

## Winter Tax Statement Explanation

**The following is an explanation of each millage that comprises your winter tax statement.**

**SEWER DEBT:** (Sewer Debt) – ACO Sewer debt. This millage is a debt of the City's.

**SCH OPER:** (School Operating) – This millage is another component of Proposal A of 1994. Under the proposal, a school district can levy 18 mills for school operating purposes. An exempt PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE (aka Homesteaded) property is not subject to the levy of school operating millage. For the majority of Trenton taxpayers, this line item will show "EXEMPT" instead of an amount as your property is your Principal Residence and it is exempt from this tax. Businesses, rental properties and people owning multiple properties will pay the school operating millage. This millage is distributed directly to the school district.

**SCH HH:** (School Hold Harmless) – This millage is a voter approved additional school millage levied on all taxable value property, excluding Renaissance Zone property. It allows the Trenton Public School District to receive its prescribed foundation allowance. This millage is distributed directly to the school district.

**SCH DEBT & SCHOOL DEBT:** (School Debt) – Special elections are held to enable schools to levy millage for such things as school construction or renovation. Please contact your school district for more detailed information on their debt millage. This millage is distributed directly to the school district. **\*\*The new line item for 1.99 mills just passed during the May 2018 election\*\***

**COUNTY OPER:** (County Operating) – This millage represents an extra voted operating millage of approximately one mill. This millage is distributed directly to Wayne County.

**JAIL:** (Wayne County Jail) – In 2011 voters approved a millage that allowed Wayne County to levy millage for jail operations. This millage does require approval periodically and is distributed directly to Wayne County.

**W C Parks:** (Wayne County Parks) – In 2010 voters renewed this millage to improve and operate Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park, and Fort Wayne Park. This millage requires periodic approval by voters. It is distributed directly to Wayne County.

**HCMA:** (Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority) – In 1939 voters approved allowing the Metroparks to levy millage for capital development and operations. This is a permanent millage and is distributed directly to Wayne County.

**RESA:** (Regional Educational Service Agency – Intermediate School District) – This millage is comprised of two parts: RESA Operations and County voted Special Education. These are permanent millages. Additionally, an enhancement millage went before the voters in 2017 and passed a two mill increase, which will expire in 2021. These millages are distributed directly to Wayne County.

**WCCC:** (Wayne County Community College) – This tax is for WCCC operations. One mill is a permanent millage, 1.25 additional mills were approved by voters in 2008 to expire in 2021, and in 2012 voters approved another 1 mill increase for 10 years. This millage is distributed directly to Wayne County.

**WCTA:** (Wayne County Transit Authority) – Our community opts-in to the Transit Authority/SMART Bus levy, which is set to expire in 2021. This millage is distributed directly to Wayne County.

**ZOO AUTHORITY:** (Wayne County Zoological Authority) – The zoo tax was approved by voters in 2008 for 10 years, and it supports operations and services for the Detroit Zoo benefiting the residents of the tri-county area. This millage is distributed directly to Wayne County.

**DIA AUTHORITY:** (Detroit Institute of Arts Authority) – In August of 2012, voters in the tri-county area approved this millage to support operations of the DIA. This millage is approved through 2022 and is distributed directly to Wayne County.

**ADMIN FEE:** (Administration Fee) – This 1% administration fee is used to defray the costs of property assessments, defending the roll, levying, collecting and distributing property taxes for other taxing entities. This is allowed by section 211.44 of the General Property Tax Act. The 1% fee is charged against all millages.