

NOTICE OF ADVISORY REFERENDUM

City of Madison, Wisconsin

April 6, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the City of Madison, Wisconsin on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, the following advisory referendum questions will be submitted to a vote of the people:

1. Madison currently has a part-time Common Council who are paid approximately thirteen-thousand seven hundred dollars (\$13,700) per year.

Beginning with the 2023 Spring Election, SHOULD the City of Madison transition to a full-time Common Council with each Common Council Member earning between fifty percent (50%) to eighty percent (80%) of the Adjusted Median Income for Dane County for a single parent with two children (approximately \$45,000 to \$71,000 per year)?

YES ___

NO ___

2. Madison currently has a part-time Common Council comprised of twenty (20) alderpersons, one from each alderperson district.

Beginning with the 2023 Spring Election, SHOULD the size of the City of Madison Common Council be reduced?

YES ___

NO ___

Beginning with the 2023 Spring Election, SHOULD the size of the City of Madison Common Council be increased?

YES ___

NO ___

SHOULD the size of the City of Madison Common Council remain the same?

YES ___

NO ___

3. Madison alderpersons are currently elected to two (2) year terms. The Madison Mayor is currently elected to four (4) year terms.

Beginning with the 2023 Spring Election, SHOULD City of Madison alderpersons be elected to four (4) year terms?

YES ___

NO ___

4. Madison alderpersons are currently not subject to term limits.

Beginning with the 2023 Spring Election, if the City transitions to a full-time Common Council SHOULD the City of Madison alderpersons be subject to term limits of twelve (12) consecutive years?

YES ____

NO ____

EXPLANATION AND EFFECT OF VOTE

The advisory referendum questions are being submitted to the electors of the City as a means of providing information regarding whether the electors favor the actions and policies proposed in the questions.

A “yes” vote advises the City that you are in favor of the action or policy described in the question. .

A “no” vote advises the City that you are opposed to the action or policy described in the question.

In the event that a majority of electors voting on a question listed above vote “yes” on the question, the City will be advised in favor of the action or policy described in the question; if a majority of electors vote “no”, the City will be advised against the action or policy described in the question.

The referendum is advisory only. The results of the advisory referendum are not binding on the City. Implementation of these actions or policies will require further action by the Common Council or the electorate. For example, in order to change the size of the Madison Common Council or increase the length of alderperson terms, the City would be required to submit those questions to the electorate as a binding referendum at a future Spring election.

A copy of the entire text of the Resolution File No. [insert enactment # when available] directing the submission of question can be obtained from the office of the Madison City Clerk, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 103, Madison, Wisconsin, 53703.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the City of Madison, Wisconsin
on January ___, 2021.

Maribeth Witzel-Behl
City Clerk
Madison, Wisconsin

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