



## PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE RENEWAL NOV. 8th

*Public Safety is a growing concern throughout our community and across the country. Crime is not just a police problem and fire safety is not just the firefighters problem; it is everyone's problem! It is extremely important to implement measures to ensure public security for our residents.*



### COMMUNITY FOCUSED

*Asking residents to continue supporting public safety through property taxes anytime, let alone during these challenging times, is difficult. However, with state revenue sharing cuts and decreased property tax revenue, we simply do not have the ability to maintain our public safety departments solely from the General Fund. As citizens of the City of Flint, we must decide what service levels we want. You are encouraged to attend one or more public forums. ([www.cityofflint.com](http://www.cityofflint.com))*



## Straight talk about the Public Safety Millage Proposal

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, voters will decide on a ballot proposal to renew the city's public safety millage in order to maintain funding for fire and police services. This proposal is a renewal of a 6-mill proposal approved by voters in 2012.

The Public Safety millage was approved to stabilize the city's public safety departments, which were being supported primarily by grants that were set to expire.

Due to decisions made by previous city officials including Emergency Managers, current city leaders are unable to speak with 100% certainty regarding the utilization of millage funds prior to accepting of appointment. However, we can ensure that as we move forward this administration will be accountable to the residents we serve and will work to do what's in their best interest.

The support for this millage is critical to the stability of our police and fire departments, and is needed to continue to provide the level of protection our citizens deserve.

This millage will assist in supporting our current firefighters, equip and train the 33 SAFER funded firefighters, support the approximately 50 police officers answering 911 calls, and enable the city to replace worn and dilapidated equipment for firefighters and police officers.

In renewing this millage, homeowners will continue to pay the **exact same amount** in property taxes as in the previous years. There will be **NO** increase in taxes paid. For homeowners in the City of Flint with a taxable value of \$35,000, the 6-mills equates to just under \$18 per month to support fire and police departments.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!** Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8th. Absentee ballot applications are available as at the City Clerk's Office, 1101 S. Saginaw Street. For questions on voter eligibility, contact the City Clerk's Office at (810) 766-7414, extension 24.



### The Ballot Question:

Shall Section 7-201(A) of the City of Flint be amended to renew the existing millage of 6 mils (\$6.00 per \$1,000.00) on the taxable valuation as final equalized, from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021, for the sole purpose of funding police and fire protection? It is estimated that six (6) mills would raise approximately \$3,503,464.00 in the first year of renewal.



*Vote Nov. 8, 2016 to Support our Flint Firefighters and Police Officers! "Fire Chief Barton and Police Chief Johnson are committed to serving the Flint community before, during, and after the emergency."*

*Mayor Karen*

