



# **LORAIN CITY COUNCIL**

## **Special Call Agenda**

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2. **ROLL CALL:**
3. **READING OF SPECIAL CALL LETTER:**
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4. **LEGISLATION - FIRST READING:**
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## CITY OF LORAIN

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### City Council Special Call

**3. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/27/2026

**Submitted by:** Breanna Dull, Clerk of Council

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### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

Reading of the Special Call Letter

### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

We recommend to council

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### **Attachments**

Letter  
Agenda

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### **Form Review**

Form Started By: Breanna Dull  
Final Approval Date: 01/23/2026

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## LORAIN CITY COUNCIL

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Lorain, OH 44052

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January 26, 2026

Lorain City Council  
200 W. Erie Avenue  
Lorain, OH 44052

RE: Notice of Special Call of Council

Honorable Members:

Under the authority of ORC Section 731.46, we the undersigned members of Lorain City Council are hereby calling a special meeting of Council for Tuesday, January 27, 2026, to begin no earlier than 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held to consider all items on the attached agenda.

Sincerely,

Tony Dimacchia      Pam Carter      Angel Arroyo Jr.  
/s/ Tony Dimacchia      /s/ Pam Carter      /s/ Angel Arroyo Jr.

cc: Media, Elected Officials & Department Heads



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**Meeting Date:** 01/27/2026

**Submitted by:** Alonna Lopez, Executive Assistant

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### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE**

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LORAIN THE QUESTION OF A RENEWAL OF THE 1.7 MILLS PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING ADEQUATE AND CONSISTENT FIRE SERVICE, APPARATUS, BUILDINGS AND SITES NECESSARY FOR THE LORAIN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(i) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2026, this Council adopted Resolution No. 2-26 pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code declaring it necessary to renew the 1.7 mills tax levy for five (5) years for the purpose of providing and maintaining adequate and consistent fire service, fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefore; and requesting the Lorain County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal tax levy; and WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, the County Auditor certified that the total current tax valuation of the City is \$1,391,507,180 and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal of the 1.7 mill would be \$1,505,789 annually during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy (see attachment).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I. This Council finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes that may be raised by the City of Lorain within the ten mills limitation by levies on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the City, and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation at the rate of 1.7 mills for a period of five (5) years to supplement the general fund for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefore:

1. To the budget of the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department Levy Fund to provide additional funds for the purpose of staffing, maintaining and operating fire stations on a daily basis in the City of Lorain; and
2. To provide additional funds for training of new and existing personnel in the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department; and
3. To provide funds for capital improvements for the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department; and
4. To provide funds to purchase additional equipment for the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

Consider for passage

**Admin Only**

\_\_\_\_ Reso. submitting to the electors of the City of Lorain the question of a renewal of the 1.7 mills property tax levy for a period of five (5) years for the purpose of providing and maintaining adequate and consistent fire service, apparatus, buildings and sites necessary for the Lorain Fire Department.

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### Attachments

Resolution  
Exhibit A

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### Form Review

**Inbox**

Mayor Bradley  
Mayor Bradley  
P. Riley  
Form Started By: Alonna Lopez  
Final Approval Date: 01/26/2026

**Reviewed By**

Jack Bradley  
Jack Bradley  
Michele Beko

**Date**

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VOTE ON PASSAGE					
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Springowski			Torres		
Dimacchia			Gonzalez		
Fallis			Arroyo		
Drwal			Bearer		
Kempton			Thornsberry		
Carter			Arredondo		

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WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, the County Auditor certified that the total current tax valuation of the City is \$1,391,507,180 and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal of the 1.7 mill would be \$1,505,789 annually during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy (see attachment).

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- A.) To the budget of the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department Levy Fund to provide additional funds for the purpose of staffing, maintaining and operating fire stations on a daily basis in the City of Lorain; and
- B.) To provide additional funds for training of new and existing personnel in the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department; and
- C.) To provide funds for capital improvements for the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department; and
- D.) To provide funds to purchase additional equipment for the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department.

No provision of this resolution shall in any way affect the current proportional share of the General Fund now being allocated to the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department; and the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department shall be allocated not less than twenty-four (24%) of the General Fund as and for.

