



LEGISLATIVE COVER MEMO

Introduction: January 22, 2025

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2025-04**

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION

Submitted by: Jonathan Westendorf, City Manager

Scope/Description: This Resolution is the first step in placing a Fire Levy on the May 2025 ballot.

Budget Impact: Unknown at this time.

Exhibits: None.

Recommendation: Approval

CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2025-04

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WHEREAS, the City of Franklin, Warren County, Ohio (the “City”) has determined in good faith that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for 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 other related costs of the City of Franklin (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying an additional tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the Auditor of Warren County (the “County Auditor”) in order to permit the City Council (the “Council”) to consider the levy of such tax, and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Council the current total taxable value of the City, the estimated property tax revenue, rounded to the nearest \$1,000, that will be produced by such tax based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the tax, as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B)(2)(c)(ii), expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest \$1, for each \$100,000 of the “county auditor’s appraised value” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(P));

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Franklin, Ohio, five of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary for the City request an additional tax levy (the “Levy”), which is a 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 other related costs.

Section 2. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.19 and 5705.191, the question of the Levy shall be submitted to all of the electors of the entire territory of the City at the election to be held on May 6, 2025. All of the territory of the City is located in Warren County, Ohio.

Section 3. The Levy shall be at a rate not exceeding ____ mills for each \$1 of taxable value upon the entire territory of the City, for the following period of time: _____.

Section 4. The Levy shall include a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the 2025 tax year (commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 5. The Clerk of the Council is directed to promptly certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor with instructions for the County Auditor to certify to the Council the current total taxable value of the City, the

estimated property tax revenue that will be produced by the Levy based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the Levy expressed in dollars for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED: January 22, 2025

ATTEST: _____
Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____
Brent Centers, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the City Council of the City of Franklin, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of said City on January 22, 2025, and that a true copy thereof was certified to the County Auditor of Warren County, Ohio.

Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council