



City of Grosse Pointe Woods 2018 Public Safety & Public Services Millage Proposal

On August 7, 2018, Grosse Pointe Woods voters will be asked to consider the following Headlee Override Millage Proposal for Public Safety & Public Services

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods be increased by 4 mills (\$4.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for ten years, 2019 to 2028 inclusive, in excess of the limitation imposed by the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution and Michigan Compiled Laws section 211.34d, to provide funds for municipal purposes, including police and fire services, infrastructure, and other public services? If approved and levied in its entirety, this new additional millage would raise approximately \$2,784,098 in 2019.

YES NO

This millage proposal provides for:

- A comprehensive road improvement program
- The hiring of two additional Public Safety Officers
- Maintaining staffing levels
- Repair and maintenance of facilities throughout the City
- Capital improvement bond funding that is replacing obsolete E911 system, and Public Safety and Public Services equipment.

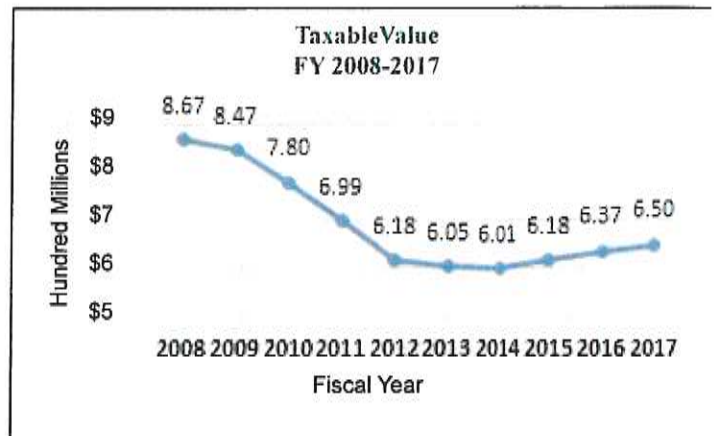
The millage cost to residents

A home with a 2018 median taxable value of \$95,000 and a state equalized value of \$190,000 will pay an estimated **\$380 per year or \$31.66 per month**. To calculate more closely, multiply your home's taxable value by the millage rate of 4, and divide it by 1,000.

Example: $95,000 \times 4 = 380,000 \div 1,000 = \380

City Council and Administration have felt the brunt of declining revenues over the past ten years, yet have produced annual budgets that have garnered consistently positive ratings from City auditors. These ratings are recognized in receiving the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for 48 years running, as well as the Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award for four consecutive years. When necessary, funds have been diverted from the general fund into Public Safety and other accounts to maintain sustainability.

Approval of this millage provides the funding to achieve goals that include adding officers to the Department of Public Safety, reconstructing roadways, maintaining infrastructure, updating equipment, and repairing and maintaining facilities throughout the City in the manner residents have come to expect and enjoy. In turn, it is believed these improvements reflect positively on the quality of life and the home values the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods have invested in for many generations.



In the wake of these setbacks, the City continues to implement strategies that provide the services Grosse Pointe Woods residents have come to expect. A budgetary status quo has been maintained but it results in an inability to replace or resurface roads, maintain municipal buildings and other facilities, and replace vehicles and equipment. Some budget losses in revenue have been offset by implementing cost-containment measures, such as reducing the number of full-time and part-time employees, eliminating or reducing benefits, contracting ambulance and assessing services, and implementing unpaid furlough days.



Consider the facts

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety provides police and fire services, with all personnel cross-trained as police officers and fire fighters. In addition, all officers have achieved certification or higher as medical first responders. The department is comprised of 30 sworn officers, seven dispatchers, four civilian support staff, one animal/code enforcement officer, and two parking enforcement officers. They are dedicated to providing a safe environment on our streets, in our schools, to our homes and property, and during city events. The department is involved in community outreach programs and events, including: teaching fire and crime prevention to children, CPR training to the community and City employees; and providing oversight to 18 crossing guards. It conducts daily, automated welfare checks on home-bound residents and supervises 14 Public Safety auxiliary officers.

Public Safety responded to 11,902 calls for service in 2017.

Cost-containment measures implemented:

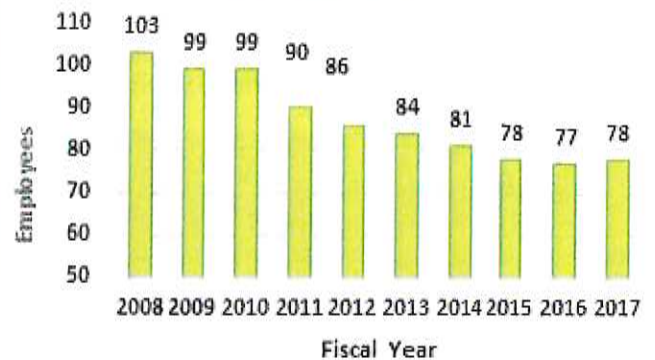
- Eliminated nearly 25% of full-time and part-time positions and deployed other staff cost-saving measures amounting to \$11,141,000 since 2006.
- Contracted basic and advanced life support services with Medstar in 2014.
- Contracted assessing services with WCA Assessing in 2016.
- Eliminated retiree health care for new employees hired after 2011.
- Implemented five unpaid furlough days for all City employees in 2011.
- Concessions made by all City employees to forego wage increases from 2009 to 2015.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Services maintains 55.39 miles of local roads, 68.5 miles of water mains, 95 miles of sewer, 1,571 catch basins, 1,297 sewer manholes, and 90.75 acres of park lands. This includes snow removal from streets and sidewalks, leaf pick-up and street-sweeping services.

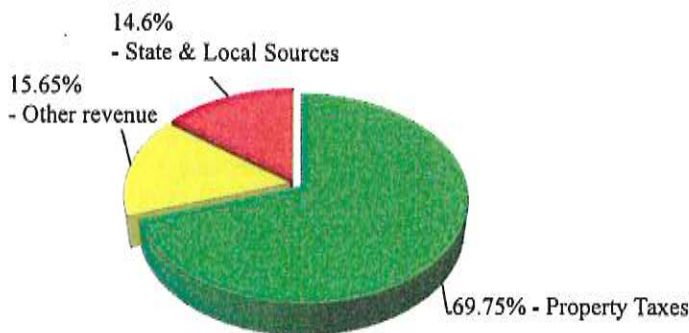
Currently:

- 6.01 miles of roads remain in immediate need of repaving or resurfacing. There is a 10-year plan for future road projects encompassing 27 streets in the City with an estimated \$12,947,645.86 in construction costs.
- 30-year-old tractors and street sweepers continue to depreciate.

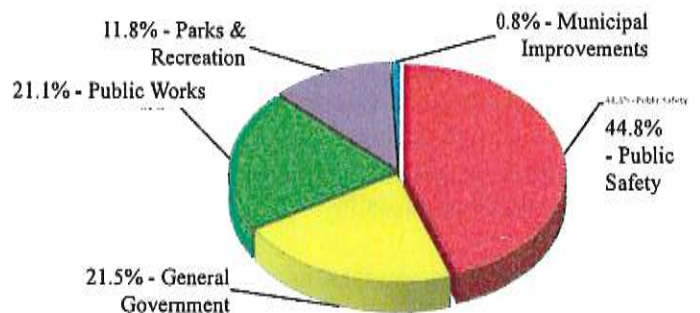
24% Decrease in Full-Time Employees FY 2008-2017



2017 General Fund Revenue *Where the Money Comes From*



2017 General Fund Expenditures *Where the Money Goes*



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