

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD  
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM  
TO BE HELD MAY 11, 2021

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Town Charter and the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, notice is hereby given to the electors and persons qualified to vote in the Town of Ridgefield that a referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.) at East Ridge Middle School, 10 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut, for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

1. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$48,039,803 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$38,250,135 and debt service of \$9,789,668 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$48,039,803 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$38,250,135 and debt service of \$9,789,668 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved? YES/NO"

2. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$102,260,087 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$102,260,087 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved? YES/NO"

3. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$1,066,426 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$1,066,426 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved? YES/NO"

4. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$193,684 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Mack Truck, \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And \$230,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of The Norwalk River Valley Trail And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$573,684 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any Grants Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated To Be \$150,000 For Sidewalk Improvements and \$230,000 For The Norwalk River Valley Trail), be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$193,684 for the design and acquisition of a Mack truck, \$150,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of sidewalk improvements and \$230,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of the Norwalk River Valley Trail and authorizing the issuance of \$573,684 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes (provided that the bonds shall be reduced by the amount of any grants received for such purposes, which are anticipated to be \$150,000 for sidewalk improvements and \$230,000 for the Norwalk River Valley Trail), be approved? YES/NO"

5. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$201,760 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Scotts Ridge Turf Field Replacement And \$709,500 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Tiger Hollow Turf Field Replacement And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$911,260 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$201,760 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Scotts Ridge turf field replacement and \$709,500 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Tiger Hollow turf field replacement and authorizing the issuance of \$911,260 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes, be approved? YES/NO"

6. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$164,597 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of A Police Body/Dash Camera System (State Mandated) And \$360,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of Police/Fire Initial Architectural Building Plans And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$524,597 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$164,597 for the planning, design and acquisition of a police body/dash camera system (State mandated) and \$360,000 for the planning, design and acquisition of police/fire initial architectural building plans and authorizing the issuance of \$524,597 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes, be approved? YES/NO"

7. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$377,400 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School LED Lighting Upgrades, \$522,887 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Network Infrastructure Upgrades, \$100,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of East Ridge Middle School Auditorium Upgrades And \$349,885 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of An East Ridge Middle School Emergency Power Generator And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,350,172 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any Eversource Rebates Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated To Be \$28,000 For School LED Lighting Upgrades), be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$377,400 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of school LED lighting upgrades, \$522,887 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of school district wide network infrastructure upgrades, \$100,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of East Ridge Middle School auditorium upgrades and \$349,885 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of an East Ridge Middle School emergency power generator and authorizing the issuance of \$1,350,172 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes (provided that the bonds shall be reduced by the amount of any Eversource rebates received for such purposes, which are anticipated to be \$28,000 for school led lighting upgrades), be approved? YES/NO"

The vote will be by optical scan voting machine. Those in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word "YES" under such question. Those not in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word "NO" under such question. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law.

The polls will be open during the hours between 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.). Electors and persons qualified to vote as aforesaid may cast their votes at the following polling place:

East Ridge Middle School 10 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut

In accordance with Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, only an elector of the Town or a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a parent or surviving spouse of a veteran will be entitled to vote. Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town Clerk's office during business hours.

The voting will take place pursuant to the provisions of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and the votes will be cast and canvassed and the results determined and certified as nearly as may be in accordance with the laws governing the election of the Town officials.

The full text of said resolutions is on file open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Ridgefield, Connecticut, this 6th day of May 2021.

Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk