

## RESOLUTION NO. 6173

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON MARCH 19, 2024, BY MAIL FOR A BALLOT MEASURE THAT SUBMITS TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF KALISPELL A NEW MILL LEVY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION, ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-10-425 OF THE MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED.**

**WHEREAS,** Section 7-32-4101 through 7-32-4164, MCA, provides the statutory authorization for the City of Kalispell to provide police protection services; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 7-33-4101 through 7-33-4133, MCA, provides the statutory authorization for the City of Kalispell to provide fire protection services; and

**WHEREAS,** Sections 7-34-101 through 7-34-104, MCA, provides the statutory authorization for the City of Kalispell to provide emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS,** a third-party consultant identified recommendations for staffing, a third fire station and equipment for the City of Kalispell's emergency response departments in order to meet the service delivery demands for the residents of the City of Kalispell; and

**WHEREAS,** existing funding and revenues generated within the general budget funds and in the emergency medical services fund have not been adequate to cover the personnel and equipment costs of the City to maintain its emergency responder services; and

**WHEREAS,** in order for the City of Kalispell to provide the emergency responder services to its residents and visitors at the level recommended in the third-party review, additional permanent funding, in the amount of sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills per year (approximately \$4,626,170.00 in the first year, based on FY2024 mill value), is needed for the purpose of funding its Law Enforcement with 11 additional employees, its Fire/EMS department with a third fire station and 27 additional employees and related capital equipment to support these operations; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Kalispell will administer the funds received as special revenue to be used solely for the purposes of providing emergency responder services; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 15-10-425, MCA, the City Council requires approval of the voters in order to levy additional funds for emergency responder services; and

**WHEREAS,** a majority voting in the election in favor of the additional levy will authorize the City to levy additional millage in the future to raise the amount set forth above, and as modified by the provisions of Section 15-10-420, MCA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KALISPELL AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The City of Kalispell hereby calls for a mail-only Special Election on March 19, 2024, by the qualified and registered electors of the City of Kalispell pursuant to Section 15-10-425, MCA, in the form as set forth in Exhibit "A", on the question of levying sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills per year (approximately \$4,626,170.00 in the first year, based on FY2024 mill value), for the purpose of funding its Law Enforcement with 11 additional employees, its Fire/EMS department with a third fire station and 27 additional employees and related capital equipment to support these operations.


**SECTION 2.** The impact of levying sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills in the current year on a home valued at \$100,000, would be approximately \$82.22 in additional property taxes per year, equaling \$6.85 per month, or \$0.23 per day.

**SECTION 3.** The impact of levying sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills in the current year on a home valued at \$200,000, would be approximately \$164.43 in additional property taxes per year, equaling \$13.70 per month, or \$0.45 per day.

**SECTION 4.** The impact of levying sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills in the current year on a home valued at \$450,000, would be approximately \$369.97 in additional property taxes per year, equaling \$30.83 per month, or \$1.01 per day.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and signing by the Mayor thereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KALISPELL THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

  
Chad Graham  
Council President

ATTEST:

  
Aimee Brunckhorst, CMC  
City Clerk



**EXHIBIT "A"**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**CITY OF KALISPELL – EMERGENCY RESPONDER LEVY**

**INSTRUCTION TO VOTER:** Make an X or similar mark in the vacant square before the word "FOR" if you wish to vote for the Emergency Responder Levy; if you are opposed to the Emergency Responder Levy make an X or similar mark in the square before the word "AGAINST".

Shall the City Council of the City of Kalispell, Montana, be authorized to levy up to sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills per year (approximately \$4,626,170.00 in the first year, based on FY2024 mill value), for the purpose of funding its Law Enforcement with 11 additional employees, its Fire/EMS department with a third fire station and 27 additional employees and related capital equipment to support these operations?

The impact of levying sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills in the current year on a home valued at \$100,000, would be approximately \$82.22 in additional property taxes per year, equaling \$6.85 per month, or \$0.23 per day. The impact of levying sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills in the current year on a home valued at \$200,000, would be approximately \$164.43 in additional property taxes per year, equaling \$13.70 per month, or \$0.45 per day. The impact of levying sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills in the current year on a home valued at \$450,000, would be approximately \$369.97 in additional property taxes per year, equaling \$30.83 per month, or \$1.01 per day.

**FOR** authorizing the City of Kalispell to levy up to sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills per year (approximately \$4,626,170.00 in the first year, based on FY2024 mill value), for the purpose of funding its Law Enforcement with 11 additional employees, its Fire/EMS department with a third fire station and 27 additional employees and related capital equipment to support these operations.

**AGAINST** authorizing the City of Kalispell to levy up to sixty and nine tenths (60.9) additional mills per year (approximately \$4,626,170.00 in the first year, based on FY2024 mill value), for the purpose of funding its Law Enforcement with 11 additional employees, its Fire/EMS department with a third fire station and 27 additional employees and related capital equipment to support these operations.