

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Special Election
Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Kent County, Michigan
City of East Grand Rapids, Ward 1, Precinct 1

STATE

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
 - Increase sales / use tax rates to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
 - Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
 - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
 - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES
NO

CITY

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS
DEDICATED MILLAGE
FOR MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION
OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

The City of East Grand Rapids Charter authorizes the City to levy up to 20 mills for general municipal purposes. Due to required millage rollbacks the City currently levies 13.3119 mills. Shall a partial "Headlee Override" be adopted so the current limitation on the amount of City taxes that may be levied against all taxable property in the City of East Grand Rapids be increased by up to 2.0 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all real and personal property in the City) for a period of not to exceed ten (10) years beginning July 1, 2015, to be used exclusively for the improvement, repair, maintenance and construction of public roads, streets, sidewalks, storm drains and right-of-ways within the City of East Grand Rapids; provided however, that if the State of Michigan tax proposal (Proposal #1 on this ballot) passes, the City will be authorized to levy only 1.23 mill (\$1.23 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all real and personal property in the City) for said purpose and duration?

If approved and levied in its entirety, the 2.0 mill increase would raise the sum of approximately \$1,170,000.00 in 2015.

YES
NO