

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

VILLAGE OF RIVER HILLS MILWAUKEE COUNTY

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the Village of River Hills, Milwaukee County on November 8, 2022, the following Resolution of the Village Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

STATE OF WISCONSIN: VILLAGE OF RIVER HILLS: MILWAUKEE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REFERENDUM FOR ALLOWING THE VILLAGE OF RIVER HILLS TO EXCEED THE STATE IMPOSED PROPERTY TAX LIMIT

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVER HILLS, MILWAUKEE COUNTY,
WISCONSIN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

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 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 Village of River Hills is 0.787 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of River Hills, Milwaukee County believes it is in the best interest of the residents of the Village of River Hills to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 0.787 percent for the purpose of maintaining existing public service levels for police, public works, general government, and general fund capital improvements and capital purchases; and

WHEREAS, the Village of River Hill's adjusted actual levy in 2021 (collected in 2022) was **\$3,072,495** and state law would require the tax levy to decrease by \$34,338 (2022 payable 2023 allowable levy of \$3,072,495 plus \$5,500 personal property aid less \$511,724 debt service adjustment x 0.787%) for a total allowable Village tax levy of **\$3,038,080** with adjustments allowable in 2022 (collected in 2023):

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of River Hills, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, does hereby resolve and order as follows:

- The Village Board of Trustees hereby supports an increase in the Village tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) to exceed the state levy limit. The Village Board intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis. The purpose for which the increased levy will be used is to maintain existing public service levels for police, public works, general government, and general fund capital improvements and capital purchases.
- The Village Board of Trustees directs that the question of increasing the village's tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) by **9.875 percent**, which would increase the Village levy by **\$300,000** over the current year's levy, for a village tax levy of **\$3,338,080** for 2022 (after adjustments), and an increase of the levy by \$300,000 on an ongoing basis **for five years** (Fiscal years 2023-2027). The increase is to be used **for the purpose of maintaining existing public service levels for police, public works, general government, and general fund capital improvements and capital purchases**. The question of increasing the tax levy shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum at a general election to be held on November 8, 2022.
- The actual wording of the ballot question to be submitted to exceed the levy limit shall be as follows:

"Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of River Hills for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2023, is limited to 0.787% which results in a levy of \$3,038,080. Shall the Village of River Hills be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2023, for the purpose of maintaining existing public service levels for police, public works, general government, general fund capital improvements and capital purchases, by a total of 9.875%, which results in a levy of \$3,338,080, and include the increase of \$300,000 for fiscal years 2023 through 2027?"

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Village Board of the Village of River Hills, this 17th day of August, 2022.

VILLAGE OF RIVER HILLS
Christopher B. Noyes, Village President

Countersigned:
Tammy LaBorde
Village Manager/Clerk/Treasurer
Milwaukee County

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

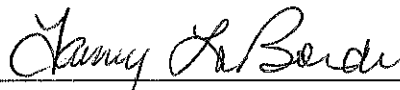
“Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of River Hills for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2023, is limited to 0.787% which results in a levy of \$3,038,080. Shall the Village of River Hills be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2023, for the purpose of maintaining existing public service levels for police, public works, general government, general fund capital improvements and capital purchases, by a total of 9.875%, which results in a levy of \$3,338,080, and include the increase of \$300,000 for fiscal years 2023 through 2027?”

Explanation

The effect of a “yes” vote: A “yes” vote allows the Board of Trustees to exceed the state-imposed levy limit to provide funding for operations in order to continue to maintain existing public service levels for police, public works, general government, general fund capital improvements and capital purchases which the community has come to expect.

The effect of a “no” vote: A “no” vote does not allow the Board of Trustees to exceed the state-imposed levy limit. The anticipated increase for the 2023 operating budget per state levy limit requirements is estimated at \$20,197 while operations are estimated to increase approximately \$250,000. The levy will increase \$20,197 and further limit the village’s ability to continue the current level of services. The Board will have to eliminate services as well as public safety and public works personnel in order to balance the budget.

VILLAGE OF RIVER HILLS
This 22nd day of September, 2022



Tammy LaBorde
River Hills Village Clerk

(Note: The Type C Notice of Referendum is published by the clerk responsible for the referendum on the day preceding the referendum election. If a weekly paper is used for publication, the notice is published in the closest preceding issue to the day before the referendum election. If a jurisdiction chooses to post this notice in lieu of publication, the notice must be posted no later than one week before the election.)