



**VILLAGE OF WESTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 002**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL REFERENDUM AND RELATED QUESTION LANGUAGE FOR EXCEEDING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN LEVY LIMITS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000 ON AN ONGOING BASIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAFER ADDING SIX ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS**

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

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 limits the increase in 2026 (collected in 2027) 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 Weston is 2.29% percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Weston, Marathon County believes it is in the Village's best interest to exceed the state levy limit, as described above, by a greater percentage than 2.29% percent for the purpose of paying the Village of Weston's share of the cost for SAFER to hire and retain six additional full-time firefighters/paramedics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Weston actual levy in 2025 (collected in 2026) was \$5,773,358; and state law would limit the increase to \$134,405, for a total allowable 2026 (collected in 2027) Village tax levy of \$5,907,763.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Weston, Marathon County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

The Village of Weston Board of Trustees hereby supports an increase in the Village tax levy for 2026 (to be collected in 2027) to exceed the state levy limit. The Village of Weston Board of Trustees intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for 2027, and beyond, as well. The purpose for which the increased levy will be used is to pay the Village of Weston's share of the cost for SAFER to hire and retain six additional full-time firefighters/paramedics.

The Village of Weston Board of Trustees directs that the question of increasing the Village tax levy for 2026 (to be collected in 2027) by 10%, which would increase the Village levy by \$600,000 over the past year's levy, for a Village tax levy of \$6,507,763 (exclusive of debt service and tax increment financing districts), shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum at a general election to be held on April 7, 2026.

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Weston for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2027, is limited to 2.29%, which results in a levy of \$5,907,763. Shall the Village of Weston be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2027, for the purpose of paying the Village of Weston's share of the cost for SAFER to hire and retain six additional full-time firefighters/paramedics, by a total of 10%, which results in a levy of \$6,507,763 and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$600,000 for each fiscal year going forward?

A "yes" vote means that the elector is in favor of additional taxation by the Village of Weston through an ongoing increase in the annual property tax levy of \$600,000 to pay the Village of Weston's share of the cost for SAFER to hire and retain six additional full-time firefighters/paramedics.

A "no" vote means that the elector is not in favor of additional taxation by the Village of Weston through an ongoing increase in the annual property tax levy of \$600,000 to pay the Village of Weston's share of the cost for SAFER to hire and retain six additional full-time firefighters/paramedics. In the event the majority of electors vote "no" to the question, the Village of Weston Board of Trustees may alter current fire protection staffing/services or other municipal services, as necessary, to balance the budget.

The results of the referendum shall be binding upon the Village of Weston and certified to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, as required by Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(4)(d).

**PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTON**, at a regular meeting thereof, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

VILLAGE OF WESTON, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Wisconsin.

By:   
Steve Cronin, Board Vice President

ATTEST  
By:   
Pamela Brehm, Village Clerk

