

## ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 20

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO, DECLARING ITS INTENT TO PROCEED WITH THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 0.50 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2026-19 adopted on May 19, 2026, the Council of the City of Willowick declared it necessary to renew an existing 0.50 mill tax levy for parks and recreational purposes and requested the Lake County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by such levy; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Auditor certified on May 20, 2026, that the amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal levy of 0.50 mills is approximately \$70,824 annually, based upon a total taxable value of \$402,799,640, and that the levy would amount to \$5.00 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised market value; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.03(B) and 5705.19(H), this Council desires to proceed with the submission of the question of such renewal levy to the electors of the City of Willowick at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Willowick, County of Lake and State of Ohio:

**Section 1.:** That this Council hereby resolves to proceed with the submission to the electors of the City of Willowick the question of a renewal tax levy for the purpose of providing funds for parks and recreational purposes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(H).

**Section 2.:** That said levy shall be a renewal levy for five (5) years at a rate not exceeding 0.50 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.05 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation and \$5.00 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised market value, and which levy is estimated by the County Auditor to generate approximately \$70,824 annually commencing with the tax year 2026, for collection commencing in 2027.

**Section 3.:** That the question of such levy shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Willowick at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

**Section 4.:** That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance, together with all required certifications and documents, to the Lake County Board of Elections and the Lake County Auditor in the manner provided by law.

**Section 5.:** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were conducted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions

were conducted in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 123 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick.

**Section 6.:** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willowick and for the further reason that it is necessary to timely certify the question of the renewal levy to the Lake County Board of Elections for placement upon the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot; wherefore, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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Monica Koudela, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Michael Vanni, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alyssa Moran, Clerk of Council