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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA ON THE USE OF HOME RULE

WHEREAS, the Village of Wauconda is currently a non-home rule jurisdiction providing core services upon which residents, businesses and other stakeholders rely, such as police protection, street and sidewalk maintenance, Bangs Lake management, snowplowing, community and economic development, wastewater treatment, water delivery and many others; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees have engaged in long-term planning in order to meet the mission to deliver cost effective services and ensure long-term sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees, through long-term financial forecasting, have determined that home rule will provide the Village Board with tools to ensure long-term sustainability and rely less upon property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees have submitted a referendum question to the qualified electors of the Village of Wauconda to determine whether Wauconda shall become a home-rule unit of government; and

WHEREAS, the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (35 ILCS 200/18-185 through 18-245), commonly referred to as the “property tax cap”, is imposed upon all non-home rule jurisdictions, whereby local governments can increase their property tax collections by no more than the rate of inflation in the national Consumer Price Index or 5%, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees wish to commit to continuing to abide by the PTELL law should the Village achieve home-rule status by referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Wauconda, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted by the Corporate Authorities as its findings of fact and are incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: PROPERTY TAX CAP. That if the Village of Wauconda becomes home rule as a result of the referendum, the Mayor and Board of Trustees shall continue to abide by the property tax limitations as set forth in the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, commonly referred to as the property tax cap. The Village shall not exceed the property tax cap unless the Village Board has determined that an actual or imminent financial crisis threatens the continuity of Village core services, and the Village Board has explored viable options, including cost-cutting measures and home-rule revenues prior to consideration of exceeding the property tax cap.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

Adopted this 7th day of February, 2023.

	Ayes:	Nays:	Absent/Abstain
John Barbini	✓	_____	_____
Tim Howe	✓	_____	_____
Tom Shaw	✓	_____	_____
Jennifer Kuhn	✓	_____	_____
Nicole Strauts	✓	_____	_____
Sam Stein	✓	_____	_____

APPROVED:



By *Jeff A. Sode* Date: 2-7-2023
JEFF A. SODE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

By: *Virginia Radcliff* *by Amy Glawson, Deputy Village Clerk*
VIRGINIA RADCLIFF, Village Clerk

Presented and read, or reading having been waived, at a duly convened meeting of the Corporate Authorities on February 7, 2023