

ORDINANCE NO. 21-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS PROVIDING THAT THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 1.05.2 PROVIDING FOR A PERMANENT, CUMULATIVE MILL LEVY TO FUND POLICE, FIRE, PROSECUTION SERVICES, CODE ENFORCEMENT, MUNICIPAL COURT, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, 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 add Section 1.05.2 so that such section shall read as follows:

Section 1.05.2 Mill Levy to Fund Police, Fire, Prosecution Services, Code Enforcement, Municipal Court, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and Related Public Safety Expenses.

For the purpose of funding the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the fire department, police department, prosecution services, code enforcement, municipal court, mental health and substance abuse services, and related public safety expenses, the City Council shall levy up to 44 mills starting in fiscal year 2023, which will raise approximately \$9.2 million upon full implementation. This mill levy shall be phased in as follows:

Fiscal Year	Levied Mills	Approximate Dollars	Estimated Annual Tax on \$100,000 Home	Estimated Annual Tax on \$200,000 Home
2023	33	6,864,000	\$ 44.55	\$ 89.10
<u>2024</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2,288,000</u>	<u>\$ 14.85</u>	<u>\$ 29.70</u>
Total	44	9,152,000	\$ 59.40	\$ 118.80

The foregoing mill levy is permanent and shall continue indefinitely in future fiscal years. This levy is cumulative. 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 an election to be held on November 2, 2021.

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 _____, 2021.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on Second Reading this _____ day of _____, 2021.