

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies under Wisconsin Statutes section 66.0602; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Statutes section 66.0602 limits the increase in 2026 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 City of Racine is estimated to be 0.679% percent; and

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Racine believes it is in the City's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than the estimated 0.679% for the purpose of enhancing, strengthening and equipping Emergency Medical Services (Ambulances) for the Citizens of Racine by retaining Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians

Whereas, the City of Racine actual levy to be collected in 2025 is \$58,520,890, and state law would limit the increase, including debt service, to an estimated \$767,500, for a total allowable City tax levy collected in 2026 of an estimated \$59,288,390;

Now, therefore the Common Council of the City of Racine, Racine County, does hereby resolve and order as follows: The City of Racine be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, and on an ongoing basis for the purpose of enhancing, strengthening and equipping Emergency Medical Services (Ambulances) for the Citizens of Racine by retaining Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians by a total of \$1,500,000 or 2.53%, which results in a levy of \$60,788,390.

The Common Council directs that the question shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum at a special referendum election to be held on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025.

Question:

“Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Racine for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to .679% which results in a levy of \$59,288,390. Shall the City of Racine be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, and on an ongoing basis for the purpose of enhancing, strengthening and equipping Emergency Medical Services (Ambulances) for the Citizens of Racine by retaining Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians by a total of 2.53%, which results in a levy of \$60,788,390 and on an ongoing basis include the increase of \$1,500,000 for each fiscal year going forward.