KENT COUNTY PROPOSALS
August 4, 2026 Primary Election

City/Township Proposals

Ada Township
Parks, Recreation, and Land Preservation Millage Proposal

This proposal is for a new additional millage to replace a parks, recreation, and land preservation millage that will expire following the December 2026 levy that was first approved by voters in 2016 for 0.65 mills for ten years as reduced by application of the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the total tax rate limitation on the amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property within Ada Township under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased in an amount not to exceed 1.2 mills ($1.20 per $1,000 of taxable value) annually for ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035 inclusive, to provide funds for constructing, equipping, operating, acquiring, and maintaining land, buildings, and improvements for parks, preserves and recreational facilities, and financing for any of these purposes; and shall the Township annually levy such new additional millage on taxable property within the Township for said purposes?

If approved and levied, it is estimated that this millage would raise approximately $1,800,000 in the first year of the levy. To the extent required by law, a portion of the revenues from this millage will be captured within the district of, and disbursed to, the Ada Township Downtown Development Authority.

Cannon Township
Proposal No. 1 Fire Protection Millage Renewal Proposition

Shall the previously voted increase in general ad valorem taxes within Cannon Township, as established by Article IX, Section 6 of the

Michigan Constitution, currently 0.8847 mill ($0.8847 per $1,000 of taxable value) be renewed and levied for a ten (10) year period in the years 2026-2035, both inclusive, and shall an additional 0.1153 mill ($0.1153 per $1,000 of taxable value) be approved and levied to restore previous millage reductions under the "Headlee Amendment" since this millage was last approved, resulting in the levy of 1.0 mill ($1.0 per $1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, on taxable property in the Township?

It is estimated that a levy of 1.0 mill would provide revenue of $1,101,524 in the first calendar year.

The revenue received by the Township shall be disbursed to Township of Cannon to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the Cannon Township Fire Department, the purchase of firefighting and emergency vehicles, apparatus and equipment, the purchase, construction, improvement, maintenance and site development of real estate and/or buildings to house the Cannon Township Fire Department and the related equipment, vehicles and apparatus and any related financing for these purposes.

Cascade Charter Township
Zoning Ordinance Referendum

Shall Ordinance No. 6 of 2025, "Cascade Township Zoning Ordinance," adopted by the Cascade Township Board on February 11, 2026, which updates and replaces the Township zoning ordinance originally adopted in 1989, be approved?

Plainfield Charter Township
Non-Motorized Public Trails and Public Recreation Areas Millage Renewal Proposal

In 2016, Plainfield Charter Township voters approved a ten-year property tax millage for building public trails and enhancing public recreation areas. Since then, the Township has constructed over nine miles of paved trails. If the voters approve the following millage, the Township intends to construct and maintain additional non-motorized public trails and public recreation areas.

Shall the previously approved increase to the property tax levy limitation of 0.5 mill ($0.50 per $1,000 of taxable value), as reduced to 0.4596 mill ($0.4596 per $1,000 of taxable value) by required millage rollbacks, be renewed at an amount not to exceed 0.4596 mill ($0.4596 per $1,000 of taxable value), and levied annually for ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, inclusive, for the purposes of providing funds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, operation and maintenance of non-motorized public trails and public recreation areas within the Township in accordance with the Plainfield Charter Township Parks & Recreation Master Plan?

If approved and levied, this millage is estimated to raise approximately $980,000 in the first year of the levy. As required by law, a portion of the millage revenues will be captured by, and disbursed to, the Comstock Park Downtown Development Authority, the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority, and the Plainfield Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Sparta Township
Library Millage Renewal Proposal

Shall the previously authorized increase in the tax rate limitation on all taxable property in Sparta Township, Kent County, that expired in 2025 be renewed and the Township be authorized to levy a millage annually in an amount to exceed .2375 mill ($0.2375 per each $1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property in the Township for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, inclusive, to provide funds for operating, maintaining, and equipping the Sparta Township Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year of levy (2026) is approximately $106,000. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the Sparta Township Library.

