

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 2.9 MILL TAX LEVY AND AN INCREASE OF 0.6 MILL, FOR A TOTAL OF 3.5 MILLS IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE HUDSON LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees of the Hudson Library and Historical Society has adopted a resolution (i) declaring it necessary to renew an existing 2.9-mill tax levy and to increase it another 0.6-mill for five years, for the purpose set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution and (ii) requesting the City Council to submit the question of the renewal to its electors at the May 5, 2026 election; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2025, this Council adopted Resolution No. 25-147, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, declaring it necessary to renew the 2.9 mill levy and increase that levy by 0.6 mill, for a total of 3.5 mills in excess of the ten-mill limitation, for the purpose of supporting the free public library of the Hudson Library and Historical Society, and requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by such a levy; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2025, the Summit County Fiscal Officer certified that the total current tax valuation of the City is \$1,470,549,590 and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that 2.9-mill renewal and 0.6-mill increase levy would be \$3,692,699 during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Council finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised by the City within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this City, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation at a rate not to exceed 3.5-mill for each dollar of valuation for the purpose of supporting the free public library of The Hudson Library and Historical Society, for five years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

Section 2. This Council further determines to proceed with the submission to the electors of the City at an election to be held on May 5, 2026, the question of the renewal of an existing 2.9-mill and an increase of 0.6 mill ad valorem tax outside of the ten-mill limitation to constitute a total tax levy at a rate not to exceed 3.5-mill for each dollar of valuation for the purpose of supporting the free public library of The Hudson Library and Historical Society, for five years, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2026, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to the City in the calendar year 2027, and that said question shall be submitted under the provisions of Sections 5705.19, 5705.191, and 5705.25 of the Revised Code. The election shall be held at the regular places of voting in the City as established by the Summit County Board of Elections, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed, and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. The proposed tax is to be levied on the entire territory of the city, meaning within corporate limits of the City of Hudson, which is situated entirely within Summit County, Ohio.

Section 4. The levy shall be placed on the tax list, i.e., be levied, beginning in 2026 for the first collection in 2027, if the electors voting on it approve the levy as provided by law.

Section 5. The levy shall be levied and remain in effect for five years, i.e., 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030. The levy shall be collected during 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, and 2031.

Section 6. The levy shall be submitted to be voted upon by the electors within the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio at the election to be held on May 5, 2026. A majority shall be needed for passage.

Section 7. The form of ballot to be cast at that election on the question of that tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(RENEWAL)
CITY OF HUDSON

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage

A renewal of 2.9 mill and an increase of 0.6 mill, to constitute a tax for the benefit of the City of Hudson for the purpose of supporting the free public library of the Hudson Library and Historical Society, at a rate not exceeding three and five tenths of one mill (3.5) for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-five cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 8. The Clerk of Council be and is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of that election as provided by law.

Section 9. The Clerk of Council be and is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution, Resolution No. 25-147 referred to in the second preamble to this Resolution, and the related County Fiscal Officer's certificate, to the Summit County Board of Elections, not later than the close of business on February 3, 2026.

Section 10. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 11. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council or its committees, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law.

Section 12. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective so that it can be timely filed with the Summit County Board of Elections, in order that the question of the renewal of the existing 2.9-mill levy with an increase of 0.6 mill may be submitted to the electors at an election on May 5, 2026; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five members of Council elected thereto or six affirmative votes if all seven members of Council are present at the meeting at which it is adopted; otherwise, it shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2025.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council