

VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY
POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE PROPOSAL
COUNCIL PACKET

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Resolution,

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Facebook posts, and

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RESOLUTION

Village of Pinckney Village Council
Resolution Approving Ballot Proposal for Police Protection Millage

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinckney seeks to maintain a 24-hour, 7-day per week Police Department to provide police protection, public safety, and related services to Village residents and properties; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council determines that a dedicated police protection millage is necessary to fund personnel, equipment, operations, and other related public safety costs; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to place before the electors of the Village of Pinckney a proposal to levy a new additional millage of up to 2 mills for a period of five (5) years, beginning with the 2026 tax levy year and continuing through 2030, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council further desires that the proposal include separate Headlee override language to the extent necessary and that annual levies after the first year be limited to the lesser of three percent (3%) or the rate of inflation (CPI), as defined by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council of the Village of Pinckney hereby submits to the electors of the Village the following ballot proposal:

1. A proposal to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 2 mills for five years, beginning in 2026, for the purpose of funding and maintaining the Village's Police Department, including personnel, equipment, operations, and related public safety costs.
2. A proposal to increase the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property in the Village of Pinckney, as provided in Section 31 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, to the extent necessary to permit collection of the full levy approved in subsection 1 without reduction by the Headlee Amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk and Village Attorney are authorized to make any non-substantive corrections necessary to comply with election requirements and formatting conventions.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

Ballot Proposal

Village of Pinckney Police Protection Millage Proposal

Section 1: Millage Authorization

Shall the Village of Pinckney, Livingston County, Michigan, levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, inclusive, beginning with the 2026 tax levy year and continuing through 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of funding and maintaining a 24-hour, 7-day per week Police Department, including personnel, equipment, operations, and related public safety costs, thereby allowing police services to be funded outside of the Village General Fund and reducing the General Fund millage by the same number of mills used for police funding?

This millage is estimated to raise approximately \$208,000 in the first year.

The amount levied in each year after the first year shall not exceed the prior year's levy by more than the lesser of three percent (3%) or the rate of inflation (CPI), as defined by law.

Section 2: Headlee Override

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property in the Village of Pinckney, as provided in Section 31 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, be increased, if necessary, to permit the Village to levy the full amount approved in Section 1 of this proposal and to collect such levy without reduction by the Headlee Amendment to the extent necessary to implement the voter-approved millage?

Shall this proposal be adopted?

Yes

No

PUBLIC FLYER

PROTECT PINCKNEY FUND LOCAL POLICE - PRESERVE 24/7 SERVICE.

The Village of Pinckney is proposing a dedicated police protection millage to fund the Village's 24-hour, 7-day-a-week Police Department. This proposal would move police funding out of the General Fund and into a separate voter-approved millage so the Village can maintain local police services with a stable funding source.

If approved, the millage would be 2 mills for five years and would generate about \$208,000 in the first year, based on a taxable value of \$104,000,000.

What this means

This proposal would help cover police personnel, equipment, operations, and other public safety costs. It would also reduce the General Fund millage by the same number of mills used for police funding, so police costs are identified separately rather than buried inside the general budget.

How much would it cost?

The cost is based on taxable value, not SEV or market value. At 2 mills, the annual cost is about \$200 per \$100,000 of taxable value, or about \$16.67 per month per \$100,000 of taxable value.

Examples

\$100,000 taxable value = about \$200 per year or \$16.67 per month.

\$150,000 taxable value = about \$300 per year or \$25.00 per month.

\$180,000 taxable value = about \$360 per year or \$30.00 per month.

How the millage changes

The levy after year one would increase by the lesser of 3% or CPI, as allowed by law. The proposal also includes a separate Headlee section so the voter-approved levy can be collected without reduction to the extent necessary under Michigan's constitutional tax limitation rules.

Why it matters

A dedicated millage gives voters a direct choice about whether Pinckney should continue funding a local police department for the next five years. It also provides a predictable way to support public safety without relying entirely on the General Fund.

