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(Second  
Substitute)

RESOLUTION NO. 72-23

BY: **DEBORAH LIME**  
(By Request – Safety Director)

A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH A RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND BUILDINGS, PAYMENT OF PERMANENT FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, AND PAYMENT OF THE FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, an election was held on November 8, 1994, on the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation, at a rate not exceeding one and one-half mills for each \$1 of valuation, for five years, beginning with a levy on the duplicate for the year 1994, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances and buildings, payment of the firefighters employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, at which election a majority of the qualified electors voting on such proposition voted in favor thereof; and

WHEREAS, renewals of the tax levy were passed by the electors on November 3, 1998, May 6, 2003, and May 5, 2009; a replacement levy of 1.5 mills of the existing tax levy and increase of 0.5 mills was necessary to maintain appropriate staffing levels of firefighters and provide and maintain fire apparatus, appliances and buildings and was passed by the electors on November 5, 2013; and a renewal of that 2013 levy was passed by the electors on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a renewal of the 2.0 mill existing tax levy is necessary to maintain appropriate staffing levels of firefighters and provide and maintain fire apparatus, appliances and buildings; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2023, the Council passed a resolution (the "Resolution of Necessity") declaring the necessity for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances and buildings, payment of permanent firefighting personnel to operate the same, and payment of the firefighters employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, pursuant to division (I) of Section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, to levy a renewal tax (the "Renewal Levy") in excess of the ten-mill limitation at the rate of 2.0 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$50 for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer's appraised value for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, the County Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the "County Fiscal Officer") has certified to the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Parma, Ohio (the "City") that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the Renewal Levy during the first year of collection is \$2,745,000, based on the current total taxable value of the City of \$1,816,694,850.

NOW, THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. The Council desires to proceed with the submission of the question of the Renewal Levy to the electors of the City pursuant to division (I) of Section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, at a rate not exceeding two mills for each one dollar of valuation, for five years, commencing with a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the year 2024 to be first collected and first distributed to the City in the year 2025, said tax of two mills being a renewal of an existing tax of two mills.

Section 2. The question of the renewal tax levy shall be submitted to the electors in the entire territory of the City at the General Election to be held on November 7, 2023, at the usual voting places within the City as established by the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, or otherwise according to law, and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law. All of the territory of the City is located in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Section 3. The form of the ballot to be cast at such election on the question of such renewal tax shall be substantially as follows, with such changes and modifications as are approved or authorized by the City Law Director:

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)  
CITY OF PARMA**

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Parma for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances and buildings, payment of permanent firefighting personnel to operate the same, and payment of the firefighters employer’s contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, that the county fiscal officer estimates will collect \$2,745,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 2.0 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$50 for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer’s appraised value, for five years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Section 4. The Clerk of this Council be and hereby is hereby directed and shall certify, not later than August 9, 2023 (which date is not less than 90 days prior to the Election Date), to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the “Board of Elections”), a copy of the Resolution of Necessity and a copy of this Resolution together with the current total taxable value of the City, the estimated property tax revenue that will be produced by the Renewal Levy based on such current total taxable value, and the amount of the Renewal Levy expressed in dollars for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer’s appraised value, as estimated by the County Fiscal Officer.

Section 5. The Clerk of this Council is hereby directed and shall also certify to the Board of Elections that the Renewal Levy will be levied for five years and will include a levy on the 2024 tax list and duplicate (commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025) if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 6. That it is found and determined 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 and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Section 7. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to certify this Resolution to the County Board of Elections in order to place the issue on the ballot at the November 7, 2023 General Election, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO