



**CITY OF DELAFIELD
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
COMMON COUNCIL**

*Mayor: Kent Attwell
Council President: Alderperson Tim Aicher
Alderspersons: Wayne Dehn, Matt Grimmer, Danielle Henry, Paul Price, Mark Schaefer, Jackie Valde*

January 23, 2023

5:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers
500 Genesee St.

Special Meeting

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. City of Delafield Citizen Comments**
- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2023-02, A Resolution Authorizing A Referendum For The City Of Delafield To Establish A Fire Protection And Emergency Medical Services Fee Beginning On The December 2023 Tax Bill That Funds The 2024 Budget And Continuing On An Ongoing Basis**
- 6. Adjournment**

All meetings of the Common Council are public meetings. The meeting of the Council is a working session for the Council itself, and, outside of Public Hearings and the Citizens Comments section, discussion by those in attendance is limited to Council members, staff and others that may be a party to the matter being discussed.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE: Upon reasonable notice (at least 72 hours in advance) the City will furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and to enjoy the benefits of a service, program or activity provided by the City.

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM: It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information: no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM FOR THE CITY OF DELAFIELD TO ESTABLISH A FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEE BEGINNING ON THE DECEMBER 2023 TAX BILL THAT FUNDS THE 2024 BUDGET AND CONTINUING ON AN ONGOING BASIS

The Common Council of the City of Delafield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Delafield believes it is in the City’s best interest to establish a fee on an ongoing basis for fire protection and emergency medical services of not more than \$450.00 for each emergency service equivalent unit and an amount based on square footage for all non-residential parcels beginning with the December 2023 tax bill that funds the 2024 Budget, and subject to annual adjustments determined by the Common Council (“Fire/EMS Fee”);

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Delafield believes that the Fire/EMS Fee will improve public safety within the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fire/EMS Fee for fire protection and emergency medical services may be established on an ongoing basis of not more than \$450.00 for each emergency service equivalent unit and an amount based on square footage for all non-residential parcels beginning with the December 2023 tax bill that funds the 2024 Budget;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following Referendum question be submitted to the electors at the election to be conducted on April 4, 2023:

Wisconsin Statutes authorize the City of Delafield to assess a fee for fire protection and emergency medical services. A “YES” vote would support the assessment of a fee on an ongoing basis to increase fire protection and emergency medical staffing resulting in improved response times. The assessment of this fee will result in a reduction of the property tax levy by \$705,584. A “NO” vote would oppose the assessment of a fee, which would worsen response times due to the continued closures of fire and emergency medical stations. The results of the referendum are binding on the Common Council. A single-family home and residential condominium unit would constitute one (1) emergency service equivalent unit. A duplex would constitute two (2) emergency service equivalent units. The City would adopt a fee schedule for all non-residential parcels based on structural square footage. This fee does not apply to vacant parcels.

Beginning with the December 2023 tax bill that funds the 2024 Budget, should the City of Delafield establish a fee on an ongoing basis for fire protection and emergency medical services of not more than \$450.00 for each emergency service equivalent unit and an amount based on square footage for all non-residential parcels, and subject to annual adjustments determined by the Common Council?

Answer: YES _____ NO _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the explanatory statement shall read as follows:

EXPLANATION: Wisconsin Statutes authorize the City of Delafield to assess a fee for fire protection and emergency medical services. A “YES” vote would support the assessment of a fee on an ongoing basis to increase fire protection and emergency medical staffing resulting in improved response times. The assessment of this fee will result in a reduction of the property tax levy by \$705,584.

A “NO” vote would oppose the assessment of a fee, which would worsen response times due to the continued closures of fire and emergency medical stations.

The results of the referendum are binding on the Common Council.

A single-family home and residential condominium unit would constitute one (1) emergency service equivalent unit. A duplex would constitute two (2) emergency service equivalent units. The City would adopt a fee schedule for all non-residential parcels based on structural square footage. This fee does not apply to vacant parcels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of this Resolution, Resolution 2023-01 is hereby repealed and of no force and effect.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Delafield this 23rd day of January, 2023.

Dated _____

Signed _____
Kent Attwell, Mayor

Published _____

Attest _____
Molly Schneider, City Clerk

