

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
City of Kenosha
November 6, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the City of Kenosha, on November 6, 2018, the following resolution of the Common Council, will be submitted to a vote of the people:

**RESOLUTION NO. 131-18
SPONSOR: THE MAYOR**

**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING AN ELECTION FOR A REFERENDUM
TO EXCEED THE LEVY LIMIT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies for the 2019 fiscal year under Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602 limits the increase for the 218019 fiscal year to the local property tax levy, to no more than a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed; which for the City of Kenosha is 1.11 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County believes it is in the city's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 1.11%; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha actual levy in 2017 (collected in 2018) was \$64,647,831; the adjustment to the allowable levy limit attributable to increased debt levy is \$800,000; the adjustment for personal property aids to be subtracted for purposes of net levy is \$1,126,166.57; and state law would limit the increase to \$584,391 for a total allowable 2018 (collected in 2019) city tax levy of \$ 64,906,055.43; and

WHEREAS, adding five additional police officer positions with associated equipment will enhance the police department's ability to fulfill all of the department's response and preventative responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, adding two additional firefighter positions with associated equipment will enhance the fire department's ability to fulfill all of the department's response and preventative responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, raising the statutory levy limit will allow the City to enhance these protective services, which are essential to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Kenosha.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, that the Common Council hereby supports an increase in the city tax levy for 2018 (to be collected in 2019) to exceed the state levy

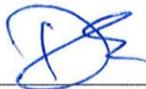
limit. The Common Council intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for 2019, and succeeding years, as well.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council directs that the question of increasing the city tax levy for 2018 (to be collected in 2019) to 1.73 percent, which would increase the city levy by \$900,000 over the past year's levy, for a city tax levy of \$65,806,055.43, shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 66.0602(4) at the general election to be held on November 6, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin, that a Referendum be held coincident with the general election on November 6, 2018, asking the citizens of Kenosha to answer the following question:

"Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Kenosha for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2019, is limited to 1.11%, which results in a levy of \$64,906,055.43. Shall the City of Kenosha be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2019, and on an ongoing basis, for maintaining five additional police officers and two additional firefighters

Adopted this 20th day of August, 2018

ATTEST: 
DEBRA SALAS, City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 8/27/18

APPROVED: 
JOHN M. ANTARAMIAN, Mayor

Date: 08/27/2018

Drafted By:
EDWARD R. ANTARAMIAN
City Attorney

with associated equipment, by a total of 1.73%, which results in a levy of \$65,806,055.43, for 2019?"

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Kenosha for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2019, is limited to 1.11%, which results in a levy of \$64,906,055.43. Shall the City of Kenosha be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2019, and on an ongoing basis, for maintaining five additional police officers and two additional firefighters with associated equipment, by a total of 1.73%, which results in a levy of \$65,806,055.43, for 2019?"

EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Subsection 66.0602(2), a political subdivision such as the City of Kenosha, may not increase its levy in any year by a percentage that exceeds the political subdivision's valuation factor, unless the citizens of that political subdivision allow an increase by passage of a referendum. The form of the referendum question is dictated by statute. The valuation factor is calculated figure related to new construction that occurred in the previous year. For 2019, the valuation factor is 1.11%

The referendum question asks the citizenry to allow the City of Kenosha to exceed further the statutory levy limit in 2019 by .62% or \$900,000, to allow the hiring of five additional police officers and two additional firefighters, and provide them with associated equipment. The increase of the \$900,000 would be added to the City's base levy calculation for every year thereafter.

A "yes" vote will allow the City of Kenosha Common Council to create a budget in 2019 and for the years thereafter that exceeds the statutory levy limit, to enable the City to hire and equip five additional police officers and two additional firefighters.

A "no" vote would not allow the City of Kenosha Common Council to exceed the statutory levy limit for 2019.

Done in the City of Kenosha on September 28, 2018.

Debra L. Salas
City Clerk