

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03
VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO**

A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH AN ADDITIONAL LEVY ON PROPERTY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE AND TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF THE ADDITIONAL TAX TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE AT THE MAY 6, 2025 ELECTION AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2024, this Council, by Resolution 2024-10, determined the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Village to provide police protection services, and it is necessary for an additional tax of four-mill (4.0) levy for three (3) years, to be effective in 2025 and first collected in 2026, for the same purpose of providing police protection services, said tax being in excess of the ten-mill limitation, and said levy replacing the expired tax, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.192; and

WHEREAS, this Council, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, did certify to the Auditors of Fairfield and Licking Counties Resolution 2024-10, requesting the Auditors to certify the total current tax valuation of the Village of Buckeye Lake in said respective counties, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the additional tax of four mills (4.0 mills); and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of Licking County has certified to this Council that the total tax valuation is One Hundred Thirty Million Nine Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine dollars and no cents (\$130,952,769.00) and that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the additional four-mill (4.0) tax is Five Hundred Twenty Four Thousand dollars and no cents (\$524,000.00), annually during the life of the levy assuming the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy, for all properties within the Village in both Fairfield and Licking counties, (attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the additional levy for the purpose of providing funds for police protection services, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.19(J), for the Village at a rate not exceeding four mills (4.0 mills) for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to One Hundred Forty Dollars and No Cents (\$140.00) for each one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,00.00) of valuation, and said levy shall be for a term of three (3) years, beginning in tax year 2025, to first be collected in calendar year 2026; and

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

WHEREAS, this Resolution to place the additional tax levy on the May 6, 2025 ballot must be filed with the Board of Elections before 4:00pm on February 5, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE THAT FOLLOWING AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE COUNCIL TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF THE BUCKEYE LAKE VILLAGE CHARTER TO READ A RESOLUTION ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS,

Section 1: The Village of Buckeye Lake hereby declares it will proceed with placing the issue on the ballot, May 6, 2025 election, for a four-mill (4.0) additional levy for police protection services, pursuant

to Ohio Revised Code 5705.03 and 5705.19(J), for a period of three (3) years, commencing January 1, 2025, to be first collected in 2026.

Section 2: It is hereby declared the form of the ballot to be used at said regular election shall be substantially as follows, with the proposed language on the question of the additional levy reading as follows, or in a similar manner as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)
VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

An additional tax for the benefit of the Village of Buckeye Lake for the purpose of providing funds for police protection services for the Village, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$524,000.00 annually, at a rate not exceeding 4.0 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$140.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a term of three (3) years, beginning in tax year 2025, to first be collected in calendar year 2026.

For the Tax Levy _____

Against the Tax Levy _____

Section 3: The question approving the additional levy as set forth in Section 2 shall be submitted to the electors of the Village of Buckeye Lake, Ohio, at the election on May 6, 2025.

Section 4: The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution, with the attached Exhibit A, and a copy of Resolution 2024-10, passed on December 9, 2024, to the Board of Elections in both Fairfield and Licking Counties, no later than 4:00pm on February 5, 2025.

Section 5: 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 6: For the reasons in the preamble, and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705, 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.

ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2025

Attest: Samantha Torres
Council Clerk, Samantha Torres

John Lemmon
Council President, John Lemmon

Date filed with Mayor: 1-14-2025, 2025

Date Approved by Mayor: 1-14-2025, 2025

Linda Goodman
Mayor, Linda Goodman

APPROVED:

Approved as to form on this day, January 9, 2025.

Bradley S. Nicodemus
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