

EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

BALLOT PROPOSAL

BACKGROUND

The City of Traverse City engaged the services of TriData to study and prepare a report that would assist the City in determining if it is fiscally and operationally feasible for the City to provide primary first response Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport. In 2023, the City Commission adopted a resolution to establish a ballot proposal at the November 7, 2023, election to ask the electorate to restore up to 1 mill for the purpose of fire department emergency transportation services and facilities.

CURRENT SERVICES & TCFD

The City of Traverse City currently contracts with a third party to provide emergency transportation services. The response time performance standard for the Contractor as listed in the current agreement is "to meet or exceed response time standard of 9 minutes or less 90% of the time as calculated on a two (2) month (bi-monthly) basis for emergency calls within the City. For the months of January 2023 - May 2023, the Contractor did not meet the requirement of 9 minutes or less 90% of the time.

Traverse City Firefighters are EMTs and Paramedics. Both TCFD and the current Contractor currently respond to all emergency medical calls. However, the Contractor provides transport. If approved, the ballot proposal will provide funding to allow TCFD to provide transport services, by restoring up to a 1 mill tax levy.

The revenue provided would support the proposed staffing model of nine additional personnel, one captain, the purchase of additional equipment, and two new ambulances. The approval of this ballot proposal will not provide sufficient funding for a new fire station.

COST PER \$100,000 IN TAXABLE VALUE*

Principal Residence Exemption (PRE/Homestead)

\$100 per \$100,000 in Taxable Value Annually = \$8.33 per month

Average Taxable Value in the City \$128,500 (residential) = \$10.71 per month

*An increase in TCFD staffing will result in an additional increase in the PA 345 millage.



ABOUT BALLOT PROPOSAL

The proposal will be on the November 7, 2023 ballot.

BALLOT QUESTION: The ballot question will ask the electorate to restore up to 1 mill for the purpose of fire department emergency transportation services and facilities.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS CURRENTLY PROVIDING EMERGENCY TRANSPORT SERVICES

- Blair Township: October 1997
- Green Lake Township: January 2018
- Peninsula Township: September 2018
- East Bay Township: May 2019
- Long Lake Township: December 2021