

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 19

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, LAKE COUNTY, OHIO, DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING .50 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF WILLOWICK AND REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT .50 MILL TAX LEVY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be required within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the City of Willowick, Lake County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a renewal tax under R.C. 5705.19 (H), outside the ten (10.0) mill limitation must be passed and certified to the Lake County Auditor in order to permit the City of Willowick to consider the levy of such a tax and must request that the Lake County Auditor certify to the City of Willowick the total current tax valuation of City of Willowick and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed .50 mill renewal tax levy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. 5705.03 (B), upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution by the City of Willowick declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or replacement of an existing tax, and the sections of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the County Auditor is to certify the total current tax valuation of the City of Willowick and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed tax levy;

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

Section 1. That pursuant to the provisions of R.C. 5705.19 (H), it is necessary to levy a renewal for five (5) years of an existing .50 mill tax levy for the benefit of City of Willowick for parks and recreational purposes; and at a rate not exceeding .50 mill for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to five cents (\$.05) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, commencing with the tax year 2026, for collection commencing in 2027 in compliance with R.C. 5705.34 if a majority of electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 2. That the question of such tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Willowick at the general election to be held thereon on November 3, 2026.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of the Resolution to the Lake County Auditor and Board of Elections of Lake County, Ohio. The City of Willowick hereby requests that the Lake County Auditor certify to the City of Willowick the total current tax valuation of City of Willowick, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal of the .50 mill tax levy if approved by the electors.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective so that it can be timely filed with the Lake County Auditor in order that the question of the renewal of the existing .50 mill tax levy may be submitted to the electors at the general election of November 3, 2026; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted by Council _____

Monica Koudela, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor: _____

Approved by the Mayor: _____, 2026

Michael Vanni, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Alyssa Moran, Clerk of Council