

## **CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 1**

### Amendment to the City of Houghton Charter

It is proposed that the City of Houghton Charter be amended to change all gender specific terminology to gender neutral terms, making it clear that the Charter applies equally to all persons regardless of gender.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

## **CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 2**

### Amendment to the City of Houghton Charter Section 2.9 Conflict of Interest

It is proposed that this section be amended to (1) prohibit private gain by public officials and employees, specify events that create a potential conflict of interest, require officials and employees to notify the clerk of potential conflicts of interest, and prohibit officials or employees from participating in or voting or acting upon any potential conflict (excepting employment agreements and any action where a public official or employee receives a benefit as a member of the public); and (2) require the city council to create a conflict of interest ordinance.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

### **CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 3**

#### Amendment to the City of Houghton Charter Section 2.6 Filling Vacancies

It is proposed that this section be amended to change the appointment period from 30 to 60 days for the city council to fill a vacancy in the office of a city council member, but if a vacancy is not filled within 60 days, to require that the election authorities call a special election to fill the vacancy at the next regular state election date; while permitting vacancies occurring within 90 days of the next regular city election to be filled at that election.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

## **CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 4**

### Amendment to the City of Houghton Charter Section 3.2 Biennial and Special Elections

It is proposed that this section be amended to remove the requirement for concurrence by the county elections scheduling committee for special elections, the requirement that a special election be called at least 45 days in advance of the election, and to allow for special elections to be held when called by resolution of the city council in accordance with state authorized elections dates.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

### **Renewal of Fire Protection Millage**

Shall the Village of Copper City be authorized to renew the previously approved levy of a millage not to exceed .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), against all taxable property within the Village, from Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of providing fire protection to Village residents, in accordance with the Fire Protection Agreement with the Village of Ahmeek?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1074.84 in the first year of the levy based on the taxable value.

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Hancock Public Schools, Houghton County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

remodeling, including security improvements to, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; erecting a school support building; and developing and improving athletic fields and facilities and a site?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2026 is 2.13 mills (\$2.13 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.71 mills (\$2.71 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$8,620,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:**

**HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL  
FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF  
NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000,000**

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Hancock Public Schools, 501 Campus Drive, Hancock, Michigan 49930-1573, telephone: (906) 487-5925.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.**

## EXHIBIT A

### HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2025 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 17.1103 mills (\$17.1103 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Houghton-Portage Township School District, Houghton County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2026 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2026 is approximately \$2,500,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2025 tax levy)?

## EXHIBIT B

### SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE

#### NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE  
RENEWAL PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY  
EXEMPTED BY LAW 17.1103 MILLS FOR 5 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Houghton-Portage Township School District, 1603 Gundlach Road, Houghton, Michigan 49931-2699, telephone: (906) 482-0450.