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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: May 19, 2025
RE: Request to Approve Resolution #2025-14 – Authorizing A Headlee Override Millage Proposal to be Placed on the Ballot for November 4, 2025

Background Brief: Over the past calendar year, the Finance Review Committee created a report, presented it to the City Council, and recommended that the City place a Headlee Override Millage Proposal on the November 2025 ballot and include a 10-year lock on the millage if approved.

The Committee felt this option would increase revenue back to chartered levels and sustain that revenue for ten years. Approval of this Headlee Override would provide the City some breathing room in its budget to address increasing costs while simultaneously providing some additional funds to begin addressing deferred maintenance and capital expenditures. Because the City passed a similar Headlee Override in 2010 by a greater than 2 to 1 margin, the Committee is hopeful that residents would be willing to support such a measure again. The Committee fully understands that a tax increase could be a contentious issue for some city residents. However, to maintain the quality of life that Lathrup Village residents expect, increased revenue from a Headlee Override is necessary. The punitive tax laws and other factors discussed in the Finance Review Committee report leave no choice for built-out cities like Lathrup Village other than to eventually cut services.

Previous Action: N/A

Economic Impact: No direct impact from the action of placing language on the ballot. However, if approved by the voters in November, the City could expect \$600,000+ in 2026 from the additional mills.

Recommendation: The Finance Review Committee recommends approving Resolution 2025-14.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Council Member _____ seconded by Council Member _____
to approve resolution #2025-14 – authorizing a headlee override millage proposal to be placed on the ballot for November 4, 2025.

Kelly Garrett
Mayor

Bruce Kantor
Mayor Pro-Tem

Jalen Jennings
Council Member

Jason Hammond
Council Member

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