

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-023

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR LEVYING A TAX EXCEEDING THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03(B)

(ADDITIONAL)

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the “Board”) provides fire services through the Franklin Township Fire Department, which services the unincorporated and incorporated portions of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the “Township”); and

WHEREAS, the Board is the taxing authority for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the best interests of Township residents to levy an additional tax for the provision of fire services to Township residents, the submission of such tax is authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised 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 Franklin Township and its Fire Department and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation pursuant to Section 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Franklin County Auditor a resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify (i) the total current tax valuation of Franklin Township (both incorporated and unincorporated areas) and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation pursuant to Section 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Franklin County Auditor a resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify, as applicable to this levy:

- (i) the total current tax valuation of the entire territory of Franklin Township (both incorporated and unincorporated areas), Franklin County, Ohio,
- (ii) the number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value that is required to generate a specified amount of revenue,
- (iii) in the case of an additional levy, the levy's rate, calculated using the rate described in R.C. 5705.03(B)(2)(d), expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value,
- (iv) the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by a specified number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value, and
- (v) for any levy or portion of a levy except a levy or portion of a levy to pay debt charges, an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of the tax; stating the proposed rate of the tax, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value, or the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the proposed tax; stating its purpose; whether it is an additional levy, a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, a renewal or replacement of an existing tax with an increase or a decrease, a reduction or decrease of an existing tax, or an extension of an existing tax to additional territory; the Section of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors; stating the term of years of the tax or if the tax is for a continuing period of time; that the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of the subdivision or, if authorized by the Revised Code, a description of the portion of the territory of the subdivision in which the tax is to be levied; the date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot; that the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the subdivision or, if authorized by the Revised Code, a description of the portion of the territory of the subdivision to which the ballot measure shall be submitted; the tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which the tax will first be collected; and each such county in which the subdivision has territory, and requesting such certification, the County Auditor is to certify the information under and in accordance with R.C. 5705.03(B)(2)(a-e), as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. The Board finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised 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 Franklin Township and its Fire Department.

Section 2. The Board determines that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Franklin Township (both incorporated and unincorporated areas) for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites

therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I). The sections of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing submission of the question are Sections 5705.03, 5705.19(I), 5705.191 and 5705.25.

Section 3. The Franklin County Auditor is hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5705.03(B)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, to certify to the Franklin Township Board of Trustees, the following:

- (i) the total current tax valuation of the entire territory of Franklin Township (both incorporated and unincorporated areas), Franklin County, Ohio,
- (ii) the levy's rate, calculated using the rate described in R.C. 5705.03(B)(2)(d), expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value,
- (iii) the dollar amount of revenue (rounded to the nearest dollar) that would be generated by the following specified numbers of mills for each one dollar of taxable value:
 - a) an additional **15.9 mill** levy for a continuing period of time (permanent)
- (iv) an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

Section 4. The above-referenced proposed levy would be a new and additional township-wide levy (**both incorporated and unincorporated areas**) for a continuing period of time, to be placed upon the ballot of the primary election to be held on May 5, 2026, and submitted to the entire territory (both incorporated and unincorporated areas) of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio. The proposed levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate of 2026 for collection in 2027, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 5. Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, only has territory in Franklin County, Ohio.

Section 6. Nicole Randazzio, Administrative Assistant, be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor and the Board of Elections of Franklin County, Ohio.

Section 7. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

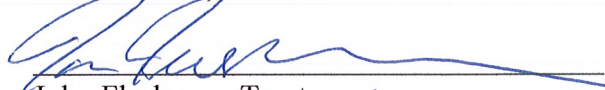
This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time provided by law.

Adopted: 01/29, 2026

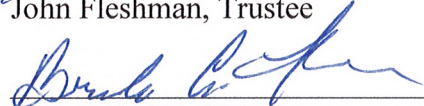
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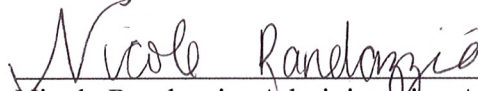
Brenda Fuller, Trustee

CERTIFICATION

The State of Ohio, Franklin County,

I, Nicole Randazzio, Administrative Assistant for Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of the Proceedings of said Franklin Township; that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution on said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof and further that I am duly authorized to make this certification.

Witness my signature, this 29 day of January, 2026.



Nicole Randazzio, Administrative Assistant