

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Village of Twin Lakes

November 5, 2024

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the Village of Twin Lakes on November 5, 2024, the following proposed Resolution of the Village Board, will be submitted to a vote of the people:

VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES RESOLUTION R2024-8-2 RESOLUTION OF VILLAGE BOARD EXERCISING REFERENDUM OPTION

Village of Twin Lakes, Kenosha County

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies under Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602; and

Whereas, Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602 limits the increase in 2024 (to be collected in 2025) 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 Twin Lakes is to be **0.951%**; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Twin Lakes, Kenosha County believes it is in the Village's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 0.951% **for the purpose of providing funding for four (4) emergency medical service positions;** and

Whereas, the Village of Twin Lakes actual levy in 2023 (collected in 2024) was \$4,427,532; and state law would limit the increase to \$51,833 for a total allowable 2024 (collected in 2025) village tax levy of **\$4,479,365**.

Now, Therefore the Board of Trustees of the Village of Twin Lakes, Kenosha County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

1. The Village Board supports an increase in the Village tax levy for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) that will exceed the amount allowed by the state levy limit by **10.046 percent** ($\$450,000 \div \$4,479,365$), which would increase the Village levy by **\$450,000** for a total Village tax levy (after adjustments) of **\$4,929,365**. The requested increase would apply **on an ongoing basis**.
2. The Village Board directs that the question of increasing the allowable Village tax levy for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) by 10.046 percent over the 2024 allowable levy be put to referendum at an election on November 5, 2024.
3. The question shall be submitted to the electors as follows: “Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Twin Lakes for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2025, is limited to 0.951%, which results in a levy of \$4,479,365. Shall the Village of Twin Lakes be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2025, for the purpose of providing funding for four (4) emergency medical service positions, by a total of 10.046%, which results in a levy of \$4,929,365, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$450,000 for each fiscal year going forward?”

Adopted this 27th day of August 2024.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Twin Lakes for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2025, is limited to 0.951%, which results in a levy of \$4,479,365. Shall the Village of Twin Lakes be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2025, for the purpose of providing funding for four (4) emergency medical service positions, by a total of 10.046%, which results in a levy of \$4,929,365, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$450,000 for each fiscal year going forward?

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask Village electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to authorize the Village of Twin Lakes to exceed the levy limit specified in Section 66.0602, Wisconsin Statutes in order to pay for four emergency medical service positions. The Village is requesting a \$450,000 increase to the levy limit, which represents the cost of the positions in the 2025 budget, and in each subsequent year thereafter on an ongoing basis. This would impact property taxes on a \$250,000 home (using the January 1, 2023 assessment) by approximately \$116.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the Village of Twin Lakes to exceed the levy limit specified in Section 66.0602, Wisconsin Statutes. Without the tax increase the Village will be unable to fund the emergency medical services positions which will affect the level and quality of services that the Village can provide.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the Village will be authorized to exceed the levy limit specified in Section 66.0602, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$450,000, for recurring purposes of paying for four emergency medical service positions; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the Village will not be so authorized.

Done in the Village of Twin Lakes,
on August 28, 2024.

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Village Clerk