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Dear Alders:

On November 5, taxpayers voted to approve a \$22 million tax referendum put forth by you and the Mayor.

Now the City Finance Director is projecting a \$20 million budget surplus by the end of the year.

City finances would appear to be pretty healthy right now, but still officials are planning to increase the Urban Forestry Fee from \$7.12/month (\$85.44/year) to \$7.58/month (\$90.91/year).

They're also planning to start charging for parking at select city parks. We're told that it will be done on a pilot basis, but who believes those new fees will ever go away?

Please stop nickel- and dime-ing us for services that should already be covered by our property taxes. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Ginny White 71 Oak Creek Trail