STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND,
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

Resolution # ____

RESOLUTION PROPOSING A NEW MILLAGE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING POLICE, FIRE, AND EMBERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES

RECITATIONS:

Provisions in the Michigan Constitution (Headlee Amendment) provide a limitation on the amount of general ad valorem property taxation levied by a local unit of government, and requires the electors to approve the authority to levy new additional millage,

The electors in City of the Village of Clarkston approved the Charter in 1992 with a millage authorization of 15 mills for the general operation of the City. This millage authorization has been reduced by operation of the Headlee Amendment so that the current millage authorization is 11.4107 mills. This authorization will be further reduced in 2027.

The total current operational millage has, to date, been the exclusive source for funding the general operations of the City, including the costs and expenses of providing police, fire, and emergency response services.

The cost and expense of providing police, fire, and emergency response services in the City has significantly increased over time as a share of the total operational millage of the City, so that such costs and expenses represent approximately 55% of the existing operational millage.

Considering that all of the costs and expenses of the City are increasing, the City Counsel deems it to be appropriate to propose a separation of the funding for police, fire, and emergency response services from the millage authorization for general operations of the City. This proposal for a separation of funding requires the City to seek elector approval for a new millage to fund the continuation of police, fire, and emergency response services going forward from July 1, 2027.

The operational millage authorized by the electors, now in the amount of 11.4107 mills, will continue to be in effect. However, during the process of adopting a budget in 2027, if the newly proposed millage for police, fire, and emergency response is approved, the City Council will reduce the number of mills actually levied for taxation under the operational millage, with the precise amount of the reduction to be determined following the public hearing held on the budget. So, while the current amount of millage which could be levied as an actual tax based on the authorization of 11.4107 mills, if the electors of the City approve a separate millage to fund police, fire, and emergency response services, the City will not need to burden City taxpayers with a levy if the full operational millage. Rather, subject to the public hearing held in 2027 as part of the budget approval process, the City would reduce the amount of the levy under the operational millage so that the expected net taxation on City property would be as follows:

- The newly proposed separate millage to fund police, fire and emergency response services for each of the next 5 years would be 7.0 mills, beginning July 1, 2027; and

- The number of mills actually levied for taxation on July 1, 2027 under on the operational millage authorization would be reduced to 5.4107 mills.

- This can be depicted as follows:

	BEFORE ELECTION	IF NEW MILLAGE IS APPROVED
Operational millage	11.4107 mills	5.4107 mills
Separate public safety millage	-0-	7.0 mills
Total	11.4107 mills	12.4107 mills

- Thus, the net tax increase on properties in the City would be increased by 1.0 mill, which is an increase in the amount of $1.00 per $1,000 of taxable value. As an example, the average taxable value of a residence in the City is $160,000; for this residence, the net tax increase would be $160.

Accordingly, the City Council now desires to place before the electors a proposal for the approval of a new millage, authorizing the levy of 7.0 mills, with a duration of 5 years, to continue funding police, fire, and emergency response services in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the City Clerk and Manager shall take the necessary actions to place before the voters at the November 3, 2026 election the ballot in the form appearing on Appendix A to this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan, at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of August, 2026, with the Resolution having been approved with ___ votes in favor, and ___ votes in opposition.

The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted.

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

BY: ____________________________

Angela Gullen, City Clerk

APPENDIX A

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

FOR NOVEMBER 2026 BALLOT

POLICE, FIRE, AND EMBERGENCY RESPONSE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE THE TAX LIMITATION IMPOSED UNDER ARTICLE IX, SEC. 6 OF THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION ON GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON, OAKLAND COUNTY, BY THE AMOUNT OF 7.0 MILLS ($700 PER $1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2027 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2031, INLCUSIVE, TO FUND A CONTINUATION OF POLICE PROTECTION, FIRE FIGHTING, FIRE PROTECTION, AND EMERGENCY REPONSE SERVICES; IT IS ESTIMATED THAT APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSAL WOULD RESULT IN A NEW AUTHORIZATION TO COLLECT A TOTAL OF $ 457,116 IN THE FIRST YEAR FOR THE STATED PURPOSES.

[ ] YES

[ ] NO