

**BALLOT QUESTIONS**

**A. Police Millage Renewal Plus New Millage to Maintain Current Service Level**

The City of Rochester Hills funds police services through special police millages, totaling 1.2083 mills that will expire after final levy in 2013, plus approximately 1.9 mills of the City’s general operating millage. The City forecasts the cost to maintain the current level of police services will increase in the future and that additional funding through voter-approved special millage and/or a larger allocation (up to 2.5 mills) of the City’s general operating millage will be necessary. This proposal would renew the expiring special police millage and authorize up to 2.5 additional mills, for 10 years, to maintain the current level of police services and allow the City to discontinue the levy and expenditure of general operating millage for police services.

Therefore, shall the City renew the expiring 1.2083 mills (\$1.2083 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levy up to 2.5 additional mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of all property assessed for taxes in the City for 10 years, with the first year of levy in calendar year 2014 (for fiscal year 2015) and continuing through 2023, inclusive, to fund and maintain the current level of police protection, services and operations? This will provide an estimated revenue of \$\_\_\_\_\_ if levied in full in the first year.

Yes \_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_

*(Proposals B, below, is tie-barred to Proposal A so that Proposal B may be adopted only if Proposal A is approved. If Proposal A fails, then B also fails.)*

**B. New Millage to Add Police Officers**

Shall the City of Rochester Hills levy up to 0.4 additional mills (\$0.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of all property assessed for taxes in the City for 10 years, with the first year of levy in calendar year 2014 (for fiscal year 2015) and continuing through 2023, inclusive, to fund the addition of up to 8 officers to the police force? This will provide an estimated revenue of \$\_\_\_\_\_ if levied in full in the first year?

Yes \_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_

*(Proposal C, below, is presented as an alternative to A and B, above, and would amend the City Charter to authorize a 3.7 mills levy to fund police services.)*

**C. Proposed City Charter Amendment**

*The following is how the proposed charter amendment will appear on the ballot:*

**PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT  
TO AUTHORIZE POLICE MILLAGE**

This is a proposal to amend Section 4.2 of the City Charter. Section 4.2 sets forth tax rate and special voted millages limitations. If approved, the amendment will delete references to now-expired and obsolete millages and will authorize the City to levy up to 3.7 mills to fund police services and operations.

Shall Section 4.2 of the City of Rochester Hills Charter be amended to delete references to expired and obsolete millages and authorize the City to levy up to 3.7 mills to fund police services and operations?

Yes

No

*The following is the actual text amendment (Will not appear on the ballot).*

**Section 4.2 – Charter tax rate and special voted millages limitation**

.1 The annual ad valorem tax levy shall be sufficient to provide funding to adequately cover only budgeted expenditures for the fiscal year but in no case shall the levy exceed five-tenths of one percent (5/10 of 1%) or five (5) mills of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City, except for tax levies authorized in subsections .2 through .7 of this Section. This maximum levy shall be known and referred to as the Charter Tax Rate Limit of the City and shall be subject to all provisions of the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the statues pertaining there to.

.2 The City may levy such amounts as are required for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding bonds the City.

~~.3 The City shall levy special voted millages currently in effect authorized by the electors of the Charter Township Avon in the amounts and for the duration authorized, as follows:~~

~~Up to 0.5 mills for road chloride and repair through the year 1986 inclusive (approved by the electors on August 7, 1980).~~

~~Up to 1 mill for police purposes through the year 1993 inclusive (approved by the electors on August 8, 1974).~~

~~Up to 0.25 mills for older persons activities and general community recreation, such as the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority, through the year 1985 inclusive (approved by the electors on August 4, 1976).~~

~~Up to 0.25 mills for older persons transportation activities and services through the year 1991 inclusive (approved the electors on August 10, 1982).~~

~~.4.3 The City may levy up to 2.5 mills for funding of the Fire Department.~~

~~.5.4 The City may levy up to 3.7 mills to fund police services and operations.~~

.5 The City shall levy up to 1 mill for library purposes, pursuant to Public Act No. 164 of 1877 (MCL 397.201 et seq., MSA 15.1661 et seq.), as amended.

.6 The City may levy such taxes as may be authorized by statute to be made beyond the Charter Tax Rate Limit.

.7 The City may levy taxes for general purposes or for any specially designated purpose for a stated period of time not to exceed twenty (20) years, if approved by a majority of the registered electors voting on the proposition. Such election may be authorized by a majority vote of the Council or shall be called if an initiatory petition is filed as described in Sections 2.9 through 2.13 of this Charter. Where any special tax levy shall be approved by the electorate for a specially designated purpose, such funds shall not be used for other than the designated purpose, and all interest accruing on the investment of such funds shall be credited to that fund and not to the general fund of the City.