



**MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
BALLOT PROPOSALS  
NOVEMBER 5, 2019 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION  
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**CITY OF MUSKEGON**

**Proposed Amendment to Section 5 (Filling Positions) of  
Chapter XV (Civil Service) of Muskegon City Charter**

Section 5 of Chapter XV of the City of Muskegon Charter currently limits an appointing authority's selection of a new city employee to "the three persons standing highest on the eligible list". This proposal would allow the appointing authority to review all qualified applicants and select a new city employee from the list of qualified applicants. Shall Section 5 of Article XV of the City Charter be amended to authorize an appointing authority to select a new city employee from the list of all qualified applicants?

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**CITY OF WHITEHALL**

**Charter Amendment**

Shall the City of Whitehall Charter Sections 3.7, 4.1, and 4.12 be amended so that commencing with the November 2021 election, and every two years thereafter, city voters will elect the mayor at large for a two-year term and elect 3 council members to four-year terms (replacing the current provisions under which voters elect 4 council members every two years and the council selects the mayor from among its members for a two-year term)?

Explanatory Statement:

Per the City of Whitehall Charter, the Mayor is the executive officer of the City. Under the current Charter, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor at its first meeting following each regular City election. The proposed amendment would not alter the structure of the City government or the duties of the Mayor but would provide for the election of the Mayor by popular vote. If the proposed amendment is approved, the Mayor would be chosen by the electors, not selected by and among the City Council members.

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## **WHITE LAKE FIRE AUTHORITY**

### **Levy of Additional Millage of 1.65 Mills for 5 Years**

Shall the White Lake Fire Authority be authorized to collect an additional millage of up to 1.65 mills (\$1.65 per \$1,000 taxable value) per year for a period of five (5) years, to fund fire station construction, and for fire apparatus and equipment upgrading and replacement in order to provide fire protection and rescue services to the people and properties of Whitehall Township, Fruitland Township and the City of Whitehall with a total estimated amount of revenue of \$781,302.53 to be collected in the winter taxes, December 2019.

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## **GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Bonding Proposal**

Shall Grant Public Schools, Newaygo, Kent and Muskegon Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Seventeen Million Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$17,020,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school buildings; acquiring, installing, and equipping school buildings with instructional technology; and developing and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020, under current law, is 3.95 mills (\$3.95 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.85 mills (\$3.85 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt services on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$2,690,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$-0-. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

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## **KENT CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

### **Bonding Proposal**

Shall Kent City Community Schools, Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$21,900,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to school buildings, including for secure entrances; remodeling, equipping and re-equipping, and furnishing and refurbishing school buildings; acquiring, installing, and equipping or re-equipping school buildings for instruction technology; purchasing school buses; erecting and furnishing a new athletic storage building; and preparing, equipping, developing and improving playgrounds, play fields, athletic facilities and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020, under current law, is 0 mill (\$0.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.85 mills (\$3.85 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district expects to borrow from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program to pay debt services on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of that borrowing is \$187,906 and the estimated total interest to be paid thereon is \$4,375,558. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is sixteen (16) years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 8.25 mills. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$8,605,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is approximately \$7,949,247.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

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## **OAKRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Bonding Proposal**

Shall Oakridge Public Schools, Muskegon and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixteen Million One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,115,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to school buildings; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring, installing and equipping school buildings with instructional technology; and developing and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020, under current law, is 1.24 mills (\$1.24 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding,

exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.38 mills (\$3.38 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district expects to borrow from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of that borrowing is \$1,616,881 and the estimated total interest to be paid thereon is \$1,822,701. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 13 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 8.94 mills. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$11,340,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is approximately \$4,323,175.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

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