STATE OF OHIO ORDINANCE NO. 25-

AN ORDINANCE TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A 0.75 MILL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES IN THE CITY OF CHEVIOT, OHIO. (R.C. 5705.03, 5705.05, 5705.19(A), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25).

WHEREAS, the Cheviot City Council met in regular session on February 4, 2025, with the following members present:

David Voss
John Hardig
Brian Smyth
Lindsay Keeble
Stefanie Hawk
Troy Borgmann
Amy Richter

BRIAN SmyTA ____ moved for the adoption of this ordinance.

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, by Resolution No. 25-05, this Council declared the necessity to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation; and

WHEREAS, in response to the resolution, the Hamilton County Auditor ("Auditor") has certified the following information to the City of Cheviot:

- 1) The total current tax valuation of the City of Cheviot is \$184,407,360
- 2) The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the specified 0.75 mills is \$87,000.00 per year. This rate of taxation amounts to \$13.00 in annual tax for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of tax valuation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEVIOT, STATE OF OHIO, TWO-THIRDS OF ALL MEMBERS THEREOF CONCURRING, THAT:

<u>Section 1.</u> This Council and the Hamilton County Board of Elections shall proceed with the submission of the question of the tax to the electors of the City of Cheviot.

<u>Section 2.</u> The rate of the tax levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar in tax valuation, as estimated by the Auditor, is as follows:

- a) 0.75 mills;
- b) This rate amounts to \$13 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value;
- c) The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the specified 0.75 mills is \$87,000.00 per year;
- d) The levy, being a renewal levy, is the same rate as the existing tax levy.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 5705.03(B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code:

- a) The purpose of the levy is to provide funding for the current expenses of the City of Cheviot.
- b) The levy is a renewal levy. (There is no increase or decrease to the amount sought to be collected.)
- c) The sections of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are R.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.05, 5705.19(A), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25.
- d) The term of the tax shall be five (5) years.
- e) The territory where the tax is to be levied shall be the entire territory of the City of Cheviot, Ohio.
- f) The question of the tax shall appear on the ballot of the primary election on May 6, 2025.
- g) The ballot measure is to be submitted upon the entire territory of the City of Cheviot, Ohio.
- h) The tax will be first levied and collected as follows: The tax year in which the tax will first be levied is 2025. The calendar year in which the tax will first be collected is 2026.
- i) The entirety of the City of Cheviot lies within the boundaries of Hamilton County, Ohio.

<u>Section 4.</u> The Auditor of the City of Cheviot is hereby directed to certify the 0.75 mill levy to the Hamilton County Auditor and to the Hamilton County Board of Elections. Certification shall include copies of all of the following documents:

- a) Resolution of Necessity (Resolution No. 25-05, adopted on January 21, 2025);
- b) The Certification of the Hamilton County Auditor (dated January 29, 2025); and
- c) This Ordinance to Proceed

Certification shall occur by no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 5, 2025 (90 days prior to the general election).

The City Auditor shall also notify the Board of Elections to cause notice of the election on the question of levying the tax to be given as required by law.

<u>Section 5.</u> The Board of Elections is hereby directed to submit substantially the following question to the electors at the election:

OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 6, 2025

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
CITY OF CHEVIOT
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal tax for the benefit of the City of Cheviot, Hamilton County, Ohio, for the purpose of current expenses, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$87,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.75 mills for each one dollar of taxable value, which amounts to \$13 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for five (5) years commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

FOR THE LEVY	
AGAINST THE LEVY	

<u>Section 6.</u> All formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. § 121.22.

<u>Section 7.</u> This ordinance shall be an emergency measure for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cheviot and shall take effect immediately. The emergency is necessary in order to comply with the time requirements of Chapter 57 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Kerry Smyth

President of Council

Samuel D Keller

Mayor

2/4/25

Date passed

Date approved

Attest:

Jenny M. Eilermann

Clerk of Council

Approved as to form:

Kimberlee Erdman Rohr

Law Director

CERTIFICATE OF TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY

I, Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of the Council of the City of Cheviot, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, Ordinance 25-______, is taken and copied from the original record of proceedings of the Council of the City of Cheviot, Hamilton County, Ohio, that it has

been compared by me with the ordinance of record, and that it is a true and accurate copy. I further certify that the adoption of the resolution occurred in an open meeting held in compliance with R.C. 121.22.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of the Council of the City of Cheviot, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, or a succinct summary, was published in the *Cincinnati Court Index*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cheviot, Ohio, in accordance with Section 731.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, on the following dates:

1) 2/7 , 2025, and 2) 2/4 , 2025.

Jenny M. Eilermann Clerk of Council