NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION

TOWNSHIP OF SCIO

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS IN SCIO TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Scio Township will conduct a public hearing at the Township Hall located at 827 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on June 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm, to consider the creation of a Special Assessment District for the purposes of specially assessing benefited property for the cost of fire protection in the Township.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the cost of fire protection is proposed *will continue* to be assessed as all lands located within the boundaries of Scio Township except lands and premises exempt from taxes under the General Property Tax Act, P.A. 206 of 1893.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the question of raising money for fire protection by special assessment shall be submitted to the electors for a vote on November 7, 2023.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Scio electors will consider whether to authorize an assessment of up to 3.75 mills (\$3.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) annually to defray the costs of providing fire protection and emergency medical services, including maintenance of buildings and acquisition of apparatus and equipment; and up to 0.75 mills (\$0.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) to defray the costs of purchasing property, constructing buildings, and providing apparatus and equipment for newly constructed buildings to provide fire protection and emergency medical services.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if approved by voters, the assessment will begin with the December 1, 2023, tax collection.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to establish the Special Assessment District and to fund the operations of the Fire Department by a levy on properties within the district. The estimated costs for fire protection and the Special Assessment District map may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk, Scio Township Hall.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons whether for or against the proposed Special Assessment District for funding fire protection are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing. Appearance and protest at the hearing in the special assessment proceedings is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or their agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or may file their protest by letter and their personal appearance shall not be required. Written protests shall be filed with the Township Clerk before the hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the public hearing, the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which are filed at or prior to the time of said hearing, as well as any revisions, amendments, or changes to said estimate of costs and the proposed levy, or to said Special Assessment District.

If the Township Board determines to create the Special Assessment District, a public hearing will be set by resolution to consider the amount of the special assessment to be levied against benefited properties. In future years, the Township Board proposes to annually re-determine the estimated cost for fire protection and spread a levy on the specially benefited properties in the district at an annual meeting called for that purpose in each year.

Persons with disabilities requiring any accommodation for participation in this meeting should contact the Township Clerk, Jessica M. Flintoft, 827 N Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103; email: clerk@sciotownship.org, phone: 734-369-9400.