FAQ / Q&A

What is this proposal?

It is a request for voter approval of a new dedicated police protection millage for the Village of Pinckney.

Why is the Village asking for this?

The Village wants a separate, stable funding source for police services so public safety costs are not dependent only on the General Fund.

How much is being requested?

Up to 2 mills for a period of five years.

How much money would it raise?

About \$208,000 in the first year, based on a taxable value of \$104,000,000.

How much would it cost residents?

At 2 mills, about \$200 per year for each \$100,000 of taxable value.

Does this apply to market value?

No. It is based on taxable value, not market value or SEV.

What would the money be used for?

Personnel, equipment, operations, and related public safety costs for the Village Police Department.

Does this move police funding out of the General Fund?

Yes. The proposal says police funding would be moved out of the General Fund and funded separately through the millage.

Why is the Headlee section separate?

The Headlee section allows the Village to collect the full voter-approved amount if necessary without reduction under the constitutional tax limitation rules.

Will the amount increase every year?

After the first year, the levy cannot increase by more than the lesser of 3% or CPI, as defined by law.

When would the millage run?

Beginning with the 2026 tax levy year and continuing through 2030, inclusive.

Is this a permanent tax?

No. It is a five-year millage proposal.

FACEBOOK POSTS

The following are suggested social media posts to increase awareness and provide information to residents.

Post 1: Launch

PROTECT PINCKNEY. FUND LOCAL POLICE. The Village of Pinckney is asking voters to consider a dedicated police protection millage to support 24/7 local police service for the next five years. 2 mills | about \$208,000 in year one | separate Headlee section included.

Post 2: What it funds

This proposal would help fund police personnel, operations, equipment, and public safety costs so police services can stay local and fully supported.

Post 3: Cost example

What would it cost? At 2 mills, a home with \$100,000 taxable value would pay about \$200 per year. Your actual cost depends on taxable value, not market value.

Post 4: General Fund message

This millage would move police funding out of the General Fund and into a dedicated source for public safety, helping create a more stable long-term budget.

Post 5: Voter reminder

The Village of Pinckney Police Protection Millage Proposal is on the ballot. Learn the facts and make your plan to vote.

COUNCIL TALKING POINTS

Purpose

The proposal is intended to preserve a 24-hour, 7-day per week Police Department for the Village of Pinckney.

Funding structure

The millage would create a dedicated funding source for police services rather than relying entirely on the General Fund.

Amount requested

The request is for up to 2 mills for five years.

Revenue estimate

The first-year estimate is approximately \$208,000, based on a taxable value of \$104,000,000.

Cost to taxpayers

The cost is based on taxable value. At 2 mills, the cost is about \$200 per year per \$100,000 of taxable value.

Use of funds

Funds may be used for personnel, equipment, operations, and related public safety costs.

General Fund effect

The proposal contemplates reducing the General Fund millage by the same number of mills used for police funding.

Headlee language

A separate Headlee section is included so the Village can collect the full voter-approved amount, if necessary, without reduction under the constitutional tax limitation rules.

Annual increase cap

After the first year, the levy may rise only by the lesser of 3% or CPI, as defined by law.

Duration

The millage would run from 2026 through 2030, inclusively.

Council Notes:

1. With a proposed budget of 793,253, this millage would reduce the strain on the general fund by over \$200,000.
2. I have removed the vehicle purchase for this fiscal year which reduced the proposed budget by another \$60,000
3. I have also modified several lines in the budget proposal to reduce another \$4,500.
4. If the millage proposal passes, this would move \$272,500 out of the current budget proposal for a new general fund requirement of \$517,500, a 35% reduction in the current budget proposal. This far exceeds the 10% reduction that was asked for.
5. If the millage does not pass, the updated proposed budget is 707,490.00. This would be an 11% decrease from the original proposed budget, again meeting and exceeding the 10% goal.