

City of Frankenmuth

Michigan's Little Bavaria

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Dear City of Frankenmuth Property Owner:

The City of Frankenmuth is proposing a change in its tax structure. It will **NOT** affect the amount of City taxes that you pay. The City proposes establishing a Public Safety Special Assessment District. This district would cover the entire City to assist in funding police and fire services (Public Safety). The 2024-2025 projected budget for public safety is approximately \$2.1 million. The City's General Fund pays for all but \$270,000. Historically, the only option for the City to raise funds to pay for General Fund services, including public safety, is to increase the general millage. Currently, the City's general millage is 9.75 mills.

In Frankenmuth, the City is limited to the amount of general tax revenue that it can collect from the Downtown area under our current taxing structure. Shifting to a public safety Special Assessment District allows the City to see **increased revenue** from the downtown district **without increasing taxes**.

The City is proposing the following:

- A Special Assessment District levy of 5.0 mills to provide for public safety
- A reduction in the general millage from 9.75 mills to 4.75 mills

There will be no increase in the dollars you pay in city taxes. Using a Public Safety Special Assessment District will allow more overall tax dollars to be directed to the City. The proposed reduction in the City's general millage would be seen on your July 2024 property tax bill. The Special Assessment Public Safety millage would appear on your December 2024 property tax bill.

The enclosed notice describes the details of a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 6. This is the first in a series of meetings that will address the proposed Special Assessment District. You will also receive an additional public hearing notice regarding a second hearing in April. You are welcome and encouraged to attend both.

The City will also offer informal opportunities to ask questions about the Special Assessment District, police and fire funding, and other related questions. The meetings are scheduled on Tuesday, January 30, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm and on Monday, February 5, from noon until 4 pm at the City Township Government Center, 240 West Genesee. The meetings are an open-house format, so feel free to stop in anytime to review additional information and ask questions.

Sincerely,



Mary Anne Ackerman
City of Frankenmuth Mayor

The City collects 9.75 mills on your summer tax bill.

This is a millage rate, which is the rate at which property taxes are levied on property. Property taxes are computed by multiplying the property's taxable value by the number of mills levied, where a mill is 1/1000 of a dollar.

Example: Existing Tax Bill

Taxable Value: \$ 150,000			Residential-Improved Class: 401 PRE/MBT %: 100		
Summer			Winter		
Description	Millage	Amount	Description	Millage	Amount
County Operating	4.84850	\$ 727.28	Event Center	0.44930	\$ 67.40
State Education	6.00000	\$ 900.00	Hospital Debt	0.41100	\$ 61.65
Delta College	2.04270	\$ 306.41	Mosquito Control	1.00000	\$ 150.00
Int Sch Sag	0.14520	\$ 21.78	Castle Museum	0.19940	\$ 29.91
Spec Ed Sag ISD	3.50000	\$ 525.00	County Parks	0.29370	\$ 44.06
CTE Sag ISD	0.00000	\$ 0.00	Senior Citizens	0.58910	\$ 88.37
Local Operating	9.75000	\$ 1,462.50	Animal Control	0.42430	\$ 63.65
Total Tax	27.28500	\$ 4,092.75	Sheriff Service	1.74730	\$ 262.10
Admin Fee		\$ 40.93	Children's Zoo	0.19970	\$ 29.96
Total Amount Due		\$ 4,133.68	911 Authority	0.27950	\$ 41.93
			Health Dept	0.47920	\$ 71.88
			School OPR Frank	18.00000	EXEMPT
			School DBT Frank	2.08000	\$ 312.00
			Sinkg FND Frank	1.99640	\$ 299.46
			Library	0.84730	\$ 127.10
			Total Tax	28.99620	\$ 1,649.43
			Admin Fee		\$ 16.49
			Total Amount Due		\$ 1,665.92

Summer + Winter	
Total Tax	56.28120
Total Amount	\$ 5,799.60

If the Public Safety Special Assessment were approved, the City would collect 4.75 mills in the summer and 5.0 mills for public safety in the winter.

Example: Special Assessment

Taxable Value: \$ 150,000			Residential-Improved Class: 401 PRE/MBT %: 100		
Summer			Winter		
Description	Millage	Amount	Description	Millage	Amount
County Operating	4.84850	\$ 727.28	Event Center	0.44930	\$ 67.40
State Education	6.00000	\$ 900.00	Hospital Debt	0.41100	\$ 61.65
Delta College	2.04270	\$ 306.41	Mosquito Control	1.00000	\$ 150.00
Int Sch Sag	0.14520	\$ 21.78	Castle Museum	0.19940	\$ 29.91
Spec Ed Sag ISD	3.50000	\$ 525.00	County Parks	0.29370	\$ 44.06
CTE Sag ISD	0.00000	\$ 0.00	Senior Citizens	0.58910	\$ 88.37
Local Operating	4.75000	\$ 712.50	Animal Control	0.42430	\$ 63.65
Total Tax	22.28500	\$ 3,342.75	Sheriff Service	1.74730	\$ 262.10
Admin Fee		\$ 33.43	Children's Zoo	0.19970	\$ 29.96
Total Amount Due		\$ 3,376.18	911 Authority	0.27950	\$ 41.93
			Health Dept	0.47920	\$ 71.88
			School OPR Frank	18.00000	EXEMPT
			School DBT Frank	2.08000	\$ 312.00
			Sinkg FND Frank	1.99640	\$ 299.46
			Public Safety SA	5.00000	\$ 750.00
			Total Tax	33.99620	\$ 2,399.43
			Admin Fee		\$ 23.99
			Total Amount Due		\$ 2,423.42

Summer + Winter	
Total Tax	56.28120
Total Amount	\$ 5,799.60



Additional information is available at frankenmuthcity.com

CITY OF FRANKENMUTH
(Saginaw County, Michigan)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION COSTS AND EXPENSES AND PROPOSED CITY OF FRANKENMUTH POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Frankenmuth, Saginaw County, Michigan intends to proceed pursuant to Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended, (the “Act”) to create the Frankenmuth Police and Fire Protection Special Assessment District (the “Special Assessment District”) and defray the cost of the City’s police and fire protection (“Police and Fire Protection”), including police and fire motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations and maintenance of the City’s police and fire departments by special assessment on the lands and premises within the boundaries of the Special Assessment District to be benefited (except for lands and premises exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act).

