

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2025-O-08

May 12, 2025

**City of Bellbrook
State of Ohio**

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AN ORDINANCE TO PROCEED TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19 AND SUBSECTION 5705.19(JJ), AS AMENDED, FOR ALL PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS 5705.19(I) AND (J) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, WHICH LEVY SHALL BE TWO AND TWO TENTHS (2.2) MILLS AND SHALL RUN FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19, AND DECLARING THAT THE QUESTION OF THE ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2025.

WHEREAS, City Staff have carefully reviewed the status of the City's funds and projected expenses and have determined that there is a need for additional funding, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(JJ), for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of related costs, and/or for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of the police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel pursuant to section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs, upon the entire territory of the City of Bellbrook, at a rate not exceeding Two and Two Tenths (2.2) Mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$77.00 for each \$100,000.00 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City's residents, and their health, safety, and welfare, that the City has adequate funding for its efficient operation; and

WHEREAS, City Staff have recommended that the City seek additional funding in the form of a tax levy, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(JJ), for the purposes described in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) and (J); and

WHEREAS, after considering the recommendations of City Staff, this Council heretofore determined the necessity of levying an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of the City and for the purposes described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, TWO-THIRDS OF ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK CONCUR AND HEREBY ORDAINS:

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Section 1. Council has received certification issued by the County Auditor for Greene County, Ohio, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, as amended.

Section 2. The amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the City of Bellbrook.

Section 3. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(JJ), as amended, it is necessary to levy an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of related costs, and/or for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of the police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel pursuant to section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs, upon the entire territory of the City of Bellbrook, at a rate not exceeding Two and Two Tenths (2.2) Mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$77.00 for each \$100,000.00 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time.

Section 4. The City of Bellbrook will proceed with the submission of the question of the additional tax to the electors. Said levy shall be submitted to the electors of this City at the election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and at the regular place or places of voting within this City as established by the Board of Elections of Greene County, Ohio during the election hours established by state law or by said Board of Elections.

Section 5. This ballot measure shall be submitted to voters in the entire territory of the City of Bellbrook, and the entire territory of the City of Bellbrook is located within Greene County, Ohio.

Section 6. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY

CITY OF BELLBROOK, OHIO

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

An additional tax for the benefit of the City of Bellbrook, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(JJ), as amended, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm

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communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of related costs, and/or for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of the police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel pursuant to section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs, at a rate not to exceed two and two tenths (2.2) mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$77.00 for each \$100,000.00 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, beginning in the year 2025 and first due and collectable in the calendar year 2026.

	FOR THE TAX
	AGAINST THE TAX

Section 7. Said levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate of the then current year of 2025 (the proceeds of which levy first would be available for collection in the calendar year of 2026), if a majority of the qualified electors of this City voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 8. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance, together with a copy of the county auditor's certification(s) and the Resolution adopted by the City of Bellbrook pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B)(1), to the Board of Elections of Greene County, Ohio, not later than four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the ninetieth (90th) day before the date of said election and to request that the Board of Elections of Greene County, Ohio, cause notice of the election on the question of levying this additional tax to be given as required by law.

Section 9. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that any and all deliberations of this Council that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including, but not limited to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 10. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED BY City Council this 12th day of May, 2025.

____ Yeas; ____ Nays.

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AUTHENTICATION:

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen McHugh, Municipal Attorney