

POLICE MILLAGE



2026 ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, AUG. 4

2.5 Mills

New proposed rate

6 Years

Covering 2026 through 2031, at \$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value

\$830,997

Estimated first-year revenue from all taxable property in Ira Township

Millage History

- Ira Township has funded police protection through a millage since 2010.
- Over the past 15 years, millage rates have risen to cover growing operational costs and expanded township coverage.
- The millage of **1.5 mills** used to fund police services **EXPIRED** December 31, 2025.

What is included in this new millage?

- Continued coverage by the Clay Township Police Department that has been policing Ira Township since August 2013.

What will this cost the taxpayer?

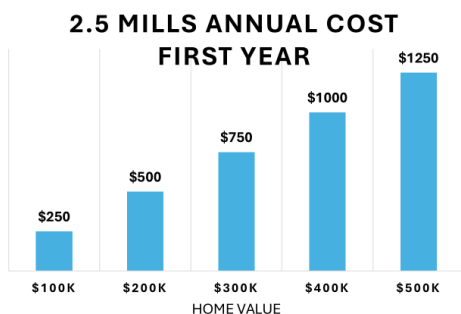
- **2.5 Mills = \$2.50** per every \$1,000 of **taxable value**.

If the millage is not approved what will happen?

- If the millage does not pass, the Township will have no funds allocated for police protection.
- The Township relies on just a single millage for its general operations, currently levying a modest 0.69 mills—or 69 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value.
- The Fire Protection Millage of **2.5 mills** can only be used for fire department related expenses.

WHAT WILL THIS MILLAGE COST THE TAXPAYER?

New 2026 Millage



► 2.5 Mills Monthly Cost:

\$100,000 home	= \$20.83/mo.
\$200,000 home	= \$41.67/mo.
\$300,000 home	= \$62.50/mo.
\$400,000 home	= \$83.33/mo.
\$500,000 home	= \$104.17/mo.

*All cost figures are based on the **taxable value** of the property, rather than the assessed or market value.

Please note that taxable values do not stay the same; they change yearly based on inflation and local real estate market adjustments. As a result, even though the millage rate will remain the same, the actual dollar amount owed may vary slightly from year to year.

Ira Township Police Protection Millage: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When is the election?

A: Election Day is Tuesday, August 4, 2026. Early voting starts July 25 and ends August 2 from 8am-4pm each day. All in-person voting is held at the Township Hall.

Q: What is the purpose of this proposal?

A: The proposed millage is dedicated solely to providing police protection services within Ira Township.

Q: Is this a new tax or a renewal?

A: This constitutes a new millage. It is not a renewal of an existing tax rate. The previous millage of 1.5 mills expired December 31, 2025.

Q: How much will this millage cost property owners?

A: The proposal asks for 2.5 mills, which equates to \$2.50 for every \$1,000 of your property's taxable value.

Cost Example (\$100,000 Taxable Home Value):

- **New Police Millage: \$250 per year**
- **Previous Expired Millage (1.5 mills): \$150 per year**
- **Net increase of \$100 per year.**

Q: How long will this millage last?

A: If approved, the millage will be levied for a period of six (6) years, running from 2026 through 2031.

Q: What will the official ballot language look like?

A: Voters will see the following text on their August ballot:

"For the purpose of providing police protection in Ira Township, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be levied on all taxable real and personal property in the Township of Ira, St. Clair County, Michigan be increased by 2.5 mills for each \$1.00 (\$2.50 per \$1,000.00) of the taxable value of such property, for a period of six (6) years (2026 through 2031 inclusive)? The estimated revenue to be collected in the first year of the millage is \$830,997. The proposed millage constitutes a new millage."