

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 2022 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 0.50% 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 0.50% for the purpose of increasing authorized sworn police personnel by 11 police officers and for the implementation of additional crime detection and prevention programs; and

Whereas, the City of Racine actual levy collected in 2022 was \$56,492,894, and state law would limit the increase to an estimated \$189,464, for a total allowable City tax levy collected in 2023 of an estimated \$56,682,358;

Now, therefore the Common Council of the City of Racine, Racine County, does hereby resolve and order as follows:

The Common Council directs that the question of increasing the City tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) by an estimated 3.53% percent, which would increase the City levy by \$2,000,000 over the past year's levy, for an estimated City tax levy of \$58,549,733 in 2022, and an additional \$150,000 per year for each fiscal year thereafter, the purpose of increasing authorized sworn police personnel by 11 police officers and for the implementation of additional crime detection and prevention programs, shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum at a special referendum election to be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.