

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING .50 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19 (H), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the electors of this City, on November 2, 2016, approved the renewal of an existing .50 mill levy for the purposes of providing sufficient funding for parks and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the authority to levy the aforesaid renewal tax expires with the levy heretofore made by vote of the electors of this City on November 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-11 pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code declaring it necessary to renew the aforesaid tax levy for a period of five years and requesting the County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that renewal levy; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has certified that the total current tax valuation of the City is \$259,327,280, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that renewal levy would be \$69,454 annually during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds it necessary to proceed to renew said .50 mill levy in accordance with Revised Code Sections 5705.19 (H) in order to continue receiving such revenue without interruption.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, LAKE COUNTY, OHIO, that:

SECTION 1. It is hereby found and declared that the amount of taxes that may be raised by the City of Willowick, Lake County, Ohio, within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this City, and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purposes of providing sufficient funding for parks and recreational purposes at the rate of .50 mill for a period of five years.

SECTION 2. The question of the renewal of the tax levy of .50 mill upon the tax list and duplicate for five years, beginning with the 2021 tax list and duplicate and with the first collection and distribution of the proceeds of said levy to this City in the calendar year 2022, for the purpose of providing sufficient funding for parks and recreational purposes under provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19 (H) shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Willowick at the election to be held therein on the 2d day of November, 2021, as authorized by law, and said election shall be held at the regular places of voting in said City as established by the Board of Elections of Lake County, Ohio, or otherwise, within the time provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 3. The form of ballot to be cast at such election on the question of such tax shall be substantially as follows:

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
CITY OF WILLOWICK**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Willowick for the purposes of providing sufficient funding for parks and recreational purposes at a rate not exceeding one-half (.50) of one mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to five cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years commencing in 2021 first due in calendar year 2022.

FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

SECTION 4. The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to request that notice of said election be given as provided by law.

SECTION 5. The Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution, and the County Auditor's certificate referred to in the preambles hereto, to the Board of Elections of Lake County, Ohio.

SECTION 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted 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 the law.

SECTION 7. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City and for the further reason that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective so that it can timely be filed with the Lake County Auditor's Office 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 2, 2021; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____, 2021

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval on _____, 2021

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved by the Mayor on _____, 2021

Mayor