

# City of Bayfield Common Council

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August 30, 2022, 5:00 pm

Bayfield City Hall, 125 South First Street, Bayfield, WI 54814 \*715-779-5712

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Review/Approve Agenda

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### Agenda

**1. City of Bayfield Resolution #600 – AMENDED**

- City of Bayfield Levy Limit Referendum

**Adjournment**

# *City of Bayfield*

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## **City of Bayfield Levy Limit Increase Referendum Resolution #600 - AMENDED 8/30/2022**

### **2022 Payable 2023 Levy and Future Years**

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 allowable 2022 payable 2023 to the local property tax levy to no more than the greater of a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed; which for the City of Bayfield is estimated to be .343 percent; and

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Bayfield, Bayfield County believes it is in the City's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than .343 percent for the purpose of accomplishing:

- Maintenance and operations (heat, electric, water and sewer, phone, and internet) for all city buildings including City Hall, the Fire/EMS Hall, the Bayfield Lakeside Pavilion, the Carnegie Library, the Old Courthouse Building, three public restroom facilities, the City's Harbor assists (City Dock, Apostle Islands Marina, Boat Ramp, Fishing Pier, LE Building, our parks and trail systems,
- Maintaining or expanding public safety services, Police, Fire and EMS
- Maintaining our library services
- Liability, Crime, Worker's Compensation, Property and Cyber (new) Insurance
- Technology Support and Systems
- Supporting BART and BRB Recycling
- and providing for the workforces thereof (Police, Fire, EMS, Street, Water and Sewer Departments, Administration, Library, Parks, Greater Bayfield WWTP, the Election Board, and Mayor and Council.
- Legal, Auditing and Assessment Services

Whereas, the City of Bayfield's actual levy in 2021 (collected in 2022) was \$694,731; and state law would limit the increase to \$2110 for a total allowable 2022 (collected in 2023) city tax levy of \$696,841.

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

The City Council hereby supports an increase in the City tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) to exceed the state levy limit. The City Council intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for 2022 and future years. The City Council directs that the question of increasing the City tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) by 25% percent, which would increase the City levy by \$174,210 over the past year's levy, for a City tax levy of \$871,051, the increase will be used for current and future operations of the City as described above and shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum at a special referendum election to be held on November 8, 2022.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

CITY OF BAYFIELD:

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Mayor Gordon T. Ringberg

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk

# NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

City of Bayfield, WI  
November 8, 2022

## Referendum Details

At an election in the City of Bayfield, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Bayfield for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2023, is limited to 0.343%, which results in a levy of \$696,841. Shall the City of Bayfield be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year 2023, for general operations, by a total of 25.000%, which results in a levy of \$871,051 and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$174,210 for each fiscal year going forward?"

General Operations includes all utilities (gas, power, electric, water & sewer, phone/internet), insurance, wages and benefits, emergency services (Fire, EMS, Police), library services, street work and maintenance including snowplowing, building maintenance, vehicles and equipment, parks, and outside services such as auditing, assessments, technology, legal Bay Rural Transit, and BRB Recycling.

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing the submission of the question can be obtained from the office of the Bayfield City Clerk.

## Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the City of Bayfield,  
on August 25, 2022.

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Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk

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