

City of Brighton



200 N. 1st Street, Brighton, MI 48116

Dear Residents of the City of Brighton,

It has been my honor to serve the community for the past twenty years. During that time, I have served as a Patrol Officer, SWAT Team Member, Brighton High School Resource Officer, Police Sergeant, and for the last year it has been my pleasure to serve as your Chief of Police. On behalf of the men and women of the Brighton City Police Department I would like to express our gratitude for your support of our department needs over the past ten years through the public safety millage. This millage has expired and was last levied in July of this year. We are seeking a voter approved renewal with an increase of 0.1326 mills to keep up with inflation while continuing to equip our officers with the most up to date facilities, equipment, and technology to be used in assisting our policing and investigative efforts.

Again, thank you for your support, it is our honor to serve you and the community.

Sincerely,

Brent Pirochta
Chief of Police



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For More Information

Please visit the City of Brighton website:
brightoncity.org/elections2023 or scan the
QR code to be directed to the Elections 2023
web page.



Did you know?

The Brighton Police Department has 17 sworn officers, 2 reserve officers, and 2 civilian employees.

Officers responded to 27,745 calls for service in 2022, including 4,737 for pro-active subdivision patrols, and 1,758 for building/vacation checks of residences and commercial buildings.

November 7, 2023 Public Safety Millage



Ballot Language

Shall the City of Brighton, be authorized to levy a new millage of 0.5 mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of 10 years, beginning 2024 through 2033, inclusive, for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining public safety equipment, which may include patrol vehicles, body armor, weapons, and law enforcement related technology as well as the maintenance of the Police Department building? This millage represents a partial restoration of the previously voter-approved Charter millage of 20 mills which has been reduced to 17.5609 mills by the Headlee Amendment pursuant to MCL 211.34, and, after the expiration of the current police equipment millage of 0.3674 mills in 2023, will be a net increase of 0.1326 mills over the current 17.5609 mills levied by the City. The proposal would generate approximately \$280,000 when first levied in July 2024.

What does this mean for the taxpayer?

- The average taxable value of a home in the City of Brighton is \$100,000.
- The current police millage rate of .3674 mills costs the average homeowner \$36.75 annually and is set to expire in 2023.
- If passed, the proposed Headlee override of .50 mills, would cost the average homeowner \$50 annually.
- The net annual increase to the average homeowners if the .50 mills passes would be \$13.26 or \$1.10 a month.



What will approval of this millage provide?

- Replacement and/or upgrades of essential equipment that is reaching the end of its useful life.
- New equipment and technology to continue to ensure the safety and well-being of our community and officers.
- Maintenance of the Police Department building as needed.

Examples of purchases provided by the recently expired millage.

- Camera system for downtown
- Patrol vehicles
- Body armor/vests for officers
- Weapon systems
- Training equipment
- Automated External Defibrillators (AED)
- First aid equipment
- De-escalation tools (TASERS)
- Police radios
- In-car cameras
- Uniforms
- Generator
- Speed trailers and signs
- Drone
- Servers for data storage
- Investigative software tools
- Evidence processing equipment
- Vital equipment for our School Resource Officer

How Much Will This Cost Me?

Look at your most recent tax bill for the taxable value (TV) and plug that number into this formula.

Formula	$TV \div 1,000 \times .50$ (millage rate)
Example for a TV of 100,000	Step 1 $100,000 \div 1,000 = 100$ Step 2 $100 \times .50 = 50$