

**COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
NOTICE OF ELECTION
GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS in the Townships of: Calumet-Precinct 2-Village of Copper City voters only, Franklin, Hancock, Portage, and Quincy; and the Cities of Hancock and Houghton.

Notice is hereby given that a General/Special Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **There will NOT be an Early Voting Center for this Special Election.**

Village Proposals:

Copper City:

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.

School Proposals:

Hancock Schools:

**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.

Houghton-Portage Township Schools:

**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.

**Ewen Trout Creek Schools:
(Duncan Township voters)**

**EWEN-TROUT CREEK CONSOLIDATED 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 2026 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 19.0592 mills (\$19.0592 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 Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District, Ontonagon and Houghton Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$1,692,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)?

City Proposals:

City of Houghton:

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?

VOTING SHALL BE AT THE FOLLOWING PRECINCT LOCATIONS POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

2- Calumet Colosseum-**Village of Copper City voters only**

Robin Hicks, Clerk

DUNCAN TOWNSHIP

1 & 2-Interior Township (This election only)-**ETC School voters only**

Kathy Allen, Clerk

Wade Boan, Interior Township Clerk

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

1 – Township Hall
2 – Ripley Fire Hall
Elizabeth Aho, Clerk

PORTAGE TOWNSHIP

2 – Hurontown Fire Hall
4 – Doelle Senior Center – Tapiola-Houghton School voters only
Janelle Datto, Clerk

QUINCY TOWNSHIP

1 – Franklin Township Hall
Beth Helminen, Clerk

HANCOCK TOWNSHIP

1 – Hancock Twp. Hall-HWY M-203
Amy Jo Maki, Clerk

CITY OF HANCOCK

All 3 Precincts (1, 2 & 3) - Lakeview Manor
Linda Kalinec, Clerk

CITY OF HOUGHTON

1 – Houghton Fire Hall
2 – Dee Stadium
Amy Zawada, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will NOT be an Early Voting Center for this Special Election.

Submitted on behalf of the City and Township Clerks.

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