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City of Kentwood Will Host Community Forum for Police and Fire Millage Increase Proposal

Kentwood, Michigan, April 24, 2024 – The City of Kentwood will host a community forum for the upcoming police and fire millage increase ballot proposal on Monday, April 29.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. at the Kentwood Police Department’s training room at 4742 Walma Ave. SE. It will provide residents with an opportunity to learn more about the May 7 ballot proposal and get their questions about it answered. The session will be led by Kentwood Police Chief Bryan Litwin and Kentwood Fire Chief Brent Looman.

“We are looking forward to engaging with residents and discussing the millage increase proposal,” Police Chief Bryan Litwin. “This forum is intended to be an open discussion where community members can get more information about the ballot proposal, ask questions and share their thoughts on it.”

Voters will consider a permanent millage increase proposal of 1.95 mills that, if approved, would provide critical support for police and fire services. It would enable Kentwood’s Police and Fire departments to hire additional staff members and maintain response times to meet the community’s growing need for police, fire and medical services.

As the city of Kentwood has continued to grow, the demand for police and fire services has also risen. Since 2010, Kentwood’s population has grown by 11.5%, rising from 48,707 residents in 2010 to 54,303 residents in 2020.

“In line with our ongoing commitment to serving our residents, we see this community forum as another way to support them,” Fire Chief Brent Looman said. “We want to continue to be transparent and further educate Kentwood voters on the proposed millage increase.”

More information about the proposed police and fire millage increase is available at kentwood.us/PoliceFireMillage.

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