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2026 Non-Homestead Operating Millage Replacement

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Is this a new tax?

No, this is not a new tax. Northville Public Schools residents approved the same request in May 2021. Because the previously approved millage is expiring next year, the district is placing a ballot question for a 10 year replacement at the August 4, 2026 election.

What will the millage replacement cost homeowners?

Nothing! There is no additional cost to homeowners. The 18 mills Non-Homestead Replacement only applies to industrial and commercial properties, local businesses, and secondary residences.

What does "Non-Homestead" mean?

Non-homestead properties include homes that are not a family's primary residence (vacation homes, for example), local businesses, and industrial, commercial, rental, and some agricultural properties.

What if the millage is not approved?

The State of Michigan assumes all school districts collect the Non-Homestead millage of 18 mills, which is deducted from the per-pupil state allowance it provides to each district. If the millage replacement is not approved, the state will NOT make up the difference, meaning the district will lose $1,662 per student in the Northville Public Schools, amounting to approximately $11.7 million of operating revenue lost.

How does Northville Public Schools use the money provided by the millage?

The Non-Homestead millage comprises approximately $11.7 million, or 11.3 percent (%), of Northville Public Schools' operating revenue. The millage allows the district to collect the full per-pupil funding for operating revenues, amounting to approximately $1,662 per student. These funds are used to pay for staffing, purchase textbooks and classroom supplies, and operate the district's school buildings.

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Will my property taxes go up if this passes?

No. This is a replacement of an existing millage rate. It will not create any new or added taxes for local homeowners or businesses.

I am a homeowner. Does this tax apply to my primary residence?

No. Under Michigan law, primary residences (the home you live in) are entirely exempt from this operating millage. It only applies to non-homestead properties, such as local businesses, commercial buildings, and rental properties.

Will this increase taxes on Non-Homestead properties?

No, the ballot proposal replaces an existing tax rather than adding a new one. Owners of non-homestead properties will continue to pay the same 18 millage rate that they are currently paying.

When will the election take place?

The election will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters may cast their votes in the same precinct where they vote during the general election or through absentee ballots. Please contact the Wayne County Clerk's office for a complete list of voting precincts.

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