



# WINTER 2014 Tax Letter

Winter 2014  
City of Wixom

49045 Pontiac Trail  
Wixom, MI 48393  
www.wixomgov.org

**Phone numbers:**

Finance 248-624-0885  
Assessing 248-624-3280  
Fax: 248-624-0863

### Winter Taxes

Enclosed is your Winter 2014 Tax bill. Please read the information provided on the bill carefully. If there are any errors that appear on the bill, please notify our office. If you no longer own this property, please return the tax bill to us with the name and address of the new owner.

Your Winter Tax Statement includes tax amounts due to Oakland County Parks & Recreation, Huron Clinton Metro Authority, Zoo Authority and the Art Institute Authority.

### Access Your Tax Information

Access your tax information, including payment status, by visiting our website [www.wixomgov.org](http://www.wixomgov.org) or utilize the toll free telephone number (888) 600-3773.

### Register Your Email to Receive City Notifications

Would you like to receive City notifications, events & program information, news flashes, alerts, newsletters, minutes, agendas and other important information automatically to your email? Sign up utilizing the "Notify Me Sign Up" option on the City's website [www.wixomgov.org](http://www.wixomgov.org).

### Payment Methods

If you are a homeowner who pays the City directly, you have received an encoded bill that is perforated for easy separation. **You must return the top portion of the bill with your payment.** The lower portion of the bill is your receipt along with your cancelled check. If you have an escrow account and you received a bill, please forward it to the mortgage company for payment. Also, please notify us so we can make the change to future tax bills.

#### Your payment can be made:

**By mail:** Utilize the enclosed envelope for payments to be made by mail. Please make sure your payment is postmarked by February 17, 2015 to avoid late fees.

**In Person:** At the Finance Office in City Hall during business hours (Monday – Thursday, 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) **(Reminder: City Hall will be closed on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> for the holidays)**

**After hours:** There is a drop box located inside the Police Department lobby and is accessible 24 hours a day.

**Credit Card:** Visit our website [www.wixomgov.org](http://www.wixomgov.org) and choose the "On Line Payments" option or call 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829) and enter Jurisdiction Code 3232. This service is provided by Official Payments Corporation and they charge a nominal fee for using this payment method. When entering your account number, omit the 96 and dashes in the parcel number.

**Direct Debit:** Visit our website [www.wixomgov.org](http://www.wixomgov.org) and choose the "On Line Payments" option. When entering your account number, omit the 96 and dashes in the parcel number. Your payment will be deducted from your checking or savings account.

### Remittance Address

Please utilize the remittance address below when mailing property tax payments that include a payment stub:

City of Wixom  
Tax Collection Processing  
PO Box 674205  
Detroit, MI 48267-4205

If you make online payments through your banking institution, please remit payments to the following address, which will expedite the posting of your payment:

City of Wixom  
Treasurers Office  
49045 Pontiac Trail  
Wixom, MI 48393

### Late Payments

If payment is received after February 17, 2015 a 3% penalty will be applied. The postmark date of February 17<sup>th</sup> will be accepted. **Late fees will not be waived.** If the penalty amount is not included with payments made after February 17th, we will accept the payment as a partial payment and you are still responsible for the remaining balance. **Beginning March 3, 2015, all taxes must be paid directly to the Oakland County Treasurer, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48341. Their phone number is (248) 858-0611.** During the month of March, a revised statement from the Wixom City Treasurer's office must accompany your remittance to the County Treasurer. This revised statement will include additional penalties to the County.

### NSF Fee

If your check is returned to the City from your banking institution for non-sufficient funds, you will be charged a \$25.00 processing fee.

