

## Millage Overview

### *What is a millage rate?*

A millage rate is levied on the taxable value of a property (the taxable value of a property is, by mandate of the Michigan Constitution, one half of the fair market value of a property). A mill can be defined as \$1 in tax for each \$1,000 in taxable value. For example, if the fair market value of your home is \$150,000, one mill would cost you \$75 each year.

You can submit a request to place property tax millage increases on a ballot for voter consideration. The process is outlined below.

### *Millage Request Process*

- Application
  - Submit the necessary information to your county's Board of Commissioners to request that your millage question be considered for placement on a ballot
  - In Kent County, applications must be submitted at least 180 days before the proposed election date.
  - In Kent County, applications are referred to the Millage Subcommittee which reviews the request and submits a report to the appropriate standing committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Commissioners
  - If approved, your millage question is then submitted to the county clerk to be placed on the ballot
- Forming and registering a committee
  - A [Statement of Organization](#) must be filed with the county clerk after receiving or spending \$500 in a calendar year on influencing voters to pass or defeat a ballot question
  - You must select a treasurer and committee depository
- Report campaign finance activity
  - Campaign Statements are used to disclose campaign finance activity.
  - A Reporting Waiver can be filed if a committee does not spend or receive more than \$1,000.