

**RESOLUTION OF THE LAUREL CITY COUNCIL TO PLACE A PUBLIC SAFETY
MILL LEVY ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Montana law, the City Council is authorized to place a public safety mill levy on the general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Laurel intends to place the issue of a perpetual public safety mill levy for referendum vote on the November 2015 General Election ballot. The City Council requests the Yellowstone County Election Administrator to administer the referendum on its behalf. The election shall be completed by November 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Laurel proposes to place a public safety mill levy on the November 2015 general election ballot which would increase the mill levy by 136.16 mills which would raise \$926,000 per year. The City would utilize the additional revenue to support emergency services including ambulance, fire, and police including but not limited to the following:

- (1) adding 6 additional police officers and 2 full time ambulance attendants in each department;
- (2) implementation of all measures required to maintain public health and safety or regulatory requirements;
- (3) purchasing, replacing, and/or maintaining equipment, tools or vehicles used to carry out the functions described herein; and
- (4) any other functions, labor supplies and/or materials necessary for management and maintenance of City owned fire, ambulance and police facilities and equipment.

WHEREAS, the public safety mill levy's duration is perpetual.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council declares there is a financial need to seek additional mills for the City of Laurel's public safety mill levy and will place before the qualified electors the question as follows:

**PROPOSAL TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES WITHIN
THE CITY OF LAUREL**

Shall a perpetual increase in the mills levied for Public Safety, in addition to levies currently authorized by law, with such increase being up to 136.16 mills raising approximately \$926,000 (Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars).

At a time of increased operational and equipment costs this levy shall create the following:

- (1) adding 6 additional police officers and 2 full time ambulance attendants in the department;
- (2) implementation of measures required to maintain public health and safety or regulatory requirements;

(3) purchasing, replacing, and/or maintaining equipment, tools or vehicles used to carry out the functions described herein; and

(4) any other functions, labor supplies and/or materials necessary for management and maintenance of City owned fire, ambulance and police facilities and equipment.

The impact of the mill levy on a home valued at \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) is \$311.96 (Three Hundred Eleven Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents). On a house valued at \$200,000 (Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars) the impact is \$623.92 (Six-Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents).

FOR mill levy.

AGAINST mill levy.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on May 5, 2015, by Council Member Herr.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 5th day of May, 2015.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 5th day of May, 2015.

CITY OF LAUREL

Mark A. Mace
Mark A. Mace, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shirley Ewan
Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Sam S. Painter
Sam S. Painter, Civil City Attorney