

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

TOWN OF DOVER RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO SCHEDULE A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON APRIL 7, 2026 TO INCREASE THE LEVY BEYOND THE AMOUNT THAT IS ALLOWED UNDER THE LEVY LIMIT STATUTE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING REVENUE FOR SUSTAINING OPERATIONS IN THE TOWN OF DOVER

The Town Board for the Town of Dover resolves as follows:

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, the increase in the levy of the Town of Dover for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2027, is limited to 1.059%, which results in a levy of \$547,454.00; and

WHEREAS, Town of Dover resolution 2026-01 calls for a vote of the people on April 7, 2026 to approve a levy increase for the next fiscal year, 2027, for the purpose of sustaining town operations/services, by a total of 104.50%, which results in a levy of \$1,119,542, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$572,088, for each fiscal year going forward; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the referendum will enable the Town to make gradual infrastructure improvements, including road resurfacing, shoulder upgrades, updated signage, and the installation of a backup power generator at the town hall to ensure DPW snow operations and voting equipment remain functional during power outages. A YES vote will increase the mill rate from \$1.01 to \$2.09 based on the 2025 Town assessed value of \$535,522,300.00; and

WHEREAS, Without a mill rate increase, the Town will be required to significantly reduce service levels beginning in 2027. This would include service level reductions in the current EMS paramedic level services to technician level, potentially the disbandment of the Water Patrol Department, and the continued inability to fund needed road and building improvements. Dover's mill rate is at \$1.01; it has consistently remained below its 2020 peak of \$2.13.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin believes it is in the Town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than allowed in the statute in order to meet increasing operational and capital costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dover as follows:

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Town of Dover for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2027, is limited to 1.059%, which results in a levy of \$547,454.00. Shall the Town of Dover be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2027, for the purpose of sustaining full municipality services, by a total of 104.50%, which results in a levy of \$1,119,542, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$572,088, for each fiscal year going forward?"

Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Dover, Racine County, Wisconsin, this twelfth day of January, 2026.

TOWN OF DOVER

By: 

Sam Stratton, Chairman

Attest: 

Camille Gerou, Town Clerk