



## NOTICE OF REFERENDUM


Village of Lake Hallie, Chippewa County, WI  
April 4, 2023

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that at an election to be held in the Village of Lake Hallie on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

**“Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Lake Hallie for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year 2022 (collected in 2023) is limited to 2.334%, which results in a levy of \$2,021,625. Shall the Village of Lake Hallie be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year 2023, for an additional \$110,000, which results in a levy of \$2,131,625 for the purpose of funding the Village’s Law Enforcement related expenses, including increasing the full-time officer staffing of the Village’s Police Department? If this referendum is approved, the amount of the approved increase in the levy (\$110,000 over statutory limit) will be available to the Village on an ongoing basis.”**

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing the submission of the question can be obtained from the office of the Village clerk.

Done in the Village of Lake Hallie  
on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
Kris Fitzsimmons, Clerk-Treasurer

## **Notice of Referendum**

Village of Lake Hallie  
April 4, 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS TO EXCEED STATE IMPOSED LEVY LIMITS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, 2023 (collected in 2024) AND CONTINUING ON AN ONGOING BASIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE VILLAGE'S LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED EXPENSES, INCLUDING INCREASING THE FULL-TIME OFFICER STAFFING OF THE VILLAGE'S POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE ANOTHER FULL-TIME OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 population of the Village of Lake Hallie was reported at over 7200 people, which is a 62% increase in population since the Village was created in 2003; the Village has 348 businesses that paid personal property taxes in 2022, which is a 21% increase from 2017; and the Village continues to increase in population and business property; AND

**WHEREAS**, currently the Lake Hallie Police Department provides 24-hour coverage for the Village; the department staffing allows one (1) officer on duty for ten and half (10.5) hours and two (2) officers on duty for twenty-one (21) hours per day; AND this additional officer will allow the department to have two officers on at a time 24 hours a day.

**WHEREAS**, the police department is seeking the additional officer to strengthen its shift staffing to meet peak demand hours while reducing overtime effects and ensuring that off-duty officers are able to properly rest and recover from their shifts AND which would enhance officer safety; AND additional benefits of having an additional officer are increased traffic enforcement, investigative efficiency, less reliance on mutual aid and proactive outreach.

**WHEREAS**, the department handled more calls in 2022 than in 2021 and calls for service have become increasingly more complex, with calls involving violence, drug overdoses, mental illness and other issues.

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city, and county property tax levies for 2022 that fund the Village of Lake Hallie's 2023 fiscal budget year, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.0602; AND

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.0602 limits the increase in 2022 (collected in 2023) to the local property tax levy to no more than the greater of (a) 0% of last year's actual levy or (b) a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed; which for the Village of Lake Halle is 2.334% AND

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Lake Hallie (Chippewa & Eau Claire Counties) believes a public referendum is in the Village's best interest of whether to exceed the state levy limit for 2022 by a greater percentage than allowed by statute, which amount is currently 2.334%; AND

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lake Hallie actual levy, excluding TIF, in 2022 (collected in 2023) was \$2,004,688; and further whereas the state limit would limit the increase to less than \$46,789 for a total allowable 2022 (collected in 2023) village tax levy of \$2,051,477 less personal property aid of \$29,852.00 or Village levy of \$2,021,625.

**NOW, THEREFORE** the Village Board of the Village of Lake Hallie (Chippewa & Eau Claire Counties) does hereby resolve and order as follows:

The Village Board supports an increase in the village tax levy for 2023 (to be collected in 2024) to exceed the state levy limit by \$110,000.00 and each year thereafter on an ongoing basis for the purpose of funding another full-time officer to help with the growth of the Village.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village Board directs that the following question be submitted to the electors in a referendum during the 2023 Spring Election to be held on April 4, 2023:

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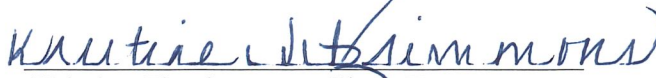
#### EXPLANATION

A “yes” vote allows the Village Board to exceed the state-imposed levy limits to provide additional funding for the Village Law Enforcement related staff expenses, including increasing the full-time officer staffing of the Village’s Police Department which will include a full-time Police Officer.

A “no” vote does not allow the Village Board to exceed the state-imposed levy limits to provide additional funding for the Village’s Police Department staffing expenses, including hiring of another full-time Police Officer.

The results of the referendum shall be binding upon the Village of Lake Hallie and certified to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, as required by Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.0602(4)(d);”

Done in the Village of Lake Hallie  
on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023

  
Kristine Fitzsimmons, Clerk-Treasurer