

The Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on the 13th day of January 2026, at the administrative offices of the Board of Township Trustees, with the following members present: Michael Berding, Shannon Hartkemeyer, and Joseph McAbee.

Berding moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 26-16**

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS
OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, this Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio has heretofore declared that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Township and the necessity of levying an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation within the Township for the benefit of this Township pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.19 (J) of the Ohio Revised Code for the purposes of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs pursuant to the provisions of 5705.19(J) of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills per year for a continuing period of time and providing the question of levying a tax shall be submitted to the electors of the Township at an election to be held May 5, 2026; and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board of Township Trustees has heretofore certified to the County Auditor a Resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify to this Board of Township Trustees the total current tax valuation of the Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills per year as specified in such Resolution, and this Board of Township Trustees has received the certification of the County Auditor that such total current tax valuation is \$822,589,460.00 and that such dollar amount of revenue is \$2,459,542.00 per year (a copy of such certification is attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees (the "Board") of Fairfield Township (herein the "Township"), County of Butler, Ohio, two-thirds of all the members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That it is hereby declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised in this Township within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this Township. That the tax

shall be levied upon the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Police District, Butler County, Ohio. The Fairfield Township Police District has territory within Butler County and no other county.

Section 2. That it is hereby determined to proceed with the submission to the electors of the entire territory of the Township of the question of levying an additional tax described in the preamble hereto at the election on May 5, 2026.

Section 3. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.19 (J) of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary to levy an additional tax of two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills in excess of such ten-mill limitation upon the entire territory of the Township for the purposes of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$2,459,542.00 annually, at the rate not exceeding two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to one hundred and five dollars (\$105) for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of County Auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time commencing with tax year 2026.

Section 4. That the question of the adoption of said tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of the Township at the election to be held on May 5, 2026, and if said levy is approved by a majority of said electors such additional tax shall first be placed upon the 2026 tax list and duplicate, for first collection in calendar year 2027. That the Township has territory in Butler County and no other county. The additional tax shall be levied upon the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Fire District.

Section 5. That the form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote
NECESSARY FOR PASSAGE

An additional tax for the benefit of the Fairfield Township, County of Butler, Ohio, for the purposes of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for

such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$2,459,542.00 annually, at a rate not exceeding two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to one hundred and five dollars (\$105) for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of County Auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2026, first due in 2027.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

Section 6. That the President of this Board of Township Trustees or the Fiscal Officer be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution the resolutions declaring the necessity and the County Auditor Certificate to the board of elections, not later than four o'clock (4:00) p.m. of the ninetieth (90th) day before the date of said election and to notify said board of elections to cause notice of the election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Section 7. The Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

Section 8. Finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without limitation) Ohio Revised Code §121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Hart Kexmeyer seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon the question of adoption of the resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

Adopted: January 13, 2026

Board of Trustees

Vote of Trustees

Michael Berding: _____

yes

Shannon Hartkemeyer: _____

yes

Joe McAbee: _____

yes

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 13th day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

Shelly Schultz

Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Twp Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Katherine Barbieri

Katherine Barbieri, Twp Law Director

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the text of the foregoing resolution is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township held on January 13, 2026. The undersigned further certifies that the same has been compared by me with said record and it is a true and correct copy thereof, together with a true and correct copy of excerpts from the minutes of said meeting to the extent pertinent to the consideration and adoption of said resolution.

Shelly Schultz

Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Twp Fiscal Officer

EXHIBIT A

RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt this date of a certified copy of the foregoing Resolution which includes the rate of the tax levy and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the number of mills specified therein as estimated by the County Auditor.

Director of Elections
Butler County, Ohio

Dated:

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, County of Butler, Ohio, on the 13th day of January, 2026, there will be submitted to the qualified electors of the Township at the election to be held on the 5th day of May, 2026, at the regular places of voting therein, the question of levying an additional tax outside of the ten-mill constitutional limitation in Fairfield Township for the benefit of Fairfield Township for the purposes of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$2,459,542.00 annually, at a rate of two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to one hundred and five dollars (\$105) for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of County Auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2026, collection year 2027.

The polls will be open from__ a.m. to __ __ __ p.m. on said date.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE COUNTY OF BUTLER OHIO

Director

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NOTE: This notice should be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the township, once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks, or as provided in Section 7.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, prior to the election. If the Board of Elections operates and maintains a web site, the Board of Elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election.

Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue

Use this form when a taxing authority certifies a millage rate
and requests the revenue produced by that rate.

