

ORDINANCE NO. 20-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS PROVIDING THAT THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS BE AMENDED TO REPEAL CURRENT SECTION 1.05.1 AND REPLACE THE SAME WITH A NEW SECTION 1.05.1 PROVIDING FOR A PERMANENT, NON-CUMULATIVE MILL LEVY TO FUND FIRE, POLICE, AND RELATED PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES, AND SUBMITTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That Article I of the Charter of the City of Billings be amended to repeal and replace current Section 1.05.1 with a new Section 1.05.1 so that such section shall read as follows:

Section 1.05.1 Mill Levy to Fund Fire, Police, and Related Public Safety Expenses.

For the purpose of funding the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the fire department, police department, and related public safety expenses, the City Council shall levy 60 mills starting in fiscal year 2021 which will raise approximately \$12.2 million.

The foregoing mill levy is permanent and shall continue indefinitely in future fiscal years. This levy is not cumulative, which means the number of mills will not increase over time. This levy is in addition to any other mill levies authorized by Charter or law.

Section 2. REFERRAL TO ELECTORS. This ordinance shall be referred to the electors of the City of Billings at a special election by resolution duly and regularly passed by the City Council.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after Second Reading and final adoption as provided by law, but the amendment to the City Charter shall be effective immediately upon approval by the electors as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council on First Reading this _____ day of _____, 2020.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on Second Reading this _____ day of _____, 2020