

RESOLUTION NO. R-30-25

A RESOLUTION TO LEVY A TWO AND ONE-HALF (2.5) MILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING FIRE AND E.M.S. SERVICES (RENEWAL) AND DIRECTING THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE THE QUESTION OF SAID LEVY ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Covington has determined that the renewal of the previously passed tax levy is necessary to fund Fire and E.M.S Services; and

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation of the tax levy will be insufficient to provide the necessary requirements for Fire and E.M.S. services within the Village; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ohio Revised code Section 5705.03, Council for the Village declares it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the statutory ten mill limitation.

WHEREAS, the Village Council for the Village of Covington, Miami County, Ohio, as the taxing authority of the Village of Covington, Miami County, Ohio has pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B), requested and secured from the Auditor of Miami County, Ohio, the certification of said official as to the total tax valuation of the real property contained with the Village of Covington, Miami County, Ohio, which is Fifty One Million, One Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$51, 157,290.00); and of the estimated tax revenue that will be raised annually by two and five tenths (2.5) mills, assuming the tax valuation of such real property contained within the Village of Covington, Miami County, Ohio remains constant throughout the life of the levy, which is calculated to be One Hundred Six Thousand dollars (\$106,000.00) and such rate amount to Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$58.00); for each one hundred thousand dollars of valuation; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of Village of Covington, Ohio, by **two-thirds** of all members elected thereto concurring

SECTION 1: The tax levy shall be a two and a half (2.5) mills for each one dollar of taxable value for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communication personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer

contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company at a proposed rate not exceeding **2.5 mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of taxable value to the nearest dollars, which amounts to twenty-five cents \$0.25 for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation; WHICH AMOUNTS TO Fifty Eight Dollars (\$58.00) per One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) of valuation; and shall be** a renewal of an existing tax without any decrease or increase of said tax to be levied for five (5) years, beginning with the tax year 2026, and continuing for tax years 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030, to be first collected in calendar year 2027, and to be collected thereafter in the calendar years 2028, 2029, 2030 and 2031, which proposed levy shall be a RENEWAL LEVY in accordance with Section 5705.19 (I) of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2: Council hereby declares that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the 10 mill limitation is insufficient to provide for the Village Fire and E.M.S. Service expenses and that is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Village for the purpose set forth herein;

SECTION 3: Therefore, the proposed tax shall be placed upon the tax lists and duplicate of Miami County, Ohio and to remain on said tax lists and duplicate as is set forth hereinabove, and be collected as other taxes, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor of said proposal; which shall be placed on the ballot at the general election set on November 4, 2025.

SECTION 4: The Fiscal Officer of the Village of Covington, Miami County, Ohio is hereby directed to certify a true and complete copy of this Resolution; a copy of the Council's Resolution requesting the Miami County Auditor to provide the certifications required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.34(B); and a copy of such certifications by the Miami County Auditor, and to direct the same to the Miami County Board of Elections, Miami County, Ohio and further direct the Miami county Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax be given as required by law;

SECTION 5: All formal actions of the Council of the Village of Covington, concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of said council, and all deliberations of said council 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 6: This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure because the continued provisions of fire Services is necessary for the immediate preservation of public health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the Village of Covington Ohio. This Resolution shall therefore take effect immediately as an emergency resolution.

APPROVED: _____, 2025:

Lee Harmon, Mayor

Rhonda Gill, Fiscal Officer

Amy Welborn, President of Council