

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF APPORTIONING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 5747.53 provides that in lieu of apportioning the undivided local government fund by a method prescribed by R.C. 5747.51 and R.C. 5747.52, that an alternative method of apportioning said fund may be approved by the Lake County Budget Commission, hereinafter called the "Budget Commission," upon approval of such alternative method by the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, the legislative authority of the City, located wholly or partially in the county, with the greatest population; and a majority of the boards of township trustees and legislative authorities of the municipal corporations, located wholly or partially within the county, excluding the legislative authority of the city with the greatest population, and

**WHEREAS**, the method of apportioning the fund pursuant to R.C. 5747.51 and R.C. 5747.52 would likely result in uncertainties about the financial distribution of the fund, and

**WHEREAS**, the alternative method of apportioning the fund would bring stability to the process by eliminating the uncertainties and would provide a better method of financial planning, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Willowick:

**Section 1.** The alternative method of apportioning the local government fund as described and outlined in Exhibit A, and fully incorporated herein, as a fair and equitable method of apportioning the local government funds which is in the best interests of the City of Willowick, and hereby approves said alternative formula for a period of ten years.

**Section 2.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution 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 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 3.** This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willowick and further provides for the timely submission of the agreed upon calculation with accordance with deadlines established by law; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

**PASSED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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**Monica Koudela, President of Council**

**SUBMITTED** to the Mayor for his approval  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

**APPROVED** by the Mayor on  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

**ATTEST:**

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**Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council**

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**Michael J. Vanni, Mayor**

**ALTERNATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORMULA FOR LAKE COUNTY**

- 1. Calendar year 2024 allocations shall be made using the same alternate formula determined by the 1982 LGF agreement.
  
- 2. Revenue received by Lake County from the Tax Commissioner’s Local Government Fund, Local Government Assistance Fund, and additional revenue calculation and deposited into the Undivided Local Government Fund shall be referred to collectively as the Local Government Fund (LGF). The total dollars received by Lake County from these funds shall be known as the “Total County Allocation.”
  
- 3. Beginning in 2025, distributions from the LGF shall be made using the following formula:
  - a. Lake County shall receive 10.8507% of the Total County Allocation each year as its total distribution.
  
  - b. The total estimated county allocation minus the county distribution shall be deemed the “Remaining Total Distribution.”
  
  - c. The following villages shall receive the greater of their 2024 distribution amount or the amount derived from paragraph (e) below. The sum of these distributions shall be taken from the Remaining Total Distribution annually. The amounts to each village will be reduced proportionally if the Total County Allocation in any year after 2024 is less than the 2024 Total County Allocation.
    - i. Perry
    - ii. North Perry
    - iii. Grand River
    - iv. Fairport Harbor
    - v. Lakeline
    - vi. Timberlake
  
  - d. The following cities and villages shall receive the greater of 90% of their 2024 distribution or the amount derived from paragraph (e) below. The sum of these distributions shall be taken from the Remaining Total Distribution annually. The amounts to each city and village will be reduced proportionally if the Total

County Allocation in any year after 2024 is less than the 2024 Total County Allocation

- i. Willoughby
- ii. Willowick
- iii. Wickliffe City
- iv. Eastlake
- v. Waite Hill
- vi. Kirtland Hills

e. The balance of the Remaining Total Distribution shall be disbursed among the remaining cities, villages, and townships in the following manner:

- i. Their populations, as determined by the most recent decennial U.S. Census, shall be summed, and a percentage assigned to each jurisdiction based on their portion of that sum.
- ii. In 2025, Perry Township shall receive 80% of the percentage derived in paragraph (i) above, and an additional 1% each year thereafter, not to exceed 86%. These amounts annually shall be taken from the Remaining Total Distribution annually.
- iii. In 2025, Madison Township, Leroy Township, Concord Township, and Painesville Township shall receive 62% of the percentage derived in paragraph (i) above, and an additional 4% each year thereafter, not to exceed 86%. These amounts annually shall be taken from the Remaining Total Distribution annually.
- iv. The remainder of the Remaining Total Distribution shall be divided among the remaining cities and villages based on their population, as determined by the most recent decennial U.S. Census. Their total populations will be summed, and each shall receive a proportionate amount based on their portion of the sum.

4. In the application of this formula no city, village, or township shall receive more than 100% of its population-based allocation, except for those amounts provided to the subdivisions in paragraphs 3(c) and 3(d) under the terms provided therein. Any aggregate amount that provides a distribution to communities through the application of paragraph 3(e)(iv) above shall be used to increase the percentage above 86% of the township population-based proportions, as determined in paragraph 3(e)(i).

5. The Lake Metropark District shall receive an annual distribution of \$100,000 for a five-year period in years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029. The distribution to the Lake Metropark District shall be taken proportionally from the final distribution of each Lake County city, village, and township based on their population as determined by the most recent U.S. decennial Census (for example, based on the 2020 U.S. Census, each subdivision would provide \$.4305909 per resident from their final distribution).