SECTION II. The millage for the requested levy is 1.700 mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$34 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value.

SECTION III. Its allocation from the General Fund and any grants received for labor/staffing/man-hours in a calendar year will be included in the calculation of the above stated twenty-four (24%) minimum; and that no funds collected under this resolution for a 1.7 mills property tax per annum, shall be used in calculating the proportional share allocated to the Lorain, Ohio, Fire Department.

SECTION IV. The question of a renewal of a 1.7 mills tax levy for the purpose of providing the amount necessary for the Lorain Fire Department for a period of five (5) years, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2026 the proceeds of which levy first would be distributed to this City in the calendar year 2027 shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.19(i) of the Ohio Revised Code to the electors of the City of Lorain at an election to be held therein on May 5, 2026, as authorized by law. That election shall be held at the regular places of voting in the City as established by the Board of Elections of Lorain County, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

SECTION V. The Clerk of Council is hereby further directed to certify to the Board of Elections of Lorain County, Ohio not later than 4 PM on February 4, 2026, (i) a copy of this Resolution, (ii) a copy of Resolution No.2-26, adopted on January 5, 2026, and (iii) a copy of the County Auditor's certification of current tax valuation and revenue.

SECTION VI. 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code §121.22.

SECTION VII. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that the Resolution be effective immediately so that it can be timely filed with the Board of Elections in order to submit the question of the levy to the electors at the May 5, 2026 election; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately, upon its and adoption and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, CLERK

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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MAYOR

# Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue

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

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

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

1. On January 8, 2026, the taxing authority of the Lorain City  
(political subdivision name) certified a copy of its resolution or ordinance adopted January 5, 2026,  
requesting the county auditor to certify the current taxable value of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would  
be produced by ( 1.700 ) mills, to levy a tax outside the 10-mill limitation for Fire purposes pursuant to  
Revised Code § 5705.19(I), to be placed on the ballot at the May 5, 2026, election. The levy  
type is Renewal.
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 \$ 1,505,789.
3. The total taxable value of the subdivision used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$ 1,391,507,180.
4. The millage for the requested levy is ( 1.700 ) mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ 34 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 \$ N/A, and N/A % of those expenditures.

Auditor's signature

Craig Snodgrass / ds

January 21, 2026

Date

## 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 Renewal Levies**

Calculation of Revenue

	<u>Tax Value</u>		<u>Milage Rate</u>			<u>Revenue</u>
1. Class I Real-Res/Ag	\$ 1,018,587,240	X	0.971347	÷	1,000	= \$ 989,402
2. Class II Real-Other	\$ 248,322,870	X	1.226517	÷	1,000	= \$ 304,572
3. Public Utility Personal	\$ 124,597,070	X	1.700000	÷	1,000	= \$ 211,815
4. General Personal	\$ 0	X	0.00	÷	1,000	= \$ 0
5. Personal Property Phase-out Reimbursement Payment						\$ _____
6. Total Revenue						\$ 1,505,789

**Instructions**

**Line 1.** Enter tax valuation of all Class I real property (residential and agricultural property) included on the tax list most recently certified for collection. Enter the existing effective tax rate in mills for Class I. Multiply the tax value times the rate and divide by 1,000 to get tax revenue in dollars.

**Line 2.** Enter tax valuation of all class II real property (all other real property) included on the tax list most recently certified for collection. Enter the existing effective tax rate in mills for Class II. Multiply the tax value times the rate and divide by 1,000 to get tax revenue in dollars.

**Line 3.** 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](http://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.

Enter the gross tax rate requested in mills. Multiply the tax value times the rate and divide by 1,000 to get tax revenue in dollars.

**Line 4.** 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. Then enter the gross tax rate requested in mills. Multiply the tax value times the rate 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 a qualified renewal levy 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 personal property tax years 2007-2010, reimbursement amounts for qualifying levies are posted on the Department of Taxation's Web site. For tax years 2011-2017, potential reimbursement amounts will be posted as those tax years are imminent.

**Line 6.** Add the revenue amounts in lines 1 through 5 and enter total here. Place this amount on the line provided in Item 2 on form DTE 140R.