

# **ELECTION INFORMATION NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTIONS**

## **CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY GENERAL ELECTION**

## **FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL ELECTION**

### **NOTICE TO VOTERS: VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN EFFECT**

Every Michigan voter who offers to vote in the polls must comply with the requirement by showing picture identification or signing an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification. (See MCL 168.523 for picture identification requirement)

### **CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY VOTERS THREE OPTIONS FOR VOTING ARE AVAILABLE:**

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Contact your local clerk and request an absentee ballot for a particular election or get on the permanent ballot list and a ballot will be mailed to you for every election.

#### **EARLY VOTING**

The following early voting site for City of Traverse City voters will be open 9 days prior to election day.

**EARLY VOTING LOCATION FOR CITY VOTERS**  
Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Ave., Traverse City, MI  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m

**Saturday, October 25,  
2025 Through  
Sunday, November 2, 2025**

#### **ELECTION DAY POLLING PRECINCTS**

Election day polling precincts are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. November 4, 2025.

**CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY**  
Precinct #1 Fire Station, 500 W. Front St., T.C.  
Precinct #3 Carnegie Building, 322 Sixth St., T.C.  
Precinct #4 Orchard View, 10200 E. Carter Centre (Leelanau County)  
Precinct #7 Traverse Area District Library, 610 Woodmere T.C.  
Precinct #8 Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Ave., T.C.  
Precinct #9 Timothy J Nelson Innovation Center,  
Northwestern Michigan College, 1705 E. Front St., T.C.  
Precinct #10 Carnegie Building, 322 Sixth St., T.C.

#### **CITY CANDIDATES**

On November 4, 2025, an election will be held for the purposes of electing candidates for the City of Traverse City for the following offices listed below. To obtain a list of the candidates, go to the County Clerk's election website at [www.gtcounitymi.gov/256](http://www.gtcounitymi.gov/256).

## **NONPARTISAN OFFICES**

Mayor  
City Commissioner

### **PROPOSALS**

On November 4, 2025, the following proposals will appear on the ballot for City of Traverse City voters.

#### **PROPOSAL 1**

Shall the Charter of the City of Traverse City, Section 129, which currently provides that the principal of the Brown Bridge Trust Fund may only be used upon approval of the voters, be amended to allow the City Commission for a period of five years to place \$3,000,000.00 of Brown Bridge Trust Fund principal in a separate trust fund for City park capital improvements and/or improvements that increase accessibility to City parkland, and any of the three million dollars not contractually committed to a project within five years, shall be returned to the Brown Bridge Trust Fund?

#### **PROPOSAL 2**

Shall the Charter of the City of Traverse City, Section 129, which currently provides that the principal of the Brown Bridge Trust Fund may only be used upon approval of the voters, be amended to provide that upon recommendation of the City Treasurer, the City Commission may place any amount of the principal in the Brown Bridge Trust Fund up to a cumulative total of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a separate revolving loan fund to be used only for interfund loans to other City funds within the budget of the City of Traverse City?

#### **PROPOSAL 3**

Shall the Charter of the City of Traverse City be amended to require an ethics ordinance which shall apply to all elected and appointed officers, employees and volunteers of the City of Traverse City?

## **FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP VOTERS TWO OPTIONS FOR VOTING ARE AVAILABLE:**

### **ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Contact your local clerk and request an absentee ballot for a particular election or get on the permanent ballot list and a ballot will be mailed to you for every election.

### **ELECTION DAY POLLING PRECINCTS**

Election day polling precincts are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. November 4, 2025.

#### **FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP**

Precinct #1, Twp Hall, 134 Morgan St., Fife Lake

### **PROPOSALS**

On November 4, 2025, the following proposals will appear on the ballot for Fife Lake Township voters.

#### **FIRE EQUIPMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the expired previously voted increase in the tax rate limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Fife Lake Township of 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.9486 mills (\$0.9486 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required rollbacks, be renewed and increased up to the original voted 1.000 mills (\$1.0000 per \$1,000 of taxable value), and shall Fife Lake Township levy such millage annually for Five (5) years, 2026 through 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds to purchase firefighting equipment and other capital improvements for fire protection services, thereby raising an estimated \$86,181 in the first year of the levy?

#### **AMBULANCE MILLAGE REPLACEMENT**

Shall the Township of Fife Lake, County of Grand Traverse, Michigan impose a new additional millage on taxable property of up to 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 3 (three) years, 2026 through 2028, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operations and capital expenses for an ambulance service for the Township of Fife Lake?

If approved, the new millage shall be levied in lieu of and to replace the previously voted millage of 1.3 mills, which will expire in December 2025, for the purpose of providing funds for an ambulance service which, after the required rollback, last resulted in a levy of 1.2176 mills. It is estimated this new additional millage will raise approximately \$129,721 in its first year if approved and levied.

All or a portion of the millage revenues from this levy may be disbursed to the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center for Ambulance Services.

### **GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the expired previously voted increase in the tax rate limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Fife Lake Township of 0.1715 mills (\$0.1715 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.1564 mills (\$0.1564 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required rollbacks, be renewed and increased up to the original voted .1715 mills (\$0.1715 per \$1,000 of taxable value), and shall Fife Lake Township levy such millage annually for Five (5) years, 2026 through 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for paying the township's general operating expense, thereby raising an estimated \$14,780 in the first year of the levy?

### **FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE REPLACEMENT**

Shall the Township of Fife Lake, County of Grand Traverse, Michigan impose a new additional millage on taxable property of up to 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 3 (three) years, 2026 through 2028, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operations and capital expenses for fire protection for the Township of Fife Lake?

If approved, the new millage shall be levied in lieu of and to replace the previously voted millage of 1.2 mills, which will expire in December 2025, to provide funds for operations and capital expenses for fire protection which, after the required rollback, last resulted in a levy of 1.1239 mills. It is estimated this new additional millage will raise approximately \$129,721 in its first year if approved and levied.

All or a portion of the millage revenues from this levy may be disbursed to the Fife Lake Area Emergency Services Authority.

### **POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the expired previously voted increase in the tax rate limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Fife Lake Township of 1.7500 mills (\$1.750 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.7098 mills (\$1.7098 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required rollbacks, be renewed and increased up to the original voted 1.7500 mills (\$1.7500 per \$1,000 of taxable value), and shall Fife Lake Township levy such millage annually for Five (5) years, 2026 through 2030, inclusive, providing funding for police and emergency response services, including operating and capital expense, thereby raising an estimated \$150,817 in the first year of the levy?

All or a portion of the millage revenues from this levy may be disbursed to the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office for police and emergency response services.

### **PROPOSAL TO RESTORE THE COUNTYWIDE VOTED ALLOCATED MILLAGE AND OFFSET THE REDUCTION UNDER THE HEADLEE ROLLBACK**

Shall the previous voted fixed millage rate authorized at 1.000 mills which has been reduced to 0.7562 mills due to the required Headlee Reduction be increased by up to 1.000 mills for levy on taxable value (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value on real and tangible personal property) within Fife Lake Township, Grand Traverse County, inclusive, for township operating purposes; thereby raising an estimated \$86,181 in the first year of the levy?

**If you have a disability requiring any special assistance, please notify the County Clerk immediately at 922-4760. All polling locations are handicap accessible and voting instructions are also available in audio and Braille.**

**Bonnie Scheele**  
**Grand Traverse County Clerk**