

Resolution 24-05

Placing Proposal for Additional St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Millage on Ballot

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Clair recognizes the value provided by the St. Clair County Parks system to the residents; and

Whereas, in 2022 the citizens of St. Clair County approved the renewal of a Parks and Recreation Millage which expires following the 2027 levy. Funds from this existing millage are used for the purpose of acquiring, developing and maintaining parks and recreational facilities in St. Clair County; and

Whereas, the parks, trails, recreation facilities, and programs funded by the existing St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Millage add to the quality of life for St. Clair County residents and their guests by providing health, wellness and economic benefits to the community; and

Whereas, St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Millage funds have allowed St. Clair County, as well as local units of government, to apply for and receive numerous Federal, State and private grants to invest in parks and recreation projects throughout the county; 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; and

Whereas, an additional millage to support St. Clair County Parks would provide funds to develop, maintain, and acquire park and recreational facilities within the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation system; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to permit the electorate of the County to express its view on providing additional funding for St. Clair County Parks and Recreation through an additional millage levy.

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 6, 2024, a proposition to the imposition of an additional millage not to exceed .4944 mill to be used for acquiring, developing, and maintaining parks and recreational facilities within the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation system in the County, and that the proposition shall be placed on the ballot in the following form:

Proposition _____


ADDITIONAL ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION MILLAGE

1. Shall the limitation upon the amount of taxes which may be assessed in a year be increased by .4944 mills (\$.4944 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of three (3) years, 2025 through 2027 inclusive, to provide additional funds to be used and dispersed for the purpose of acquiring, developing, and maintaining parks and recreational facilities within the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation system in accordance with the Parks and Recreation Plan for St. Clair County as adopted and amended? If approved, this new millage would raise approximately \$3,459,300.00 in the first year 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.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Clair, on the 21st day of March, 2024.

Dated: March 21, 2024

Reviewed and Approved by:



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