



Library Millage Renewal Fact Sheet

Overview

The City Commission has placed a request for renewal of a 0.5 mill property tax to be levied over 5 years to pay for library services on the November 5, 2019 ballot. This millage would renew the City's existing library millage and would allow the City to continue our contractual relationship with the Huntington Woods library.

Approval of the millage will not change the property tax millage rate that residents already pay. This ballot proposal would renew the existing library millage with no increase.

What Services are Provided by the Millage?

The City of Pleasant Ridge has a contract with Huntington Woods that allows PR residents to obtain a Huntington Woods library card and to use the Huntington Woods library.

Huntington Woods library is also a member of the Library Network, giving our residents reciprocal use privileges at all nearby libraries, including Ferndale, Royal Oak, Southfield, Oak Park, etc. This means that our residents can choose which library to use, even though Huntington Woods will continue to be our home library if the millage is renewed.

What Happens if the Millage is Not Renewed?

If the millage is not renewed, our contract with Huntington Woods will expire and Pleasant Ridge residents will no longer have access to Huntington Woods or any other library.

How Do Our Library Costs Compare?

Currently, Pleasant Ridge pays \$22 per capita for library services, while the average Oakland County community pays about \$42 per capita. This means that we pay about half as much as the average Oakland County community for library services on a per-person basis. This will continue to be the case if the library millage is renewed.