

RESOLUTION NO. 14-10383

A RESOLUTION REFERRING ORDINANCE NO. 14-5624, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BILLINGS CITY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR A PERMANENT MILL LEVY TO FUND FIRE, POLICE, 911 DISPATCH SERVICES, AND RELATED PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES, TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Billings City Council adopted Ordinance 14-5624 amending the Billings City Charter to provide for a permanent mill levy to fund Fire, Police, City 911 Dispatch Services, and related public safety expenses; and,

WHEREAS, by law the ordinance must be submitted to a vote of the people; and,

WHEREAS, a majority of the electors voting on this question must approve the ordinance to amend the Billings City Charter; and,

WHEREAS, the ordinance should be referred to a vote of the people at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

1. REFERENCE: Ordinance Number 14-5624, being an Ordinance amending the Billings City Charter to provide for a permanent mill levy to fund Fire, Police, 911 Dispatch Services, and related public safety expenses, is hereby referred to a vote of the people at the regular election to be held November 4, 2014. A full copy of Ordinance Number 14-5624 is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A", and by this reference is made a part hereof.

2. FORM OF BALLOT: The form of the ballot shall be as provided by law and similar to the following:

For the purpose of funding the operation of the Fire Department, Police Department, 911 Dispatch Services, and related public safety expenses, the Billings City Council amended the City Charter in Ordinance 14-5624. Shall the City be authorized to levy the following number of mills and approximate dollars

Fiscal Year	Levied Mills	Approximate Dollars	Estimated Annual Tax on \$100,000 Home	Estimated Annual Tax on \$200,000 Home
2015/2016	12.00	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 15.50	\$ 31.00
2016/2017	15.00	2,500,000	19.50	39.00
2017/2018	24.00	4,000,000	31.00	62.00
2018/2019	46.00	7,900,000	59.50	119.00
2019/2020	65.00	11,200,000	84.00	168.00
2020/2021	77.00	13,400,000	99.50	199.00
2021/2022	88.00	15,600,000	114.00	228.00
2022/2023	101.00	18,000,000	131.00	262.00
2023/2024	112.00	20,200,000	145.00	291.00
2024/2025	125.00	\$22,800,000	\$ 162.50	\$ 325.00

3. The foregoing mill levies are non-cumulative, but permanent, and the 2024/2025 levy shall continue indefinitely in future Fiscal Years. These levies are in addition to any other mill levies authorized by Charter or law.
- **FOR** amending the City Charter to add a mill levy for Police, Fire, City 911 Dispatch Services, and related public safety expenses as provided in Ordinance 14-5624.
- **AGAINST** amending the City Charter to add a mill levy for Police, Fire, 911 Dispatch Services, and related public safety expenses as provided in Ordinance 14-5624.
4. CERTIFICATION: The City Clerk shall certify this Resolution and Ordinance 14-5624 to the Yellowstone County Election Official as provided by law.
5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the Billings City Council this 28th day of July, 2014.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS



BY: Thomas W. Hanel
Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: Cari Martin
Cari Martin, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 14-5624

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS PROVIDING THAT THE BILLINGS CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 1.05.2; PROVIDING FOR A PERMANENT MILL LEVY TO FUND FIRE, POLICE, 911 DISPATCH SERVICES, AND RELATED PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES, AND SUBMITTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That Article I of the Billings, Montana City Charter be amended to add Section 1.05.2 so that such section shall read as follows:

“Section 1.05.2 Mill Levy to Fund Fire, Police, 911 Dispatch Services, and Related Public Safety Expenses.

For the purpose of funding the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the fire department, police department, 911 dispatch services, and related public safety expenses, the City Council shall levy up to the following number of mills, which will raise the estimated amounts of money:

2015/2016	12.00 mills	approximately	\$ 2,000,000
2016/2017	15.00 mills	approximately	\$ 2,500,000
2017/2018	24.00 mills	approximately	\$ 4,000,000
2018/2019	46.00 mills	approximately	\$ 7,900,000
2019/2020	65.00 mills	approximately	\$11,200,000
2020/2021	77.00 mills	approximately	\$13,400,000
2021/2022	88.00 mills	approximately	\$15,600,000
2022/2023	101.00 mills	approximately	\$18,000,000
2023/2024	112.00 mills	approximately	\$20,200,000
2024/2025	125.00 mills	approximately	\$22,800,000

The foregoing mill levies are non-cumulative, but permanent. The mill levy assessment for FY 25 shall continue indefinitely in future Fiscal Years. These levies are in addition to any other mill levies authorized by Charter or law; this language shall appear on the face of the ballot.”

Section 2. REFERRAL TO ELECTORS. This ordinance shall be referred to the electors of the City of Billings as soon as possible at a regular or primary election by resolution duly and regularly passed by the City Council.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective after second reading and final adoption and approval by the electors as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council on first reading this 14th day of July, 2014.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on second reading this 28th day of July, 2014.

CITY OF BILLINGS



By *Thomas W. Hanel*
Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

ATTEST:

By *Cari Martin*
Cari Martin, City Clerk