

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM**  
**Village of Butler**  
**April 5, 2022**

**Referendum Election Details**

At an election to be held in the Village of Butler on April 5, 2022, the following proposed Resolution No. 21-16, A Resolution Under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(4) to Exceed the State Imposed Levy Limit For the 2022 Fiscal Year to Fund Anticipated Increased Costs For the Police Department, will be submitted to a vote of the people:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-16**

**A Resolution Under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(4) to Exceed the State Imposed Levy Limit For the 2022 Fiscal Year to Fund Anticipated Increased Costs For the Police Department**

**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 Butler is estimated to be 0.45% percent; and

**Whereas**, following consultation with the Chief of Police, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Butler, Waukesha County believes it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 0.45% for the purpose of expanding public safety services by adding a patrol officer; and

**Whereas**, the Village of Butler actual levy in 2021 (collected in 2022) was \$2,231,404; and state law would limit the increase to \$7,952 for a total allowable 2022 (collected in 2023) village tax levy of \$2,297,671.

**Now, Therefore** the Board of Trustees of the Village of Butler, Waukesha County does hereby resolve and order as follows: SECTION 1: Increase in Levy Limit.

The Village Board 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 by including it in the base used to calculate the limit for 2023 as well. The purpose for which the increased levy will be used is to expand public safety services by adding a patrol officer

The Village Board directs that the question of increasing the village tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) by 6.09% percent, which would increase the village levy by \$140,000 over the past year's levy, for a village tax levy of \$2,437,671, the increase to be used for purpose of expanding public safety services by adding a patrol officer be submitted to the electors in a referendum at the spring election to be held on April 5, 2022.

## SECTION 2: Approval by Referendum.

This Resolution is subject to approval by a referendum held in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(4). The Village Administrator/Clerk shall publish notices of the referendum as required under Section 66.0602(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes and the statutes referred to therein and shall take such other action as is required under Wisconsin law for submission of the referendum in the April 5, 2022 primary election on the following question:

**“Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Butler for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2022, is limited to 0.45%, which results in a levy of \$2,297,671. Shall the Village of Butler be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2022, for the purpose of an additional Police Officer, by a total of 6.9%, which results in a levy of \$2,437,671 and, on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$140,000 for each fiscal year going forward?”**

Within 14 days after the referendum the Village Administrator Clerk shall certify the results of the referendum to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

## SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY.

The several sections of this Resolution are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable, such decision shall apply only to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections or portions thereof of the resolution. The remainder of the Resolution shall remain in full force and effect. Any other resolutions whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

## SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting or publication as provided by law.

Adopted this 2nd day of November, 2021.

## Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

“Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Village of Butler for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2022, is limited to 0.45%, which results in a levy of \$2,297,671. Shall the Village of Butler be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2022, for the purpose of an additional Police Officer, by a total of 6.9%, which results in a levy of \$2,437,671 and, on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$140,000 for each fiscal year going forward?”

## Explanation

A yes vote indicates that you agree that the property tax levy shall be increased by \$140,000 annual for a new police officer.

A no vote indicates that you do not agree that the property tax levy shall be increased by \$140,000 annual for a new police officer.

Done in the Village of Butler, on April 1,  
2022.



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Kayla Thorpe, Village Clerk

**Posted: April 1, 2022**

**Village Hall, Butler Library, and Post Office**