

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 16-23

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY AUDITOR A REQUEST TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED FROM A REPLACEMENT LEVY OF 3 MILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS, AND BRIDGES IN THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Lancaster City Council has previously determined in 2012 and 2022 that the amount of tax revenue which may be raised within the 10-mill limitation on levies on the current tax duplicate is insufficient to provide adequate funds for the construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the City; and

WHEREAS, the current 3-mill levy that is collected for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the City is set to expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine the revenue generated by such a replacement tax, the City needs to obtain the current total tax valuation from the Fairfield County Auditor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Lancaster, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

SECTION 1. This Council determines that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the 10-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate is insufficient to provide adequate revenue for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the City, and this Council further determines it is necessary to levy a replacement tax in excess of such 10-mill limitation for such purposes.

SECTION 2. This Council will submit to the electors of the City at the primary election to be held in the City of Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, on May 2, 2023, the question of levying a replacement tax, on every parcel inside the municipal corporation limits, of 3 mills for ten (10) years for the purpose of the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the City.

SECTION 3. The proposed tax will first be levied in tax year 2024 and first collected in 2025, exclusively in Fairfield County.

SECTION 4. This Council, as the taxing authority for the City, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B), requests that the Fairfield County Auditor certify to this Council the current total tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount that would be generated by a replacement tax of 3 mills for the purposes stated above pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(G).

SECTION 5. The Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Fairfield County Auditor pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B), and the Clerk is authorized to perform all actions necessary to accomplish the purpose of this resolution.

SECTION 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were taken 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, safety, and welfare of the City and for the further reason that this resolution must be delivered to the Fairfield County Auditor in order to obtain the Fairfield County Auditor's certification of the facts requested prior to determining whether to submit the question of the additional tax to the electors on May 2, 2023; wherefore, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Approved: _____

President of Council

Attest: _____

Mayor

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution _____-2023 as adopted by the Council of the City of Lancaster, Ohio at its meeting on _____, 2023.

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Law Committee

I, Teresa Lee Sandy, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on _____, 2023 and _____, 2023 the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this resolution in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

Clerk of Council