

**City of Hillsdale
May 7, 2019 Election**

**Fire Department and Public Safety Equipment, Vehicle, and
Capital Improvement Millage**

Below are answers to frequently asked questions.

Why is the millage to pay for equipment, vehicles, and capital improvements being requested?

The Hillsdale City Fire Department takes great pride in serving their community; the equipment required to protect our residents, buildings, and fire personnel are costly and some of said equipment and gear have expiration dates. Over the past two years we have had older equipment become unusable and solutions utilized to fund replacements include the lowering of staff levels, reallocating existing funds along with borrowing from other city funds.

A ten year plan has been developed outlining the equipment, vehicles and building improvements needed. The expected cost over the next ten years is approximately \$1,498,917 and the Hillsdale City Council through its Public Safety Committee has determined that a potential shortfall exists for funding that amount.

How many Mills are being requested?

The Ballot Proposal is to authorize the assessment of an additional 1 Mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value). Currently 1 Mill for the city equates to approximately \$127,000 per year or \$1,270,000 for ten years.

How much will 1 Mill cost me?

Home Value	Taxable Value	1 Mill (\$1 per \$1,000)
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50.00
\$75,000	\$37,500	\$37.50

Who will decide how and when these funds are spent?

The Public Safety Committee which is comprised of City Council members will review, approve, and recommend expenditures for equipment and building improvements to the full City Council.

When is the vote?

May 7, 2019. Please contact the Hillsdale City Clerk's Office regarding absentee ballots in person or by calling 517.437.6441.

Ten year equipment replacement needs for Fire and Police Department

Fire Dept.	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TOTAL
Equip	22,480	55,000		10,260	10,260	10,260		38,120	38,120		184,500
Motor Equip						600,000				400,000	1,000,000
Building	4,100								250,000		254,100
Total	26,580	55,000		10,260	10,260	610,260		38,120	288,120	400,000	1,438,600

Police Dept.	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TOTAL
Equip	25,000		5,317								30,317
Building				30,000							30,000
Total	25,000		5,317	30,000							60,317

TOTAL	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	TOTAL
	51,580	55,000	5,317	40,260	10,260	610,260		38,120	288,120	400,000	1,498,917

2019-20: pagers, washer, dryer, exterior steel doors, radios, tasers

2020-21: breathing air fill station

2021-22: firearms (handguns)

2022-23: turnout gear, building renovation

2023-24: turnout gear

2024-25: turnout gear, new engine/pumper

2025-26:

2026-27: self-contained breathing apparatus (scba bottles)

2027-28: self-contained breathing apparatus (scba bottles), building renovation

2028-29: ladder truck replacement