DTE 140R
Rev. 01/26
R.C. 5705.01, 5705.03

The county auditor of Butler County, Ohio, does hereby certify the following:

1. On December 29, 2025, the taxing authority of the Fairfield Township Police District (political subdivision name) certified a copy of its resolution or ordinance adopted December 29, 2025, requesting the county auditor to certify the current taxable value of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would be produced by (2.990) mills, to levy a tax outside the 10-mill limitation for Police purposes pursuant to Revised Code § 570519 (J), to be placed on the ballot at the May 5, 2026, election. The levy type is Additional.
2. The property tax revenue that will be produced by the stated millage, assuming the taxable value of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$ 2,459,542.
3. The total taxable value of the subdivision used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$ 822,589,460.
4. The millage for the requested levy is (2.990) mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ 105 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value.
5. Applicable only if this form is being completed by a school district with a current expense levy. The amount by which the carry-over balance in the school district's general operating budget from the preceding fiscal year exceeds the school district's general fund expenditures made in the preceding fiscal year, is \$ _____, and _____% of those expenditures.

Auditor's signature

Nancy Price

Date

1/12/26

Instructions

1. "Total taxable value" includes the taxable value of all real property in the subdivision as indicated on the tax list most recently certified for collection and estimates of the taxable value of public utility personal property for the first year the levy will be collected as set forth on the worksheets prescribed in conjunction with this form. If the subdivision is located in more than one county, the home county auditor (where the greatest taxable value of the subdivision is located) shall obtain the assistance of the other county auditors to establish the total tax valuation of the subdivision.
2. For purposes of this certification, "subdivision" includes any agency, board, commission or other authority authorized to request a taxing authority to submit a tax levy on its behalf. See R.C. 5705.01(A) & (C).
3. "Levy type" includes the following: (1) additional, (2) renewal, (3) renewal with an increase, (4) renewal with a decrease.
4. In completing Lines 1 and 4 of this form, mills should be identified in whole numbers or fractions thereof, i.e., 5 mills or 5.25 mills, rather than as a fraction of a dollar, i.e., \$0.005. This expression is consistent with the prior practice of identifying mills in whole numbers or fractions thereof per \$1 of valuation.
5. "The county auditor's market value" means the true value in money of real property. R.C. 5705.01(P).
6. For any levy or portion of a levy, an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest dollar, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list most recently certified by the county auditor under R.C. 319.28(B). See R.C. 5705.03(B).
7. Line 5 of the form should only be completed if the purpose of the tax is for current expenses or current operating expenses and the resolution is by a city, local, or exempted village school district. Any amounts designated in the school district's resolution for current or future permanent improvement must be excluded in determining the school district's carry-over balance. See R.C. 5705.03(B)(2)(f).
8. Please file this certificate with the subdivision as soon as possible, so the taxing authority can pass a resolution to proceed not later than 90 days before the election.

Worksheet to Calculate Revenue for Form DTE 140R
When a Taxing Authority Certifies a Rate and Requests the
Revenue Produced by That Rate for Additional, Replacement,
Replacement With an Increase, and Replacement With a Decrease Levies
and for the ½-mill Classroom Facility Levy

DTE 140R-W1
Rev. 8/08
O.R.C. §5705.03(B)

Calculation of Revenue

1. Tax valuation on the tax list most recently certified for collection	
1a. Class I Real – Res/Ag	\$ <u>765,401,190.00</u>
1b. Class II Real – Other	\$ <u>33,332,180.00</u>
1c. Public Utility Personal	\$ <u>23,856,090.00</u>
1d. General Personal	\$ <u>0.00</u>
2. Total Valuation	\$ <u>822,589,460.00</u>
3. Millage Rate	<u>2</u> . <u>99</u>
4. Projected Revenue from Tax Collections	\$ <u>2,459,542.00</u>
5. Personal Property Phase-out Reimbursement Payment	\$ <u>0.00</u>
6. Total Revenue	\$ <u>2,459,542.00</u>

Instructions

Line 1a. Enter tax valuation of all Class I real property (residential and agricultural property) as indicated on the tax list most recently certified for collection.

Line 1b. Enter tax valuation of all Class II real property (all other real property) as indicated on the tax list most recently certified for collection.

Line 1c. Enter the estimated valuation of public utility personal property for the first tax year the levy will be assessed against public utility personal property. To determine the public utility valuation, please refer to the values in the appropriate spreadsheet available at:

www.tax.ohio.gov/channels/government/services_for_local_govts.stm

Note: Public utility personal property taxes are assessed at the same time as real property taxes, except, beginning in 2007, telecommunications property. The public utility values in the spreadsheets reflect the shift of telecommunications property to general business property.

Line 1d. Using the estimated values published on the Department of Taxation's Web site at the address provided above, enter the estimated general personal property value for the first general personal property tax year the levy will be collected. (**Note:** If the first year for which the levy will be assessed against real property is tax year 2008, then the first tax year that levy will be assessed against personal property will be 2009.) Since telecommunications companies are the only general businesses that are still liable for the personal property tax, and then only for tax years 2009 and 2010, only the estimated value of the telecommunications property should be entered on this line. No entries should be made on this line for levies that will first be effective for real property for tax year 2010 or thereafter.