The following is for informational purposes:

If approved and levied, this millage will raise an estimated $106,000 in the first year of the levy (2026). The revenues from this millage will be disbursed to the Sparta Township Library as required by law. To the extent required by law, a portion of the revenues from this millage (approximately 4.4% in the first year of the levy) will be captured within the district of and disbursed to the Village of Sparta Downtown Development Authority.

Tyrone Township
Millage Renewal Proposal for 4 Years for Maintaining Fire Department Operations

Shall the previously voted increase in the total tax rate limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution within Tyrone Township of 1.000 mills ($1.000 per $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.9780 mills ($0.978 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at 0.9780 mills ($0.978 per $1,000 of taxable value) annually for four (4) years, 2027 through 2030 inclusive, to provide funds for maintaining fire department operations; raising an estimated $220,127 in the first year the millage is levied?

Tyrone Township
Millage Renewal Proposal for 4 Years for Sustaining Fire Department Operations

Shall the previously voted increase in the total tax rate limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution within Tyrone Township of .9526 mills ($.9526 per $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.9316 mills ($0.9316 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at 0.9316 mills ($0.9316 per $1,000 of taxable value) annually for four (4) years, 2027 through 2030 inclusive, to provide funds for maintaining fire department operations; raising an estimated $209,683 in the first year the millage is levied?

Fire District Authority

Sparta Area Fire Authority
County of Kent, Michigan
Millage Proposition
New Additional Millage
0.500 Mill for Acquisition of Fire Equipment and Vehicles, Fire Station Improvements, and Fire Department Operations

Shall the Sparta Fire Authority, County of Kent, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new additional millage against all taxable property subject to ad valorem taxation within the jurisdiction of the Sparta Area Fire Authority, namely the Township of Sparta including the Village of Sparta, in an amount not to exceed 0.500 mill ($0.500 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of six years, beginning in 2026 and continuing through 2031, both inclusive, subject to reduction as provided by law?

The purpose of this new additional millage is to provide funds for the acquisition of fire equipment and vehicles, fire station improvements, and fire department operations. It is estimated that a levy of the additional 0.500 mill would provide revenue of $224,585 in the first calendar year. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the Sparta Area Fire Authority. Under state law, a portion of the revenue from this millage will also be disbursed to the Village of Sparta's Downtown Development Authority.

Local School District

Grand Rapids Public Schools
Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property within the school district of Grand Rapids Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy a new additional millage of not to exceed 0.9500 mill ($0.95 per $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of trucks and vans used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used to maintain those trucks and vans; and for other purposes authorized by law (estimated to provide revenues of approximately $7,060,000 in 2026)?

To the extent required by law, a portion of this millage may be captured by and retained by the City of Grand Rapids Brownfield Authority and the Grand Rapids SmartZone Local Development Finance Authority

Grant Public Schools
Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal renews millage and will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.0953 mills ($18.0953 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Grant Public Schools, Newaygo, Kent and Muskegon Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 4 years, 2027 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately $1,821,193 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)?

I. Lowell Area Schools
Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will replace expiring millage and allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining 3 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, be increased by 21 mills ($21.00 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately $5,216,248 (this millage replaces millage that will expire with the 2028 tax levy)?

II. Lowell Area Schools
Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill ($1.00 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2027 to 2032, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used for the maintenance of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of eligible trucks and vans used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used to maintain such trucks and vans; and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2027 is approximately $1,516,742?

Tri County Area Schools
Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will replace expiring millage and allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Tri County Area Schools, Montcalm, Kent and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills ($18.00 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 4 years, 2027 to 2030, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately $3,377,472 (this millage replaces millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)?

Intermediate School District

Ionia County Intermediate School District
Special Education Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the intermediate school district to continue to levy special education millage previously approved by the electors and restores millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of .4013 mill ($0.4013 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation), on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Ionia County Intermediate School District, Michigan, to provide funds for the education of students with a disability, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive, and also be increased by .1323 mill ($0.1323 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a total of .5336 mill, for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive, the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2027 is approximately $1,509,968 from local property taxes authorized herein (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy and a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?