



AGENDA 7b  
DATE 1-21-2020  
Internal Memo

January 15, 2020

TO: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator  
FROM: Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk *Shelly Stibitz*  
SUBJECT: Public Safety Millage Renewal Charter Amendment

The resolution in support of renewal of the amendment to Section 6.8 of the City Charter that would maintain the public safety millage for ten additional years, approved by City Council on December 17, 2019, was sent to the Governor who forwarded it to the Attorney General's Office for legal review. On January 14, 2020 I received a call from Mr. George Ellsworth of the Attorney General's Office stating that the text of the amendment was incomplete. Mr. Ellsworth spoke to City Attorney Doug Hughes and it was determined that using the full text of Section 6.8 was necessary.

A revised resolution for renewal of the amendment to Section 6.8 of the City Charter is attached for Council's consideration at the January 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting.

**CITY OF NORTON SHORES  
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RENEWAL  
OF THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6.8 OF THE CITY CHARTER**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Norton Shores, Michigan as follows:

1. By a 3/5 vote of its members-elect, pursuant to the authority granted by Public Act 279 of 1909, as amended, the City Council of the City of Norton Shores proposes to amend Section 6.8 of the Charter of the City of Norton Shores by adding the following sentence to this section:

The City shall have the power to assess a dedicated public safety millage which shall not exceed two (2) mills for a Public Safety Fund, annually for a period of ten (10) years, beginning in 2021 and ending in 2030.

2. The purpose of the proposed amendment to Section 6.8 is to provide for a renewal of the ten (10) year dedicated millage for public safety operations under the jurisdiction of the City of Norton Shores that was approved by voters in February 2011. A copy of the current Section 6.8 is attached to this resolution.

3. The City Clerk shall transmit a copy of the proposed amendment to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval and transmit a copy of the ballot language in Paragraph No. 5 to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval, as required by law.

4. The proposed Charter amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this City at an election to be held in Norton Shores on May 5, 2020, and the City Clerk is directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration in the manner prescribed bylaw.

5. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the following format:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6.8 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
NORTON SHORES TO PROVIDE FOR A RENEWAL OF THE UP TO TWO (2)  
MILLS TEN-YEAR DEDICATED PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE.

Shall Section 6.8 of the Charter of the City of Norton Shores, amended on February 22, 2011 to provide for a dedicated public safety millage which shall not exceed two (2) mills, be renewed for an additional ten (10) years starting in 2021 and ending in 2030?

It is estimated that the renewed millage will generate \$1,688,358.00 in first year revenue.

[YES]            [NO]

6. The proposed amendment shall be published in full together with the existing Charter provision altered by the amendment as part of the notice of election.

7. The canvass and determination of the votes of said question shall be made in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the Charter of the City of Norton Shores.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Norton Shores, held at the Norton Shores Branch Library, 705 Seminole Road, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2020 the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ . The motion was supported by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ .

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Resolution declared adopted/denied.

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Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk

## Section 6.8

The City shall have the power to assess taxes and to levy and collect rents, tolls and excises. Exclusive of any levies authorized by statute to be made beyond Charter tax rate limitations, the per annum ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1%, five (5) mills for general operating fund purposes and shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{5}$ <sup>th</sup> of 1%, two (2) mills for capital improvement fund purposes, levied on assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation. The City shall have the power to assess a street millage which shall not exceed one and one half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) mills for a Street Improvement Fund, annually for a period of twenty years, beginning in 2009 and ending in 2030 to be used exclusively for street reconstruction and restoration. The City shall have the power to assess a dedicated public safety millage which shall not exceed two (2) mills for a Public Safety Fund, annually for a period of ten (10) years, beginning in 2011 and ending in 2020 to be used exclusively for public safety operations.