



**CITY OF IONIA**  
**COUNTY OF IONIA, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, held at the Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on the 12th day of April, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Waterman, Gustafson, Millard, Starr, Milewski, Lee, Videtich, Winters, and Balice.

ABSENT: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Milewski and seconded by Council Member Millard:

**A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL'S PLEDGE TO LIMIT THE  
LEVY OF MILLAGES FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES TO THREE (3)  
MILLS SO LONG AS THE CITY'S INCOME TAX REMAINS IN PLACE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ionia adopted Ordinance No. 360 in 1993 establishing an income tax as permitted by law; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 360 provides, in part, that so long as the income tax then approved remained in effect, the City would limit future levies to three (3) mills after 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, pursuant to Ordinance No. 496 and in response to a consent judgment with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) arising out of the cleanup, remediation, and environmental response associated with the Cleveland Street Landfill, the City Council approved and has subsequently levied a special purpose millage of up to two (2) mills for associated environmental activities, which levy was separate from the three (3) mill general purpose operating millage; and

**WHEREAS**, the special purpose millage for environmental response costs has been renewed several times by the City Council and other special purpose millages (e.g., theater, parks, fire equipment) have also been levied; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with a Long-Term Plan regarding the landfill, which was instituted by the EPA, the City is responsible for environmental response activities that have been ongoing for the past 50 years and are expected to continue for at least several more decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the current special purpose environmental response millage will expire after the current fiscal year and requires renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, for clarity and so that the City's taxpayers are made aware of the source of general purpose operating funds and special purpose funds, it is the desire of the City Council to identify all millages of any type to be levied under a single resolution or ordinance, which necessitates the amendment of Ordinance No. 360; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council further wishes to affirm, through the adoption of this Resolution (i) its commitment to limit the levy of general purpose operating millages to no more than three (3)

mills and (ii) that the current millages levied by the City will not change from those presently being made.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The City Council of the City of Ionia hereby acknowledges as correct the recitals set forth above and incorporates the same as if fully restated.
2. The City Council of the City of Ionia hereby reaffirms and pledges that so long as the City's income tax remains as presently constituted, that the City Council will not levy in excess of three (3) mills for the City's General Fund.
3. Except for bond repayments authorized in the manner allowed by law, special purpose millages will be limited to those set forth below at the current millage rates consistent with the City Charter and state law:
  - a. Public Safety Apparatus
  - b. Street System
  - c. Theater Improvements
  - d. Park System
  - e. Solid Waste
  - f. Environmental Response Activities
  - g. Dial A Ride
4. All millages levied and associated appropriations will be governed by applicable law including the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Act No. 2 of 1968.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.
6. This Resolution shall take immediate effect.

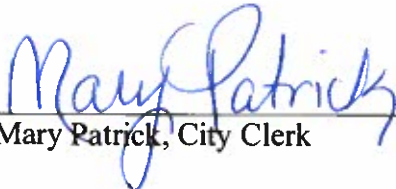
Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Waterman, Gustafson, Millard, Starr, Milewski, Lee, Videtich, Winters, and Balice.

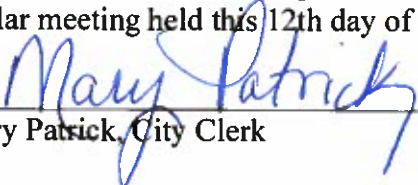
NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION 2023-03 DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
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Mary Patrick, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Ionia at a regular meeting held this 12th day of April, 2023.

  
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Mary Patrick, City Clerk