**\*\*TURN OVER PLEASE**

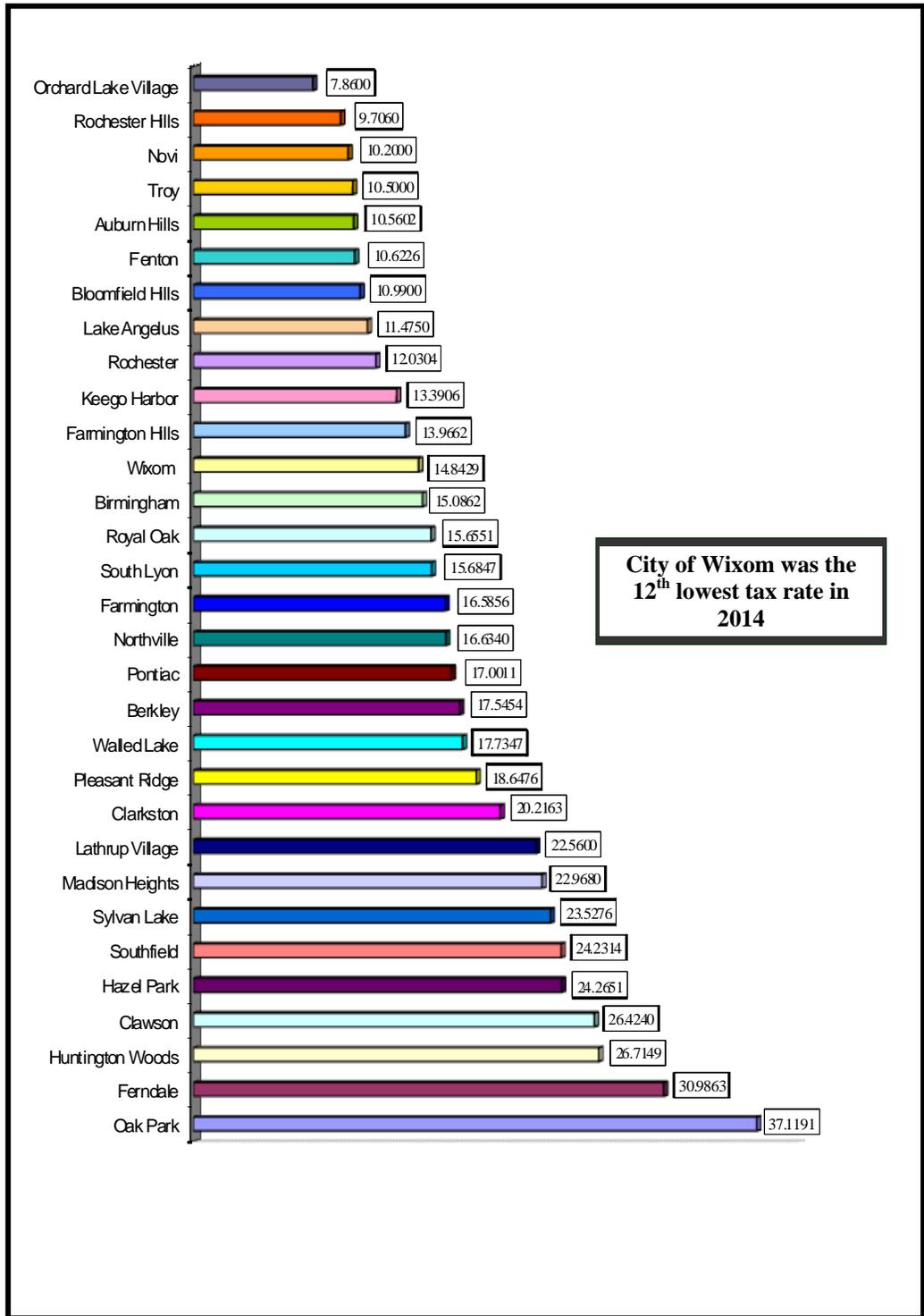
### Local Unit Tax Rate

The chart on the right shows the 2014 apportionment of Local City tax rates in Oakland County per \$1000 of taxable value. The City of Wixom is shown as the 12th lowest tax rate out of 31 units listed.

