



**CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 13, 2026**

**SUBJECT:** Consideration to adopt a resolution placing a question on the November 2026 ballot, whether to authorize the City to levy a new millage for specified Capital Improvements and Projects of up to 1.0 mill, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the 2027 tax year.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** City Manager

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At the City Council's 2026 Goal Setting Meeting, a goal was reaffirmed to renew the City's Capital Improvement Millage, initially approved by voters back in August 2016. Further direction was provided to City Administration at Council's February 9, 2026, meeting, to mirror the question presented to voters 10 years ago. The attached resolution is the formal vehicle for placing the following language on the August ballot:

*CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MILLAGE*

Shall Section 9.1 of the Novi City Charter be amended to authorize a millage for capital improvements and capital projects, including, but not limited to, parks and facilities, land acquisition, pathways, and apparatus (such as fire trucks, heavy equipment), with such funds not to be used for operations or payroll, in the amount of 1.0 mills (being \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten years, starting with the July 2027 levy and resulting in the authorization to collect an estimated \$5,412,997 in the first year if approved and levied, to replace an expiring capital improvements millage

The City Council approved a previous version of this resolution at its March 9, 2026 meeting indicating that the question would be placed on the August 4, 2026 ballot. The attached resolution identifies the November 3, 2026 election as the election at which this question would be considered.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration to adopt a resolution placing a question on the November 2026 ballot, whether to authorize the City to levy a new millage for specified Capital Improvements and Projects of up to 1.0 mill, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the 2027 tax year, including authorization to City Manager and City Attorney's office to finalize language for same.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CITY OF NOVI

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CHARTER AMENDMENT**  
**RESTORATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MILLAGE**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held in the City Council Chambers on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., with those present and absent being:

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

the following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, the Home Rule Cities Act (HRCA), as amended, and pursuant to Section 9.1 and 15.7 of the City Charter, provisions of the City Charter may be amended for the purposes stated herein by a Charter amendment proposal that has been approved by a majority vote of the electors of the City voting at an election called for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the HRCA, a City Charter amendment may be proposed by the Council on a three-fifths vote of its seated members; and

WHEREAS, the voters previously approved a millage on August 2, 2016, for a 10-year period for the purpose of funding capital improvements and capital projects, including, but not limited to, parks and facilities, land acquisition, pathways, and apparatus (such as fire trucks, heavy equipment), and not to be used for operations or payroll, which millage is currently set to expire on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, considering the City's current and forecasted fiscal circumstances, and in an effort to continue to provide and enhance the current level of investment in such capital improvements and projects, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to submit a proposal to the voters for a restoration of this millage for the same capital purposes, at the election to be held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Novi as follows:

1. The following proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the election to be held on November 3, 2026:

CITY OF NOVI  
CHARTER AMENDMENT

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MILLAGE

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YES

NO

2. Upon adoption of the proposed amendment, Section 9.1(g) of the City Charter would be added to the Charter to read as follows:

9.1(g) For capital improvements and capital projects – one-tenth of one percent (1 mill), to be used only for purposes of capital improvements and capital projects, including, but not limited to, parks and facilities, land acquisition, pathways, and apparatus (such as fire trucks, heavy equipment), to be effective only for a period of ten (10) years commencing July 1, 2027, and expiring on June 30, 2037.

3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to post and publish the proposed City Charter amendment set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution in a newspaper of general circulation in the City in the manner prescribed by law, and to do all other things necessary to provide for the submission of the ballot proposal set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution to the electors on the ballot for the November 3, 2026, election.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
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COUNTY OF OAKLAND    )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this \_\_\_\_ - day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CORTNEY HANSON, City Clerk  
City of Novi