

HARVARD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

---

ORDINANCE 2023-11

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION  
LIMITATION LAW LIMITING RATE THROUGH PUBLIC REFERENDUM

---

ADOPTED BY THE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE HARVARD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2023

---

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM BY AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARVARD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT,  
McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2023

---

**ORDINANCE 2023-**  
**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION  
LAW LIMITING RATE THROUGH PUBLIC REFERENDUM**

**WHEREAS**, the Harvard Fire Protection District (the "District"), located in McHenry County, Illinois, is a fire protection district duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois (70 ILCS 705/1) et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the District renders emergency fire services and other emergency response services, on public and private property within the District, to resident and non-resident persons, businesses and other entities in the performance of its obligations to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has seen a significant increase in call volume and operating expenses over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to preserve, protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare, adequate and continuing emergency response services should be available to every citizen of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the District provides emergency response services as a public responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to improve said emergency response services; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) and the PTELL has capped the District's levy amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has seen an increase in the cost of equipment and a result of an increase in call volume and operating expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's current limiting tax rate under PTELL for ambulance service is 0.155968; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is desirous of increasing the limiting rate for ambulance service by 0.17%, (0.17 cents on a \$100.00 assessed valuation), pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-230 and 70 ILCS 705/22; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate increase factor is the difference between the old maximum limiting rate and the new limiting rate approved by referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, the old limiting rate for ambulance service was 0.155968% and the proposed new limiting rate for ambulance service is 0.325968%, for a proposed rate increase factor for ambulance service of 0.17%; and

**WHEREAS**, a 0.17% rate increase on a home with a fair market value of \$100,000.00 would result in an approximate increase of \$170.00, per home.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Harvard Fire Protection District, McHenry County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** That it is necessary for the Board of Trustees of the Harvard Fire Protection District to increase the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law

by an additional 0.17% above the limiting rate of 0.155968% for levy year 2022, to achieve a rate of 0.325968% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2023; and

**SECTION TWO:** That the District shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance in the office of the McHenry County Clerk; and

**SECTION THREE:** That the District hereby certifies to the proper election officials the following question which shall be submitted at the March 19, 2024 election to the voters in the District:

<p>“Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Harvard Fire Protection District, McHenry County, Illinois, ambulance service be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.17% above the limiting rate for levy year 2022 and be equal to 0.325968 of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2024?”</p>	Yes	
<p>1. The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recent extended limiting rate is \$500,466.85 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$1,000,466.85.</p>		
<p>2. For the 2024 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000.00 is estimated to be \$170.00.</p>	No	

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Harvard Fire District, McHenry County, Illinois, and approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Logan, President

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Kelnhofer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Evers	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Logan	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Crane	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Hildreth	_____	_____	_____	_____

ATTEST:

Approved As To Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Crane, Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph C. Ponitz, Attorney

Document Prepared By:  
Attorney for Harvard Fire Protection District  
Franks, Gerkin, Ponitz & Greeley, P.C.  
19333 East Grant Hwy, PO Box 5, Marengo, IL 60152  
(815) 923-2107

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
  )SS.  
COUNTY OF MCHENRY    )

**CERTIFICATION**

I, AMY CRANE, do hereby certify that I am duly appointed, qualified and acting as Secretary of the Harvard Fire Protection District, McHenry County, Illinois, and keeper of the records and seal of said District, and that the attached and foregoing Ordinance is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 2023-\_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION  
LAW LIMITING RATE THROUGH PUBLIC REFERENDUM**

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Corporate Seal of the Harvard Fire Protection District, McHenry County, Illinois.

Done at: Harvard, Illinois THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Crane, Secretary