



## 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 \$700,000, which results in a levy of \$2,721,625 for the purpose of obligatory public safety debt service (\$235,000) and Village Road improvements (\$465,000)? If this referendum is approved, the amount of the approved increase in the levy (\$700,000 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 FIRE AND RESCUE OBLIGATORY EXPENSES AS WELL AS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**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**, the Village has an obligatory public service debt payment to the Chippewa Fire District for the use of fire trucks and ambulances, as well as a Town of Wheaton Fire & Rescue obligatory expense.

**WHEREAS**, the Village has had to defer road maintenance and improvements in the past and has the need to catch up on deferred maintenance, as well as necessary road improvement projects this upcoming fiscal year that cannot be done within the constraints of the existing budget.

**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 up to \$700,000.00 and each year thereafter on an ongoing basis of which \$235,000 is for public safety debt service and \$465,000 is for Village Road Improvements.

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

“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 \$700,000, which results in a levy of \$2,721,625 for the purpose of obligatory public safety debt service (\$235,000) and Village Road improvements (\$465,000)? If this referendum is approved, the amount of the approved increase in the levy (\$700,000 over statutory limit) will be available to the Village on an ongoing basis”.


#### EXPLANATION

A “yes” vote allows the Village Board to exceed the state-imposed levy limits to provide additional funding for the Village’s obligatory public service debt payments to the Chippewa Fire District and the Town of Wheaton Fire & Rescue, along with necessary road maintenance and improvement projects.

A “no” vote does not allow the Village Board to exceed the state-imposed levy limits to provide additional funding for the Village’s obligatory public service debt payments to the Chippewa Fire District and the Town of Wheaton Fire & Rescue, along with necessary road maintenance and improvement projects.

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