Resolution 12-08

Placing Proposed Increase for St. Clair County Senior Millage on Ballot

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Clair recognizes the need and value of senior services provided to the citizens of the County of St. Clair; and

Whereas, the Commission on Aging has been given the responsibility of determining and prioritizing the needs of the senior population within the County of St. Clair; and

Whereas, the County of St. Clair senior citizens population continues to grow; and

Whereas, the need for services is increasing at a rate greater than the resources available to adequately provide for those needs; and

Whereas, Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that the fifteen (15) mill limitation on property taxes therein imposed may be altered by a vote of the majority of the qualified electors of the County;

Whereas, the Commission on Aging has recommended that a request to levy a tax of .3 mills to provide funding to be used exclusively for senior citizens services in St. Clair County be placed on the August Primary Ballot; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to permit the electorate of the County to express its view on the question of the aforementioned Senior Citizen Millage.

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved that:

The Clerk of the County of St. Clair is hereby directed to place on the ballot for the primary election of August 7, 2012, a proposition for the imposition of an additional.3 mills to be used for the sole purpose of providing senior citizen services in the County of St. Clair, and that the proposition shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

Proposition

ST. CLAIR COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS MILLAGE

1. For the purpose of raising funds to be used for the sole purpose of providing senior citizens services in the County of St. Clair, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of St. Clair, Michigan, be increased three tenths (0.3) mill (\$.30 per thousand dollars of state taxable valuation) for a period of two (2) years, 2012 through 2013, inclusive? Based on the State of Michigan taxable values of real property, this millage would raise an estimated \$1,633,463 in the first year it is levied.

2. Said election shall be held and conducted and the results of the said election shall be canvassed in accordance with the provisions of the State law pertaining to the submission of such questions to the electors entitled to vote thereon and that the County Clerk of St. Clair County and the Treasurer of St. Clair County shall do and perform all acts required by law for the calling and effecting of such election, and that the said Clerk shall within five (5) days of said election file with the County Treasurer for St. Clair County a certified copy of the official declaration of the results of said election.

Dated:

Reviewed and Approved by:

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