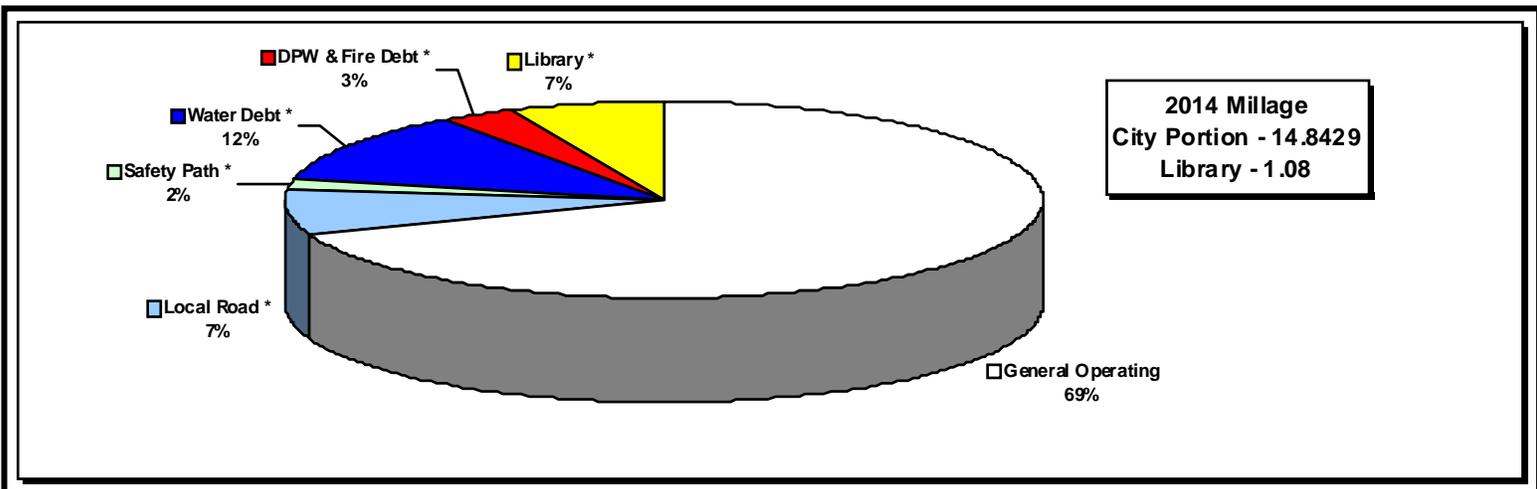
Below is a chart showing the 2014 City millage rates by percentage. General Operating millage is used for the operation of Police, Fire, DPW and other Administrative Departments. The Local Road Program and Bike Path is for the improvement of City roads and bike paths. The DPW & Fire Capital Improvements millage is utilized to pay back debt on bonds issued for the construction of the DPW & Fire Buildings. Water debt service millage is levied to pay the debt on the State Revolving Fund Bonds for the construction of the City's water system. The total 2014 millage for the City is 14.8429 and the separately voted Library millage is 1.08. Below is a comparison of the City and Library 2013 and 2014 millage rates which indicates an overall decrease due to the removal of the Major Road debt millage.

Description	2013 Millage	2014 Millage	Increase/Decrease
General Operating (Includes 3.5 Voted)	11.0429	11.0429	0.0000
Local Road	1.1500	1.1500	0.0000
Major Road	0.8700	0.0000	-0.8700
Water Utility	1.9000	1.9000	0.0000
Fire/DPW	0.4500	0.4500	0.0000
Bike Path	.3000	.3000	0.0000
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.7129</b>	<b>14.8429</b>	<b>-0.8700</b>

Library	1.0800	1.0800	0.0000
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**City of Wixom was the 12<sup>th</sup> lowest tax rate in 2014**



**2014 Millage**  
**City Portion - 14.8429**  
**Library - 1.08**