

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CHARTER AMENDMENT
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE RENEWAL**

RESOLUTION NO. R-110-15

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held in the City Council Chambers on July 13, 2015, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., with those present and absent being:

PRESENT: Brickner, Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey and Steckloff

ABSENT: None

the following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson Lerner and supported by Councilperson Bridges:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7.02.A. of the City Charter, the Charter Tax Rate Limit may be increased by Charter Amendment approved by a majority vote of the electors of the City voting at a regular election or special election called for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, such Charter Amendment may be made for a specially designated purpose, providing that each specially designated purpose shall consist of a separate ballot question stating the nature of such purpose and the amount of ad valorem tax to be raised to fund such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the voters previously approved a Charter Amendment on November 4, 2003, amending the City Charter Tax Rate Limits to add a special tax rate of 1.4781 mills for the special purpose of maintaining and increasing fire and police staffing and equipment to improve the public safety function for the City, which special tax rate is currently set to expire on June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, such Charter Amendment is incorporated as Section 7.02c of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, considering the City's current and forecasted fiscal circumstances, and in an effort to continue to provide the current level of police and fire services, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to submit a proposal for a continuation of this additional tax rate for the special purpose of public safety functions of the Police and Fire departments, at the regular election to be held on November 3, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills as follows:

- 1) The following proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the regular election to be held in the City on November 3, 2015:

**CHARTER AMENDMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE**

Shall the Farmington Hills City Charter be amended to renew and continue the previous voter authorized levy of 1.4764 mills over the Charter tax rate limit for a period of ten years from the current expiration of June 30, 2016 (resulting in the authorization to collect an estimated \$4,556,909 in the first year if approved and levied), which taxes are to be used only for purposes of fire and police staffing and equipment to maintain and improve the public safety functions of the Fire and Police Departments?

- 2) Upon adoption of the proposed amendment, Section 7.02c “Renewal and Increase of Special Tax Rate for Public Safety Functions of the Fire and Police Departments” of the City Charter would be amended to read as follows:

Section 7.02c. Special Tax Rate for Public Safety Functions of the Fire and Police Departments.

In addition to the Charter Tax Limit stated in Section 7.02 and the Special Tax Rates stated in Sections 7.02a, 7.02d and 7.02e, starting with the July 2016 levy, the City may levy an annual ad valorem tax not exceeding .14764% (1.4764 mills) of the state equalized value of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City. The levy shall be used only for purposes of fire and police staffing and equipment to improve the public safety function of the Fire and Police Departments of the City. This section shall be effective for a period of 10 (ten) years commencing July 1, 2016, and expiring on June 30, 2026.

- 3) It is the will of Council and its pledge to the electors and taxpayers of the City that upon approval of the ballot question such authorized millage shall be added to the spending levels for the Fire and Police Departments.
- 4) The City Clerk is hereby directed to do all things necessary to provide for the submission of the aforesaid proposition to the electors at the regular election on November 3, 2015.

AYES: Brickner, Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey and Steckloff
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED JULY 13, 2015.



OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

July 14, 2015

Honorable Rick Snyder
Governor, State of Michigan
Attention: Legal Department
P O Box 30013
Lansing MI 48909

Re: Proposed Charter Amendment

Dear Governor Snyder:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, I am enclosing a resolution adopted by Council at their regular meeting held July 13, 2015, authorizing a Charter amendment to be placed on the November 3, 2015 General Election ballot. This Charter Amendment is for the renewal and continuation of a Public Safety Millage that is to expire June 30, 2016.

I respectfully request that you review the language for placement on the November 3rd General Election ballot. The language must be certified to our County Clerk by August 11, 2015.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Smith", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Pamela B. Smith, MMC/CMMC
City Clerk

cc Attorney General Bill Schuette
City Attorney Steve Joppich