

## CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

### RESOLUTION No. R26-04 CMS

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF A RENEWAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE OBERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TERRITORY SERVED BY THE LIBRARY, PURSUANT TO 5705.23 OF THE REVISED CODE, TO GO INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT

WHEREAS, at the election held on May 4, 2021, the electors of the territory served by the Oberlin Public Library approved a renewal tax levy totaling 3.25 mills for the purpose of current expenses of the Oberlin Public Library for a period of five years, the last collection of which will occur in calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees of the Oberlin Public Library has determined that the renewal of said 3.25 mill tax levy upon its expiration is necessary for the proper operation of the Library; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2025, and January 8, 2026, the Board of Library Trustees of the Oberlin Public Library duly adopted Resolutions carrying out statutory procedures and declaring that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Oberlin Public Library, a municipal public library serving the City of Oberlin and the territory of the Oberlin City School District not in the City and the residents thereof; and

WHEREAS, those Resolutions request this Council, as the taxing authority for the Oberlin Public Library and pursuant to Section 5705.23 of the Revised Code, submit the question of renewing the existing tax levy of 3.25 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$66 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, to the electors of the territory served by the Library at an election to be held therein on May 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Council is in receipt of a certificate of the Lorain County Auditor, dated December 26, 2025, provided at the request of the Oberlin Public Library in connection with these tax levy proceedings, which states that the total current tax valuation of the territory served by the Oberlin Public Library is \$346,111,180, and that the amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed 3.25 mill levy would be \$723,019 annually during the life the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation of the territory served by the Library remains the same throughout the life of the levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio:

Section 1. In accordance with the aforesaid Resolutions of the Board of Library Trustees of the Oberlin Public Library, a municipal public library, it is hereby found, determined and declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Oberlin Public Library and it is therefore necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of the current expenses of the Oberlin Public Library in the total amount of 3.25 mills for a continuing term.

Section 2. The question of renewing an existing tax of 3.25 mills for the purpose of the current expenses of the Oberlin Public Library for a continuing term, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2026, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to the Board of Library Trustees in calendar

year 2027, shall be submitted under the provisions of 5705.23 of the Revised Code to the electors residing within the boundaries of the territory served by the Oberlin Public Library, as defined by the State Library Board and set forth in the preambles hereto, at an election to be held therein on May 5, 2026, as authorized by law, and that the election shall be held within the territory served by the Library at the regular places of voting established by the Board of Elections of Lorain County, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be cast at the election on the question of this tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

**OBERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of 3.25 mills of an existing levy, to constitute a tax for the benefit of the Oberlin Public Library for the purpose of the current expenses of the Oberlin Public Library at a rate not exceeding 3.25 mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$66 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing term.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Clerk of this Council be and is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of said election as provided by law.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees of the Oberlin Public Library, at its meeting held on January 8, 2026, passed a Resolution confirming its intent to pay or reimburse the City for the costs (as certified by the Board of Elections) of placing the 3.25-mill renewal tax levy on the May 5, 2026 ballot, and that, upon adoption of such resolution, it would be certified to the Board of Elections and the Budget Commission. In accordance with the policies of the Budget Commission, upon receipt of such Resolution, this Council requests that such election costs be deducted from moneys of the Oberlin Public Library instead of the City's general fund.

Section 6. The Clerk of Council be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution, the two Resolutions of the Board of Library Trustees and the certification of the Lorain County Auditor referred to in the preambles hereto to the Board of Elections of Lorain County, Ohio, at least ninety (90) days prior to May 5, 2026.

Section 7. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such 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 8. To ensure the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City of Oberlin, and for the further reason that its immediate effectiveness is necessary to meet the filing deadlines for the May 5, 2026 election and provided that at least five (5) members of Council determine by motion, this Resolution shall go into full force and effect immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: January 20, 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

  
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BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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EBONI A. JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 01/21/2026

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/20/2026