

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 029

**A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO TERMINATE CERTAIN
TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT LEVIES**

The Board of Trustee of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in person in a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, at 2193 Frank Road, Columbus, Ohio. The Trustee marked below made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

Trustee Fleshman

Trustee Fuller

Trustee Blevins

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Trustees (the “Board”) created the Franklin Township Fire District (“Fire District”) comprising only the unincorporated area of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Franklin Township have approved three continuing Fire District levies of 9.75 mills in 1993; 5.00 mills in 2004; and 3.89 mills in 2008, as well as a 5-year district levy of 5.89, all for the purpose of providing fire services and protection in the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2026, the Board requested that voters in the upcoming primary election in May of 2026 approve a 15.90 mills Township-wide levy, that would be placed on the tax list for 2026 and collected in 2027. The 15.90 mills levy, in effect, would change the taxing bodies from a “district” to the Township in order to provide funding for the operation of a Township Fire Department (as opposed to a Fire District). Assuming the voters approve said Township-wide levy in May of 2026, this change will allow the Township to phase out the current Fire District and to keep pace with Ohio law and protect the Township’s tax base by including those properties that have been annexed from the Township since March of 2002; and

WHEREAS, if voters approve the 15.90 mills levy in May of 2026, it will no longer be necessary for the Township to collect the proceeds of the three continuing Fire District levies of 9.75 mills approved in 1993; 5.00 mills approved in 2004; and 3.89 mills approved in 2008, as well as the 5 year district levy of 5.89 mills, and it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to terminate/not renew said levies should voters approve the Township-wide levy.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the “Board”) that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that if the 15.90 mills Township-wide levy is approved by voters in May of 2026, it is the Board’s intent to do the following for the current Fire District levies:

- (1) Terminate the levy for 9.75 mills for a continuing period of time that was adopted in 1993, for the purposes set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I); and
- (2) Terminate the levy for 5.00 mills for a continuing period of time that was adopted in 2004, for the purposes set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I); and
- (3) Terminate the levy for 3.89 mills for a continuing period of time that was adopted in 2008, for the purposes set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I);
- (4) Terminate the five (5) year levy for 5.89 mills, for the purposes set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I);

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board 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 Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be declared an emergency and take effect immediately upon adoption.

The following trustee marked below seconded the motion:

Trustee Fleshman

Trustee Fuller

Trustee Blevins

Roll was called for the adoption of the resolution, and the vote was as follows:

Fleshman: YES/ NO

Fuller: YES/ NO

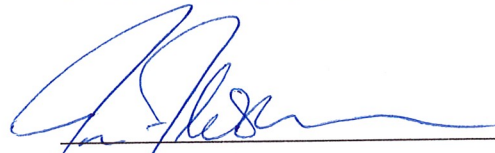
Blevins: YES/ NO

Adopted: 02/03, 2026

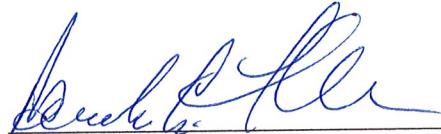
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP,
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**



Trustee Mike Blevins



Trustee John Fleshman



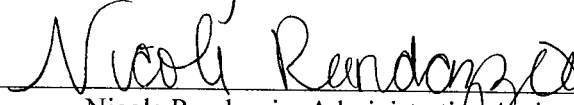
Trustee Brenda Fuller

CERTIFICATION

The State of Ohio, Franklin County,

I, Nicole Randazzio, Administrative Assistant of 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 3 day of February, 2026.



Nicole Randazzio, Administrative Assistant