

Village of Pinckney – Public Safety Millage Proposal

Introduction

The Village of Pinckney depends on reliable police, fire, and emergency medical services to protect residents, schools, and local businesses. As service demands increase and operating costs rise, the Village faces growing financial pressure to maintain the level of safety and emergency response that the community expects. Current revenue sources are no longer sufficient to sustain these essential services.

To address this need, the Village of Pinckney proposes the adoption of a **Public Safety Millage** dedicated exclusively to supporting police, fire, and EMS services.

Millage Overview

- **Millage Rate:** *[Insert proposed rate, e.g., 1.5 mills]*
- **Duration:** *5 years*
- **Purpose:** Restricted solely for public safety operations
- **Estimated Annual Revenue:** *700,000.00*

This millage will **supplement**, not replace, the Village's current public safety funding.

Why Pinckney Needs This Millage

1. Maintaining Adequate Police Staffing

The Pinckney Police Department provides 24/7 protection, school safety, traffic enforcement, and community outreach. Millage revenue would help:

- Maintain current police staffing levels
- Support training and mandated certifications
- Sustain safe and consistent patrol coverage with increasing call volumes
- Ensure timely responses to emergencies within the Village

2. Supporting Fire and EMS Services

The Village relies on regional fire and EMS providers. Costs for emergency response services continue to rise. Millage funds will:

- Support contracted fire and EMS services
- Help maintain reliable emergency medical response
- Contribute to the replacement of essential firefighting and medical equipment

3. Replacing Aging Vehicles and Equipment

Public safety vehicles and equipment require continuous upkeep and replacement. Funding would support:

- Replacement of aging patrol vehicles
- Upgraded radios, communications systems, and safety technology
- Updated protective equipment for officers and first responders

4. Maintaining and Improving Public Safety Facilities

Village facilities supporting police and emergency operations require ongoing maintenance. Millage funds would enable:

- Building repairs and modernization
- Facility improvements for safety and efficiency
- Long-term public safety infrastructure planning

Financial Accountability and Transparency

The Village of Pinckney is committed to responsible use of taxpayer funds. To ensure transparency:

- All millage revenue will be deposited in a **restricted Public Safety Fund**.
- Annual public reports will document how millage funds are used.
- Independent audits will verify that all expenditures comply with the approved purpose.
- The millage rate will be adjusted annually for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, not to exceed an annual adjustment of [3%], with such adjustments beginning in 2027.

Expected Benefits to Pinckney Residents

The Public Safety Millage will help the Village:

- Maintain a strong local police presence
- Ensure reliable access to fire and EMS response

- Improve emergency response times
 - Provide modern equipment and safe working conditions for first responders
 - Protect lives, property, and community quality of life
 - Support long-term stability for essential public safety operations
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Questions and Answers

Why include a CPI adjustment?

Costs for police, fire, and EMS rise every year—fuel, equipment, insurance, and wages all cost more over time. Without an inflation adjustment, funding loses buying power and services are reduced.

How does the CPI adjustment work?

Each year, the millage can increase **only by the rate of inflation**, based on a nationally published index from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Is there a limit?

Yes. The increase is **capped at 3% per year**, even if inflation is higher.

Can taxes go down?

No. The rate will not decrease during the term of the millage, which helps keep public safety funding stable and predictable.

What does this mean for homeowners?

The adjustment helps maintain current service levels over time and prevents the need for frequent new millage requests.

Conclusion

A dedicated Public Safety Millage is essential for maintaining a safe and secure Village of Pinckney. Approval of this proposal will ensure that police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel are equipped and staffed to protect residents today and into the future.

The millage authorized herein shall be subject to an annual inflationary adjustment equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S.

City Average, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for the preceding calendar year.

In no event shall the annual adjustment exceed [3%], nor shall the adjustment result in a decrease in the authorized millage rate.

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Ballot Language Draft

Shall the Village of Pinckney levy a new public safety millage in an amount not to exceed ____ mills (\$__ per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ____ years, beginning with the ____ tax year and ending with the ____ tax year, for the purpose of funding police services, fire protection, emergency medical services, public safety vehicles, equipment, and facility improvements for the Village?

It is estimated that the first year of this millage would generate approximately \$_____.

As required by law, revenue from this millage will be deposited into a restricted Public Safety Fund and used exclusively for public safety purposes within the Village of Pinckney.

YES ☐

NO ☐