

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION BE  
PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION BALLOT

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whitewater Water Utility has decommissioned the Starin Park Water Tower, and it is no longer part of the operational water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Starin Park Water Tower holds historical significance to the City and there is a community interest in preserving it as a City-owned Historical Landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of demolishing the Starin Park Water Tower has been estimated at \$600,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$600,000 could be put toward maintaining the Starin Park Water Tower; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the Starin Park Water Tower as a historical landmark would require an estimated \$1,000,000 in addition to the \$600,000 for initial repairs and \$250,000 for maintenance every 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Whitewater would like to obtain citizen input on spending tax dollars to maintain the Starin Park Water Tower;

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

1. The Common Council directs the following question to be placed on the November 5, 2024 election ballot.

The City of Whitewater Water Utility has decommissioned the Starin Park Water Tower, meaning it is no longer part of the water system. The Water Utility can spend up to \$600,000 (the cost of demolition) to maintain it as a City-owned Historical Landmark. The remaining costs, approximately \$1,000,000 for repairs and \$250,000 every 10 years for maintenance, would need to come from City tax dollars or donations. Should the City of Whitewater use tax dollars to repair and maintain the Starin Park Water Tower?

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Signature:

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John Weidl, City Manager

Attest

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Heather Boehm, City Clerk