



# August 2, 2022 Primary Ballot

Ada Township Public Safety Millage

Fire/Police

1.4 Mills for 5 Years





On August 2, 2022, Ada residents will have the opportunity to vote on a public safety millage request, as the previous millage expired in December 2021. The proposed millage would provide funding for the operation of the Ada Township Fire Department and for the Kent County Sheriff Department's police protection in Ada Township.

The proposed 5-year millage, at a rate of 1.4 mills, would include a renewal of the previous 5-year millage at the rate of 0.9322 mills and an increase of 0.4678 mills. If approved, the millage would raise an estimated \$1,631,290 in the first year.



\*Cost to homeowner with taxable value of \$200,000  
(approx. \$400,000 home value) = \$280 per year

## What does this mean for Ada Township?

- Additional Personnel
  - One full-time fire fighter
  - Additional police coverage dedicated to Ada Township
- Equipment and Apparatus Purchase/Replacement
- Ongoing Firefighter Training and Medical Certification

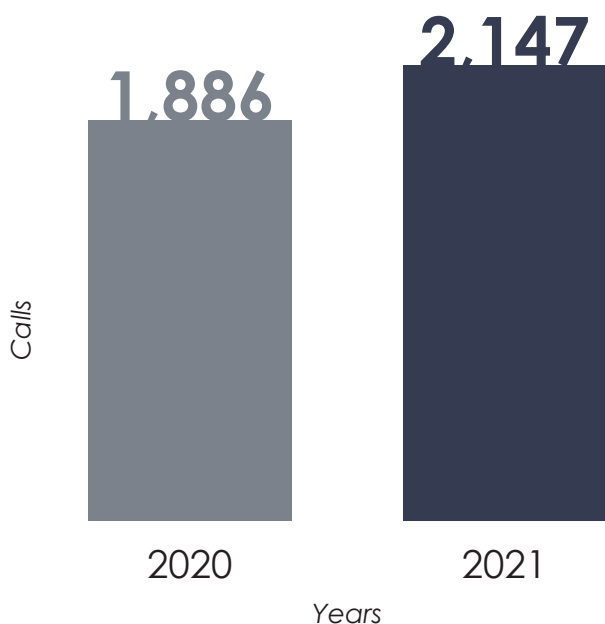
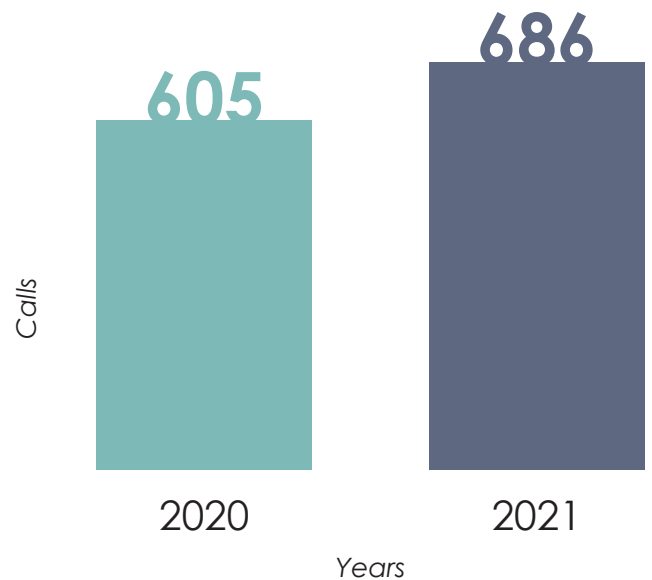
## Increased Demand for Services

The volume of service calls for both fire and police to serve Ada Township and its 15,000 residents has been on the rise.

### Ada Township Fire Department

13.4% increase in calls for service in the last year

Average number of service calls annually over 5 years – 640



### Kent County Sheriff Department – Ada Township

13.8% increase in calls for service in the last year

Average number of service calls annually over 5 years – 2,092



# Ada Township Fire Department

The millage would support staffing, ongoing training opportunities and the purchase of new equipment.

## Fire Staffing

- 24/7 coverage: one person at the station 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- Addition of one full-time firefighter for a total of 4 firefighters plus the fire chief

## Training

- All firefighters – full-time and on-call – to upgrade medical services to EMT levels (Currently our firefighters must hold a First Responder certification.)



## Equipment

- Replace one pumper truck in 2023
- Save funds – \$1.3 million – for the future replacement of two additional trucks nearing the end of their service life

## Kent County Sheriff Department – Ada Township

The millage would allow for additional staffing, greater police presence and more awareness programs.



### Police Staffing

- The millage would allow for additional coverage by the Kent County Sheriff's Department

### Education & Community Engagement

- More educational and safety awareness events and crime-prevention training
- Increased police presence and traffic control at community events like Beers at the Bridge and Tinsel, Treats & Trolleys
- Greater guidance in neighborhood/business watch programs





# MILLAGE RECAP: 1.4 Mills for 5 Years

The millage would raise an estimated \$1,631,290 in the first year.

- One additional full-time firefighter
- Additional coverage by the Kent County Sheriff's Department

- New firetruck and reserved funds for future firetruck and equipment replacement
- Advanced medical training for all firefighters



- Increased public safety presence and traffic control at community events
- Increased educational and safety awareness events and crime-prevention training

## Here's what you will see on the official August 2, 2022 primary ballot:

### **ADA TOWNSHIP POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE PROPOSAL - RENEWAL AND INCREASE FOR A TOTAL OF 1.4 MILLS**

Shall the expired previously voted increase in the tax rate limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Ada Township of 0.95 mills (\$0.95 per \$1,000 of taxable value), as reduced to 0.9322 mills (\$0.9322 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required rollbacks, be renewed and increased by 0.4678 mills (\$0.4678 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a total of 1.4 mills (\$1.40 per \$1,000 of taxable value) annually for five (5) years, 2022 through 2026, inclusive, to provide funds for police protection within the Township and for maintenance, equipment, and operation of the Township's Fire Department?

If approved and levied, this millage would raise an estimated \$1,631,290 in the first year of levy. All or a portion of the revenues from this millage will be disbursed to the Kent County Sheriff's Department for police services within Ada Township. To the extent required by law, a portion of the revenues from this millage will be captured within the district of and disbursed to the Ada Township Downtown Development Authority and the Ada Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions regarding the Public Safety Millage, contact Township Manager Julius Suchy: [jsuchy@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:jsuchy@adatownshipmi.com) or (616) 676-9191 x48

