

WC PARKS: (Wayne County Parks) - In 2010 voters renewed this millage to improve and operate Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne Park. This millage requires periodic approval by voters.

WC JAILS: (Wayne County Jails) - In 2011 voters renewed a millage authorized in 2002 that allowed Wayne County to levy millage for Jail operations. This millage is up for renewal in 2021.

WC VETERANS RELIEF FUND: (Wayne County Veterans) - This millage is authorized by PA 214 of 1899 and is a Veteran’s relief millage. The Veteran’s relief millage does not expire.

WCZA: (Wayne County Zoological Authority) - The zoo tax was renewed by voters in 2016, and it supports operations and services for the Detroit Zoo benefiting the residents of the tri-county area. This millage is up for renewal in 2026.

WCAIA: (Wayne County Art Institute Authority) - In August 2012 voters in the tri-county area approved this millage to support operations of the DIA. The millage is approved through 2022.

WCTA: (Wayne County Transit Authority) – In August 2018, voters renewed this tax. This millage supports the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) public transportation system. This millage is approved through 2021.

EPA: – The millage is authorized by PA 320 of 1927 and is mandated by a Federal Court Order issued on August 29, 1994 to pay for EPA sewer improvements in 13 Downriver area communities. Wayne County issues bonds to pay for the sewer improvements. The EPA levy will expire when the bonds are paid off in approximately 2035.

HCMA: (Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority) - In 1939 voters approved this millage allowing the Metro Parks to levy a millage for capital development and operations. This is a permanent millage.

WCCCD: (Wayne County Community College District) - This tax is for WCCC operations. 1.0 mill is a permanent millage; 1.250 additional mills were approved by voters in 2008 through 2021, and in 2012 voters approved another 1.0 mill increase for 10 years.

RESA ISD: (Regional Educational Service Agency-Intermediate School District) - This millage is comprised of two parts: RESA operations and County Voted Special Education. Both of these are permanent millages.

ADMIN FEE: (Administration Fee) - A fee authorized by the General Property Tax Act, approved by City Council, used to defray the costs of property assessment, defending the roll, levying, collecting and distributing property taxes for other taxing entities. This is allowed by section 211.44 of the General Property Tax Act. The 1% fee is charged against all millages.