

**RESOLUTION 2024-06**  
**TO SUBMIT AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM TO THE VOTERS OF WHEELING**  
**TOWNSHIP REGARDING LOCAL UNFUNDED MANDATES**

**WHEREAS**, WHEELING TOWNSHIP, Illinois is a duly organized and existing township created and operating under the provisions of the Illinois Township Code and the laws of the State of Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Election Code provides that any public question authorized by statute shall be initiated in accordance with 10 ILCS 5/28-1 and 5/28-5; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 80-80 of the Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/80-80, provides that, by a vote of a majority of the township board, the township board may authorize that an advisory question of public policy be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election in the township; and,

**WHEREAS**, as of October 29, 2021, the Illinois Municipal League identified hundreds of unfunded mandates imposed on local governments in the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, unfunded mandates must be paid by local taxpayers, largely through increases in local property taxes; and,

**WHEREAS**, residential property taxes in Illinois have increased 215%, or \$15.8 billion since 1996, in part to pay for increasing local pension costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board of WHEELING TOWNSHIP, Illinois find it to be in the best interests of WHEELING TOWNSHIP, Illinois to put a non-binding, advisory referendum question on the ballot regarding whether the state of Illinois should be allowed to force unfunded mandates on local governments who may raise property taxes to cover the costs of those mandates, and that said question should be submitted by referendum to the WHEELING TOWNSHIP electorate at the April 1, 2025 consolidated election.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of WHEELING TOWNSHIP that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place on the April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election Ballot in WHEELING TOWNSHIP the following non-binding, advisory, public question in accordance with applicable law:


Should the state of Illinois be allowed to force unfunded mandates on local governments who may raise property taxes to cover the costs of those mandates?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted on December 10, 2024 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

  
Supervisor

Attest:   
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I, JOANNA GAUZA, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am duly qualified Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Wheeling Township, Cook County, Illinois (the "Township"), and as that official, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board of Trustees of the Township.

I do further certify that the foregoing Resolution To Submit an Advisory Referendum to the Voters of Wheeling Township regarding Local Unfunded Mandates is a true, correct and complete copy of that Resolution as adopted by the Township Board of Trustees at the regular meeting of the Board held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

I do further certify that the deliberations and the vote of the members of the Board of Trustees on the adoption of the Resolution were taken openly; that the meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public; that notice of the meeting was duly given to all newspapers, radio or television stations, and other news media requesting notice; that the meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, as amended, and the Illinois Township Code (60 ILCS 1/1, *et seq.*); and that this Board has complied with all of the applicable provisions of that Act and Code and with all the procedural rules of the Board of Trustees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

  
Township Clerk