

CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI

RESOLUTION NO:

26-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN PLACE A ONE-QUARTER CENT (1/4¢) SALES TAX ON THE APRIL 2027 BALLOT TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE WILLARD PARKS DEPARTMENT WITH A TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEAR SUNSET.

WHEREAS, the Willard Parks Department provides essential parks, recreation facilities, youth programs, community events, and public spaces that contribute directly to the quality of life, health, and community identity of Willard residents; and

WHEREAS, current funding sources are not sufficient to sustainably support the maintenance of existing facilities, staffing, programs, and community expectations without placing undue strain on the City's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated sales tax provides a fair method of funding parks and recreation operations by distributing the cost across residents and visitors who benefit from these amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board has reviewed financial data, cost recovery goals, and long-term operational needs and determined that a one-quarter cent (1/4¢) sales tax within the city limits is an appropriate and reasonable funding mechanism; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board believes it is in the best interest of the community to allow the voters of Willard the opportunity to decide on this funding source with a defined twenty-five (25) year sunset provision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

We recommend that the Board of Aldermen place before the voters of Willard at the April 2027 election a ballot measure for a one-quarter cent (1/4¢) sales tax on all taxable goods within the city limits, dedicated exclusively to the operations of the Willard Parks Department, with a twenty-five (25) year sunset.

ADOPTED THIS DAY: the 9th day of February, 2026 by the Board of Alders of The City of Willard, Missouri.

Troy Smith, Mayor

Attested by Courtney Myers, City Clerk