Line 2. Add lines 1a through 1d and place total here.

Line 3. Enter the tax rate in mills certified to the county auditor by the subdivision.

Line 4. Multiply line 2 times line 3 and divide by 1,000 to get tax revenue in dollars.

Line 5. Enter the amount of the reimbursement payment (if any) the subdivision will receive for qualified replacement levies for the first general personal property tax year the proposed levy will be or would be in effect. (**Note:** If the first year the proposed levy will be assessed against real property is tax year 2008, then the first year that levy will be assessed against personal property will be 2009.)

For tax years 2007-2010, reimbursement amounts for qualifying levies are posted on the Department of Taxation's Web site. Full reimbursement payments will be made for these levies for these years even if the levy is replaced with a decrease. For tax years 2011-2017, potential reimbursement amounts will be posted as those tax years are imminent, but reimbursement payments for replacements of qualified levies for those tax years will only be made to the extent the original qualifying levy is replaced. Therefore, if a qualifying levy is replaced with a decrease, the replaced levy will only receive its proportionate share of the potential reimbursement payment, and only that proportionate share should be entered on line 5.

Line 6. Add lines 4 and 5 to get total revenue in dollars and enter the amount. Place this amount on the line provided in Item 2 on form DTE 140R.

The Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, met in Special Session at 7:00 p.m. on the 29th day of December 2025, at the administrative offices of the Board of Township Trustees, with the following members present: Michael Berding, Shannon Hartkemeyer, and Joseph McAbee.

_____ moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 25-164**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX
IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AND
REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION
THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, this Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio anticipates levying an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation as described herein;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board of Township Trustees is required to certify to the county auditor a resolution requesting the county auditor to certify certain matters in connection with such a tax levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio takes the following action:

Section 1. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.19 (J) of the Ohio Revised Code, the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Fairfield Township Police District, Butler County, Ohio, which includes the unincorporated areas of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio and it is necessary that an additional tax be levied in excess of the ten-mill limitation within the Township for the benefit of this Fairfield Township Police District, for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of employee contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Ohio Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs at a rate not exceeding two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills, for each one dollar (\$1.00) of taxable value, for a continuing period of time commencing in tax year 2026.

That the tax shall be levied upon the entire territory of the Fairfield Township

Police District, Butler County, Ohio. The Fairfield Township Police District has territory within Butler County and no other county.

Section 2. That the question of the passage of said tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Police Levy at an election to be held on May 5, 2026. If approved by the electors, said tax levy shall first be placed upon the 2026 Tax list and duplicate, for first collection in calendar year 2027.

Section 3. That pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the county auditor is hereby requested to certify to this Board of Township Trustees the total current tax valuation of the Fairfield Township Police District the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the number of mills specified in Section 1 hereof, and the Fiscal Officer of the Township be and is hereby directed to certify forthwith a copy of this resolution to the county auditor at the earliest possible time so that said county auditor may certify such matters in accordance with such Section 5705.03.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

Section 5. Finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without limitation) Ohio Revised Code §121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: December 29, 2025

Board of Trustees

Michael Berding:

Shannon Hartkemeyer:

Joe McAbee:

Vote of Trustees

Yes

Yes

Absent

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 29th day of December, 2025.

ATTEST:

Shelly Schultz
Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Twp Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Katherine Barbieri
Katherine Barbieri, Twp Law Director

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the text of the foregoing resolution is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township held on December 29, 2025. The undersigned further certifies that the same has been compared by me with said record and it is a true and correct copy thereof, together with a true and correct copy of excerpts from the minutes of said meeting to the extent pertinent to the consideration and adoption of said resolution.

Shelly Schultz
Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Twp Fiscal Officer

RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges this day receipt of a certified copy of the foregoing resolution.

County Auditor, Butler County Ohio

Date

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 25-163**

RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A POLICE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Section 505.48 of the Ohio Revised Code permits a Board of Township Trustees to create a township police district comprised of all or a portion of the unincorporated territory of the township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. 505.48, the Fairfield Township Board of Trustees desires to create a police district comprising of all unincorporated territory of the township; and

WHEREAS, the police district will be known as the Fairfield Township Police District; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Township Police District will continue with the provision of police services to Fairfield Township through the Fairfield Township Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio takes the following action:

SECTION 1: The Fairfield Township Police District is hereby created pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.48. The Fairfield Township Police District will be comprised of all unincorporated territory of the Township.

SECTION 2: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: That the Board by a majority vote hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of the Resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 4: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: December 29, 2025

Board of Trustees

Michael Berding: _____

Shannon Hartkemeyer: _____

Joe McAbee: _____

Vote of Trustees

Yes

Yes

Absent

AUTHENTICATION

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Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 29th day of December, 2025.

ATTEST:

Shelly Schultz

Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Twp Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Katherine L. Barbieri

Katherine L. Barbieri, Law Director

