



**City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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**Legislative File No: 2015-0332**

**TO:** City Council Members

**FROM:** Keith Sawdon, Finance Director, Ext 2535

**DATE:** September 14, 2015

**SUBJECT:** 2015 Millage Rates

**REQUEST:**

In accordance with the City Charter Section 3.1 Budget Procedure and General Finance, Section 3.6 Adoption of a Budget, Section 4.1 Power to Tax and Special Revenue, and Section 4.2 Charter Tax Rate & Special Voted Millage(s) Limitation we are requesting that City Council approve the 2015 millage rates (to be levied in December 2015), which will provide the tax revenues needed to support the FY 2016 budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

The millage rates listed below are expected to generate the tax revenues needed to support the FY 2016 Budget, as adjusted by the City Council’s Straw Poll process. City Council has scheduled a public hearing for September 14, 2015 to discuss the proposed FY 2016 budget as well as the millage rates to support that budget. Following that public hearing we are proposing City Council adopt and authorize the millage rates as listed below:

<b>PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES</b>	
<b>Operating Millages:</b>	<b>2015</b>
General Fund (Charter)	2.0275
Local Street I (Voted)	0.3542
Local Street II (Voted)	0.4851
Local Street III (Voted)	0.2969
Fire Fund (Charter)	2.7000
Special Police I (Voted)	1.2073
Special Police II (Voted)	1.6036
Pathway (Voted)	0.1856
RARA Operating (Voted)	0.1948
OPC Operating (Voted)	0.2401
OPC Transportation (Voted)	0.0000
Library Operating (Charter)	0.7816
<b>Operating - Subtotal</b>	<b>10.0767</b>
<b>Debt Millages:</b>	
Chapter 20 Drain Debt	0.0426
OPC Building (Voted)	0.2412
<b>Debt - Subtotal</b>	<b>0.2838</b>
<b>TOTAL MILLAGES</b>	<b>10.3605</b>

Pursuant to the requirements of the State Tax Commission, municipalities must file State form L-4029, tax rate request, with the Oakland County Department of Equalization by October 1, 2015. The City is also required to file form LT-1, Annual Report of Taxes, with Oakland County on or before October 1, 2015. In addition, the City is required, by Charter, to conduct a public hearing and adopt the City's budget prior to November 1, 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend that City Council, after the conclusion of their public hearing, adopt the proposed 2015 millage rates (to be levied in December 2015) which are expected to provide the tax revenues needed to support the FY 2016 budget.

**RESOLUTION:**

See attached resolution.

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<b>APPROVALS:</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Department Review</b>		
<b>Department Director</b>		
<b>Mayor</b>		
<b>City Council Liaison</b>		