

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10
VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO
FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A NEW TAX ON PROPERTY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES AND REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE LICKING COUNTY AND FAIRFIELD COUNTY AUDITORS AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5705.03 and 5705.192 of the Ohio Revised Code, the taxing authority of the Village of Buckeye Lake, is authorized by law to place a tax levy before the electors residing within the Village's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Village Council finds the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount of funds to meet the necessary requirements of this Village in providing for the operation of the police department for within the Village, an additional tax is needed to meet these requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Village's prior five (5) mill levy, submitted to and approved by the electors, expired in tax year 2023 and was last to be collected in calendar year 2024, and was not replaced or renewed; and

WHEREAS, Village Council finds that in order to provide for adequate funds for continued operation of the police department for police protection services, it is necessary to place a new levy, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, at the rate of four (4) mills for each one-dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, for a three-year (3) period, and for the same purpose of providing for operation of the police department for police protection services; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03 authorizes the submission of the question of a new tax for current expenses of the Village to the voters; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03 requires this Council, by a vote of two-thirds of all members elected thereto, to request, from the County Auditor, certification of the total current tax valuation of the Village before proceeding with the submission of the question to the voters;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF ITS MEMBERS CONCURRING TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHARTER SECTION 4.04 REQUIRING THREE READINGS ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS WITH AT LEAST ONE WEEK BETWEEN THE READINGS,

Section 1: Council determines it is necessary to enact a new levy placing a tax upon the entire territory of the Village of Buckeye Lake, Ohio, in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the police department for police protection services, as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(J), and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, the new levy rate shall be the rate of four mills (4 mills) for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, and shall be for a term of three (3) years, beginning in tax year 2025 and to be first collected in calendar year 2026, and shall be for the same purpose of providing for the operation of the police department for police protection services.

Section 2: The Auditor of Fairfield County, Ohio, and the Auditor of Licking County, Ohio, are hereby requested to certify to this Council, within ten (10) days of receipt of this Resolution, the total current

tax valuation of the Village of Buckeye Lake, in each respective county, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by four mills (4.0 mills).

Section 3: The Village Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Auditor of Licking County and Auditor of Fairfield County, upon approval.

Section 4: Upon receipt of certifications from the Auditor, it is the intent of this Council to pass a resolution to proceed with the levy and request the Boards of Election of Licking and Fairfield Counties to submit the question of a new tax to the voters, the question of the tax appearing on the ballot at the May 6, 2025, election, and the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the Village of Buckeye Lake in Licking and Fairfield Counties, the Village territory situated in both counties.

Section 5: In accordance with ORC 5705.10 and 5705.19, any funds derived from such tax shall be placed in the fund for the police department operation.

Section 6: It is hereby found 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 that resulted in this formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 7: For the reasons in the preamble, this resolution is deemed to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Buckeye Lake, Ohio. Therefore, this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by Council.

PASSED this 9th day of December, 2024

Attest:

Samantha Torres
Council Clerk, Samantha Torres

John F. Lemmon
Council President, John Lemmon

Date Filed with Mayor 12-9-2024
Date Approved by Mayor 12-9-2024

Linda Goodman
Mayor, Linda Goodman

APPROVED:

Approved as to form on this day, 12/12/2024.

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