

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, JULY 1, 2025, JULY 1, 2026, AND JULY 1, 2027, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF WHEELING'S SHARE OF FUNDING FOR ANY DEFICIT OF OPERATING COSTS AND THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR THE SAME PERIOD FOR A SYSTEM OF URBAN MASS TRANSIT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Wheeling is of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by West Virginia Code §11-8-6 (2010 Replacement Vol.) will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the current expenses of the City and expenditures for the purpose hereinafter set forth, and that an election should be held in order to increase such levies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING:

Section 1. The purpose for which additional funds are needed is to provide funds for the City's share of funding for any deficit of operating costs and the costs of acquiring capital equipment and facilities for three fiscal years for a system of urban mass transit to be provided by the Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority.

Section 2. The amount for said purpose (based on current assessed values) less uncollectible taxes and tax discounts is \$1,529,160.00.

Section 3. The separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the jurisdiction of the City of Wheeling is as follows:

Class I	\$ NONE
Class II	\$525,876,588.00
Class III	NONE
Class IV	\$736,163,987.00

Section 4. The proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each class of property is as follows:

Class I	4.08 cents per \$100 of current assessed value
Class II	8.16 cents per \$100 of current assessed value
Class III	none
Class IV	16.32 cents per \$100 of current assessed value

Section 5. The proposed number of years to which the additional levy shall apply is four, being fiscal, years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027.

Section 6. The City of Wheeling will not issue bonds for approval of the proposed increased levy.

Section 7. The question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote in an election to be held May 14, 2023.

Section 8. Jessica Zalenski, City Clerk, is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice calling the election as a Class II-0 legal advertisement, and the publication area for such publication shall be the City of Wheeling. Such notice shall be so published within fourteen consecutive days next preceding the election.

Section 9. All the provisions of law concerning general elections shall apply.

Section 10. The ballot to be used in such election shall be as follows:

An election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027, and for the purpose of providing funds for the share of the City of Wheeling of funding for any deficit of operating costs and the costs of acquiring capital equipment and facilities for the same period for a system of urban mass transit to be provided by the Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority according to the order of the Council of the City of Wheeling entered on the 6th day of February, 2024.

The additional levy shall be on Class I property 4.08 cents;
on Class II property 8.16 cents; on Class III property none;
and Class IV property 16.32 cents.

/ ___ / For the Levies

/ ___ / Against the Levies

Instruction: Those favoring the levies, place (X) in the square before "For the Levies;" those against the levies, place (X) in the square before "Against the Levies."

Section 11. This ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its adoption.

By the Administration.