



## Canal View August 3, 2021 Millage Renewal

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. The millage request represents a reduction from 2.55310 to 2.25 mills which will be effective from 2022-2025.
2. The language on the ballot is dictated by the State of Michigan. This is why the first sentence reads that it is an increase when in actuality it is a decrease from the 2.55 voter approved millage that is set to expire in December 2021. The proposed decreased 2.25 millage, if approved, could possibly decrease the average homeowner property taxes for the years of 2022-2025.
3. This is the largest millage decrease in the history of the millage since 1966.
4. How does Canal View use the millage funding and how does it affect the community?
  - a. We are the only facility in the Cooper Country with a dedicated Dementia and Rehab Unit.
  - b. We use our funds to better the environment in which our residents reside.
  - c. We care for those who may not have the means to pay.
  - d. We care for those that have been declined at other facilities.
5. Canal View views itself as an extension of the community, reflecting both the community and individuals that it cares for.
6. We support our community outside of the facility as an employer with over 300 employees.
7. Canal View partners with the CCISD, providing recent High School graduates the opportunity to make a livable wage and remain within our community.

If you have a question that you would like answered, please email Jaye Kamm, [jkamm@houghtonmcf.com](mailto:jkamm@houghtonmcf.com). We will update the FAQ sheets weekly with new questions received throughout each week up to the August 3, 2021 vote.



**July 12, 2021 – emails with questions, answers in blue.**

Kelley asks:

I'm looking for some clarification on the special election for millage to fund Canal View.

If I vote **YES**, then the funding will be 2.25 mills which is down from the current 2.55 mills?

If I vote **NO**, what happens? Is there no funding provided at all or does it remain at 2.55 mills?

To answer your question, if you vote yes, then the funding will be 2.25 mills which is down from the current 2.55 mills. If you vote no, then we will not receive any funding from taxable revenues. It would not remain at 2.55 mills. It would be 0 mills.

Hans asks:

Is this what is called a Headlee reduction? No, we were not required to reduce our millage under the Headlee Amendment to reduce the millage.

If not why is the millage rate being reduced? We have seen a larger tax base over the last several years which contributed to the decision to ask for a reduction.

Is the size of the tax base now larger such that a lower millage will produce the same revenue? The lower millage produces a little less than the current revenue.

I read the half page ad in the DMG and went to your website and still cannot understand the reason less millage is being requested..... The Administration and Board is committed to using only what we need, all while maintaining excellent quality of care. Consideration was also given to the uncertainty that the last several years has brought and what the future challenges may lay ahead. We also still have several capital projects/upgrades that are needed which were not part of the remodel. Through astute financial analysis, we determined that we were able to responsibly request less millage overall understanding that there are many unknowns ahead of us.