

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-33

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO, DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW A NINE-TENTHS (0.9) OF ONE MILL TAX LEVY AND REQUESTING 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 THE RENEWAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Willoughby, County of Lake, State of Ohio ("City"), finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten- (10-) mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the City and that it is necessary to renew a tax levy in excess of that limitation for the purpose of current expenses; and

WHEREAS, at the general election held November 2, 2021, the electors of the City renewed a tax levy in the amount of nine-tenths (0.9) of one mill on each One Dollar (\$1.00) evaluation for a period of five years and said renewal levy expires with taxes levied for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a renewal tax levy pursuant to Sections 5705.19 and 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code, Council must request that the Lake County Auditor certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the City and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal levy; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY, THE COUNTY OF LAKE, AND THE STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City declares that it is necessary to renew an existing tax levy for five (5) years, a nine-tenths (0.9) of one-mill ad valorem property tax outside the ten- (10-) mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses on November 3, 2026, as authorized by Sections 5705.19(A) and 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code. If approved, the nine-tenths (0.9) of one mill renewal tax would be first levied in tax year 2026, for first collection in calendar year 2027.

SECTION 2. That the Council of the City requests the Lake County Auditor to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the City and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the nine-tenths (0.9) of one mill renewal levy specified in Section 1.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Lake County, Ohio, 105 Main Street, P.O. Box 490, Painesville, OH 44077.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption 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 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby.

SECTION 5. That 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 inhabitants of the community; and for the further reason 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 tax levy for the purpose stated in Section 1 may be submitted to the electors at an election on November 3, 2026; and provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to Council, it shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall be in full force and take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted:

April 7, 2026 [Signature]
President of Council

Attest:

[Signature]
Clerk of Council

Date:

04.08.26

Approved:

[Signature]
Mayor

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval on this

8th

day of

April

, 2026.

[Signature]
Clerk of Council