October 1, 2026

Dear Summit Township Parcel Owner,

We are writing to explain the attached public notice regarding the proposed one-year special assessment district for fire and police services, in lieu of the additional one-mill public safety millage approved by voters on August 4, 2026.

Background:

When the additional Fire and Police millage was proposed to voters, it was communicated that the funds were needed in the current year to deliver these essential services. However, a drafting error in the ballot language delays the levy until tax year 2027 which means the tax will not be levied until the December 2027 tax bills. (Due in February of 2028).

To ensure uninterrupted funding for fire and police services, the Township is proposing an alternative funding mechanism for one year only.

The Township plans to proceed with a special assessment district for the tax bills you will receive in December of 2026. The assessment will be the same rate of one mill and used for the same purpose as intended by the millage. It will be replaced the following year by the approved millage. Your tax bill coming in December will note Special Assessment District of one mill, instead of a millage levy.

Legal Process and Next Steps:

The attached PUBLIC NOTICE begins the process to create the Special Assessment District. It establishes two public hearings at our October 20, 2026 Board Meeting. One for public comment on the proposed District (township wide) and the assessment roll. The meeting and first hearing start at 5:30 p.m.

Thank you for being a property owner in Summit Township. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we take these necessary steps to provide the fire and police services you expect.

Sincerely,

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP, JACKSON COUNTY

POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN LAND IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESCRIBED BELOW:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Summit Township, Jackson County, Michigan ("Township"), will hold a public hearing at the start of the regularly scheduled Summit Township Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. on October 20, 2026 at the Summit Township Hall, 2121 Ferguson Rd, Jackson, MI 49203, to hear objections to the proposed estimate of costs and the proposed special assessment district for the police and fire protection services as described below. At the public hearing, the Township Board will consider any objections, revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the plans, estimate of costs, or the special assessment district.

Summit Township is proposing this special assessment of 1 mill to take effect for Winter 2026 taxes, so as to immediately commence increased benefits in relation to the assessments proposed until the recent-voter increased millage of 1 mill for police and fire protection service can take effect beginning in 2027. The Township reserves its right to remove the special assessment upon levy of the millage.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposed special assessment district to be established by the Township Board as the district against which the costs of the police and fire protection services are to be assessed are generally described as follows:

> **Proposed Special Assessment District:** All Township properties eligible to be specially assessed under Act 33 of 1951, which generally is all Township parcels besides those exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the Township Board adopts a resolution directing the Township Supervisor or assessing officer to prepare a proposed assessment roll and such roll has been prepared, an additional public hearing will be held following the public hearing on the plans, estimates of costs, and proposed special assessment district, at the Summit Township Hall, 2121 Ferguson Rd, Jackson, MI 49203, to review the proposed special assessment roll and hear objections thereto from certain record owners of land in the Township for the police and fire protection services and equipment, as described below, at an estimated cost to the Special Assessment District of $945,000 as set forth in resources which are available for inspection by the public at Summit Township Hall. Documents related to the proposed special assessments, including a proposed special assessment roll, are available upon request to the Township. The proposed services for which the special assessment is proposed to be established are generally described as follows:

> **Proposed Police and Fire Protection Services:** Police and fire protection services including, but not limited to, personnel costs and

the costs of purchasing and maintaining police and fire vehicles, equipment, and housing as well as all other ancillary costs incurred permissible to be assessed under Michigan law. Periodic redeterminations of costs associated with the proposed police and fire protection services may be necessary without a change in the special assessment district to pay for ongoing expenses and such redeterminations may be made without further mailed notice to record owners or parties in interest in the property unless required by law. Properties to be special assessed will be assessed a sum equal to 1 mill as based on the taxable value of the property.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that plans showing estimated costs and the proposed special assessment district are on file with the Township Clerk, Meghan Dobben, 2121 Ferguson Rd, Jackson, MI 49203, for public examination upon request (kindly coordinate an appointment using the contact information below) and at the public hearing(s). The special assessment proposal would assess the cost of the proposed improvements to the properties benefiting therefrom and a corresponding special assessment roll is also available upon request, among any other documents.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the proposed district may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party of interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing.

The Township Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. To the extent applicable, impacted property owners may submit a petition to the Township requiring a question of whether the police and fire protection services should be funded by special assessment as a ballot question. See MCL 41.801(3) (optional petition would require signatures of 10% of owners of land in proposed district). Furthermore, should these assessments be approved, in future years the Township Board proposes to re-determine the amounts to be levied for such police and fire protection services in the special assessment district at a public hearing (which may include the annual budget hearing) each year without further mailed notice. However, if an increase in the levy in any year will exceed the estimated annual increase by 10%, notice of the redetermination hearing will be mailed to property owners.

Summit Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the Township Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk not less than four days before the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
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