

**To: Members of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners**  
**Cc: Staff and Public**  
**From: Andy LaBarre**  
**Re: 2017 Millage Language**  
**Date: 7/10/17**

At our June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting we discussed the millage and passed through Ways and Means the language listed as #1 below. At that meeting there was discussion about modifying the language to change the way it read, not its effect. Commissioner Deatrick and Clerk Kestenbaum produced the draft language labeled #2 below. Commissioner Deatrick sent it to Curt Hedger and me last Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Curt provided initial feedback on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. He provided additional feedback on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. I made a few edits to this version. I have shown my edits in #3. I have provided a clean copy in #4. I will offer number #4 on Wednesday.

**#4 Final Proposed Clean Draft (7/10/17):  
Washtenaw County Community Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage**

For the purposes of using the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Department to improve the treatment of people with mental health needs, provide increased financial support for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and for continued law enforcement services provided by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, and for local governments which have their own police force, shall the limitations on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against taxable property within Washtenaw County, Michigan, as provided for by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, be increased up to the amount of \$1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation (1.0 mills) for a period of ten years, 2018 through 2027 inclusive, which shall raise in the first year an estimated \$15,433,608.00 to be used as follows: 37% shall be allocated to Washtenaw County's Community Mental Health Department for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and to meet mental health needs in an appropriate setting, thus reducing the burden on the jail and improving care; 38% shall be allocated to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office to ensure continued operations and increased collaboration with the mental health community; and 25% shall be allocated to jurisdictions in the County which maintain their own police force as of August 2017 (Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Northfield Township) in proportion to their respective 2016 population values?

**#3**

## 7/10/17 Draft language edited by LaBarre

~~{County}~~ Washtenaw County Community Mental Health and Public Safety **Preservation**  
Millage

Note from Michelle: I put language in square brackets that I think we should omit if we can, and language in bold that I think we should consider adding to what Larry and I wrote.

For the purposes of **using the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Department** to improve ~~ing~~ the treatment ~~[by Washtenaw County agencies]~~ of people with mental health needs, ~~[and to provide increased financial support for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention]~~, **and for continued law enforcement services provided by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office**, and for local governments which have their own police **force**, shall the limitations on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against taxable property within Washtenaw County, Michigan, ~~[as provided for by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963,]~~ be increased up to the amount of \$1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation (1.0 mills) for a period of ten years, 2018 through 2027 inclusive, which shall raise in the first year an estimated \$15,433,608.00 to be used as follows: 37% ~~[of the total millage]~~ shall be allocated to Washtenaw County's Community Mental Health ~~Agency~~**Department** for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and to meet mental health needs in an appropriate setting, thus reducing the burden on the jail and improving care; 38% ~~[of the total millage]~~ shall be allocated to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's **Office** to ensure continued operations and increased collaboration with the mental health community; and 25% [of the total millage] shall be allocated to jurisdictions in the County which maintain their own police force **as of August 2017** ~~[(Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Northfield Township)]~~ **at a rate proportionate in proportion** to their respective **taxable 2016 population** values?

#2

### 6.22.17 Draft language co-written by LK and MD

[County] Community Mental Health and Public Safety Millage

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For the purpose of improving the treatment [by Washtenaw County agencies] of people with mental health needs [and to provide increased financial support for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention], for law enforcement, and for local governments which have their own police, shall the limitations on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against taxable property within Washtenaw County, Michigan, [as provided for by Section 6 of Article

IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963,] be increased up to the amount of \$1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation (1.0 mills) for a period of ten years, 2018 through 2027 inclusive, which shall raise in the first year an estimated \$15,433,608.00 to be used as follows: 37% [of the total millage] shall be allocated to Washtenaw County's community mental health agency for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and to meet mental health needs in an appropriate setting, thus reducing the burden on the jail and improving care; 38% [of the total millage] shall be allocated to the Washtenaw County Sheriff to ensure continued operations and increased collaboration with the mental health community; and 25% [of the total millage] shall be allocated to jurisdictions in the County which maintain their own police force **as of August 2017** [(Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Northfield Township)] at a rate proportionate to their respective taxable values?

**#1**

**Original language brought to the BOC by Chair LaBarre and passed by the BOC at the June 7<sup>th</sup> Ways and Means meeting**

[http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/boc/agenda/wm/year\\_2017/2017-06-07wm/20170607bd.pdf](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/boc/agenda/wm/year_2017/2017-06-07wm/20170607bd.pdf)

A PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE TAX LIMITATION WITHIN WASHTENAW BY ONE (1) MILL FOR TEN YEARS TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING FUNDING: (1) FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY'S COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, STABILIZATION AND PREVENTION EFFORTS; (2) FOR THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENSURE CONTINUED OPERATIONS AND GREATER COOPERATION WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY; AND (3) FOR THOSE LOCAL ENTITIES WITHIN WASHTENAW COUNTY WHICH MAINTAIN THEIR OWN POLICE FORCES.

Shall the limitations on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against taxable property within Washtenaw County, Michigan, as provided for by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, be increased up to the amount of \$1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation (1.0 mills) for a period of ten years, 2018 through 2027 inclusive, which shall raise in the first year an estimated \$15,433,608.00 which shall be used as follows: 37% of the total millage shall be allocated to the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Department (whether constituted as an agency or an authority) to be used for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention efforts and to prevent unnecessary incarceration of individuals with mental health needs; 38% of the total millage shall be allocated to the Washtenaw County Sheriff to ensure continued operations and greater cooperation with the mental health community; and 25% of the total millage shall be allocated to those jurisdictions within the County which maintain their own police force (Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township and Northfield Township) at a rate proportionate to their respective taxable values?