

**CITY OF COLUMBUS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-21**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY OF COLUMBUS SHOULD ALLOW A STORMWATER UTILITY TO COLLECT FEES WITHOUT AFFECTING THE GENERAL LEVY TO THE GENERAL ELECTORATE**

**WHEREAS**, for the past several years, the City of Columbus has been analyzing and studying various methods and procedures to alleviate flooding in certain parts of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus is considering the adoption of a stormwater utility to provide a dedicated funding mechanism for the City in order to improve and then maintain its stormwater management system; and

**WHEREAS**, under current state law concerning the City's levy limits, City property taxes must be reduced by the amount collected by a stormwater utility unless City voters pass a referendum allowing that the property tax levy not be reduced by dollars collected by a stormwater utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus now desires to submit the question of whether a stormwater utility should be allowed to collect fees without affecting the general property tax levy to the general electorate.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Common Council of the City of Columbus does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The following question shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Columbus, at the general election to be held on April 5, 2022, as a binding referendum question:

“Shall the City of Columbus Stormwater Utility be permitted to charge its customers for maintenance and operation of stormwater management facilities and infrastructure without reducing the levy limit for fees collected?”

2. The City Clerk is directed to take all steps necessary to place the above-referenced question on the ballot for the next general election within the City of Columbus as a binding referendum question.

Dated this 16 day of November, 2021.

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By: Mary Arnold  
Mary Arnold, Mayor

By: Patricia Goebel  
Patricia Goebel, Clerk