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Introduction: February 3, 2025

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2025-08**

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION

Submitted by: Jonathan Westendorf, City Manager

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

Budget Impact: None at this time.

Exhibits: None.

Recommendation: Approval

CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2025-08

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IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION**

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2025, the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Franklin, Ohio (the “City”) adopted a resolution (the “Resolution of Necessity”) declaring the necessity of an additional tax for the following period of time: continuing in excess of the ten-mill limitation, at the rate of 4.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, 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 (the “Levy”); and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of Warren County, Ohio (the “County Auditor”) has certified to the Council that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the Levy assuming the taxable value of the City remains constant throughout the life of the Levy is \$1,766,000, based on the current total taxable value of the City of \$360,384,460; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has also certified to the Council that the amount of the Levy, 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)), is \$172 (the “Estimated Cost”);

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

Section 1. The Council determines to proceed with the submission of the question of the Levy to all of the electors of the City at the rate of 4.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value for the following period of time: continuing, 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, which the County Auditor has certified at the Estimated Cost for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value.

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 in the entire territory of the City at the election to be held on May 6, 2025 (the “Election Date”). All of the territory of the City is located in Warren County, Ohio.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

An additional tax for the benefit of the City of Franklin, 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, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,766,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 4.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$172 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value, for the following period of time: continuing, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026?

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Clerk of the Council is hereby directed to immediately certify, not later than February 5, 2025 (which date is not less than 90 days prior to the Election Date), to the Board of Elections of Warren County, Ohio (the “Board of Elections”), a copy of the Resolution of Necessity and a copy of this Resolution together with the certificate of the County Auditor certifying 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 5. The Clerk of the Council is hereby directed and shall also certify to the Board of Elections that the Levy will be levied for the following period of time: continuing and will 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 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: February 3, 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 February 3, 2025, and that a true copy thereof was certified to the Board of Elections of Warren County, Ohio.

Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council