The City Council has resolved its intention to proceed pursuant to the Act to provide Police and Fire Protection in the boundaries of the Special Assessment District. The City Council has tentatively determined that a portion of the cost of the Police and Fire Protection for the next fiscal year shall be specially assessed against each of the lots and parcels of land located in the proposed Special Assessment District. The proposed Special Assessment District shall be comprised of all lots and parcels of property located within the boundaries of the City of Frankenmuth, Saginaw County, Michigan.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

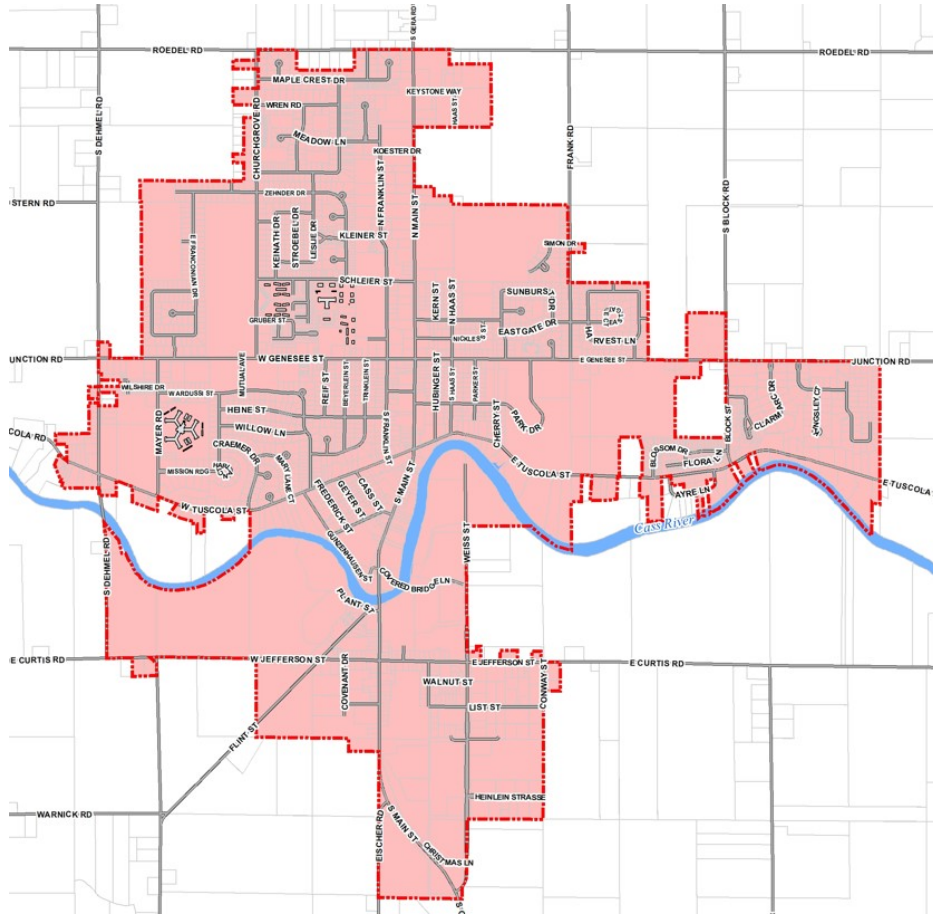
TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of Frankenmuth will hold a public hearing on **February 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Township Government Center located at 240 W. Genesee St., Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734 to hear and consider comments and objections to the estimate of cost, the creation of a special assessment district, the Special Assessment District tentatively designated, and defraying the expenses of the Special Assessment District on the property to be especially benefited, except property exempt from the collection of taxes, and all other matters relating to the creation of the proposed Special Assessment District.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the tentative Special Assessment District shall consist of all lots and parcels of land with the City of Frankenmuth, County of Saginaw, Michigan (except for lands and premises exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act)

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that there is a right of referendum available to property owners under the Act on the question of defraying the expenses of Police and Fire Protection by special assessment should sufficient petitions be filed with the City Council.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the estimates of cost for the Police and Fire Protection are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

TAKE NOTICE THAT AFTER THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT THE CITY WILL ANNUALLY DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED FOR POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND MAY ASSESS ALL OF THIS COST IN FUTURE YEARS. AS SUCH, PERIODIC REDETERMINATIONS OF COSTS AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED TO DEFRAY SUCH COSTS MAY BE MADE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO RECORD PROPERTY OWNERS OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY.



SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that on a later date, and with Notice as provided by law, there will be a second public hearing specifically regarding the assessment roll and the assessments against each parcel in the Special Assessment District and that an owner or other person having an interest in the real property must file an appearance and protest either in person or by letter of protest at the public hearing on the assessment roll in order to appeal the amount of their assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. The City will maintain a record of parties that appear to protect at the hearing. A property owner of record or a party having an interest in the property must appear either in person or by letter of protest at the second public hearing in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the roll.

This notice was authorized by the City Council of the City of Frankenmuth.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Dated: January 18, 2024

Kamryn Hoadley, Clerk, City of Frankenmuth