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## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM QUESTION BE PLACED ON THE APRIL 1, 2025 ELECTION BALLOT

**WHEREAS**, under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Whitewater for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 2.166%, which results in a levy of \$6,600,275; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to exceed this limit to fund increased staffing and continue operating police and fire/EMS services; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.0602(4) authorizes a political subdivision to exceed the levy limit by obtaining approval through a referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it appropriate to submit a referendum question to the electors of the City of Whitewater.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Wisconsin:

1. The Common Council directs the following question to be placed on the April 1, 2025 election ballot

"Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Whitewater for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 2.166%, which results in a levy of \$6,600,275. Shall the City of Whitewater be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for the purpose of funding increased staffing, and continuing to operate police and fire/EMS services, by a total of 18.29%, which results in a levy of \$7,906,057, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$1,305,782 for each fiscal year going forward?"

Adopted this day of, 20	)
Signature:	Attest
lohn Weidl. City Manager	Heather Boehm, City Clerk