

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR A MILLAGE  
PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY AND  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY TO THE  
ELECTORATE IN THE REGULAR ELECTION  
ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

At a special meeting of the Board of the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority, held remotely in compliance with orders to suppress the spread of COVID-19 in Traverse City, Michigan on August 5, 2020.

Present: Ross Biederman, Chair; Michael Groleau, Secretary; Molly Agostinelli; Chris Sullivan; and Ashlea Walter.

Absent: Tim Hughes, Treasurer.

The following resolution was offered by Agostinelli and supported by Sullivan.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority (the “Recreational Authority”) has been established under the provisions of the Recreational Authorities Act, Act 321 of 2000 (the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreational Authority is authorized to levy a tax of not more than 1 mill for a period of not more than 20 years on all of the taxable property within the territory of the authority for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a public swimming pool, public recreation center, public auditorium or conference center, public historic farm, or public park, MCL 123.1141; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds for the Recreational Authority to construct, operate, maintain, acquire, and improve pursuant to the Act have been provided by a millage of 0.10 mills, which have been rolled back by the Headlee rollback to 0.0968, previously approved by the electors for the Charter Township of Garfield and City of Traverse City in 2004, which will expire following the December, 2023 levy (the “2004 Millage”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreational Authority wishes to levy a new additional millage up to 0.15 mills from 2020 through 2023 and levy a millage up to 0.30 mills from 2024 through 2039 for the purposes of continuing operations of the Recreational Authority, continued historic preservation of the Historic Barns, and acquiring property adjoining Hickory Hills, and all other purposes of the Recreational Authority (the “Millage Plan”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreational Authority desires to obtain voter approval for a new additional millage of up to 0.30 mills for a period of 20 years to implement and provide funds for the Millage Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreational Authority wishes to submit this millage proposal to the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield electors at the regular election to be held on November 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the Recreational Authority's Articles of Incorporation, the Recreational Authority has submitted a proposed resolution for the tax proposal to the City of Traverse City and the Charter Township of Garfield for their consideration and comment at least 45 days prior to the adoption of this Resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the following proposals, the language of which is hereby approved by the Recreational Authority and certified to the Grand Traverse County and Leelanau County Clerks, respectively, shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Traverse City and the Charter Township of Garfield for a vote at the November 3, 2020, election:

a. To be submitted to Grand Traverse County Clerk:

**CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY AND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF  
GARFIELD  
RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY  
MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

*This proposal will allow a new millage for the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority to protect the water quality of rivers, creeks, lakes, and bays, protect wildlife habitat, protect natural woodlands and forests, preserve environmentally sensitive lands, and provide opportunities for children and families to enjoy the outdoors by continuing its operations at the Historic Barns Park, Hickory Meadows, and the West Bay Waterfront along with continued historic preservation of the Historic Barns Park for the next 20 years as well as acquiring a new property adjoining Hickory Hills to expand the public park area near Hickory Meadows. State law requires an annual independent audit of the Recreational Authority.*

For the purpose of providing funds for the continued acquisition, construction, operation, maintenance, and improvement of public parks by the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority (the "Authority") at an increased millage level, shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the territory of the Authority that may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the Charter Township of Garfield and the City of Traverse City, Michigan, be increased and shall the Authority be authorized to levy, up to 0.30 mills (\$0.30 per \$1,000

of Taxable Value) as a new, additional millage for a period of 20 years, 2020 through 2039 inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$644,000 in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value.

As required by law, a small portion of this millage must be distributed to other governmental units within Grand Traverse County that are entitled to receive a portion of this millage, which are the City of Traverse City Downtown Development Authority, Grand Traverse County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and Grand Traverse County Land Bank Authority.

Shall the proposal be adopted?

YES

NO

b. To be submitted to the Leelanau County Clerk:

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within the territory of the Authority that may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the Charter Township of Garfield and the City of Traverse City, Michigan, be increased and shall the Authority be authorized to levy, up to 0.30 mills (\$0.30 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) as a new, additional millage for a period of 20 years, 2020 through 2039 inclusive?

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Shall the proposal be adopted?

YES

NO

2. If the propositions are approved, the Recreational Authority shall not levy the 2004 Millage beginning with the 2020 levy for the remainder of its term.

3. If the propositions are approved, the Recreational Authority shall levy only up to 0.15 mills of the new millage from 2020 through 2023.

4. All Public Officials of Grand Traverse County and Leelanau County, State of Michigan, and all Governmental units thereof, within such time as shall be required by law, are requested to perform all acts which shall be necessary to be performed in order to submit the above stated proposition to the duly qualified voters of the City of Traverse City and the Charter Township of Garfield at the election to be held in within the territory of the Authority, the City of Traverse City and the Charter Township of Garfield, on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

5. A certified copy of these propositions will be filed with the City of Traverse City and the Charter Township of Garfield Clerks.

6. It is further ordered that a certified copy of these propositions be filed with the County Clerks as required by law.

Upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Aye	Nay
Molly Agostinelli	<u>X</u>	_____
Ross Biederman	<u>X</u>	_____
Michael Groleau	<u>X</u>	_____
Chris Sullivan	<u>X</u>	_____
Ashlea Walter	<u>X</u>	_____

The Chair and Secretary thereupon declared this Resolution approved and adopted by the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority board this 5th day of August, 2020.



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Ross Biederman, Chair



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Michael Groleau, Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority, at a special meeting held on August 5, 2020.



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Michael Groleau, Secretary

