London City Council
20 S. Walnut Street, London, Ohio 43140
July 30, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Special Council Meeting
Agenda

Call to Order

Roll Call

New Business

RESOLUTION 163-26 Sponsored by Josh Peters

A Resolution declaring the necessity to proceed with a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for general operating expenses and to submit the question of the renewal tax to the electors at the November 3, 2026 election. The City of London has a levy that expires at the end of 2026; and it is necessary to place a renewal levy on the ballot for general operating expenses.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION 163-26
Sponsored by Josh Peters

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO PROCEED WITH A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL TAX TO THE ELECTORS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City of London has a levy that expires at the end of 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to place a renewal levy on the ballot for general operating expenses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONDON, STATE OF OHIO

SECTION I:

That the amount of taxes that may be raised by the General Operating Levy at the maximum rate authorized by R.C. Section 5705.02 on the taxable property in the City of London will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for necessary requirements of said City and it is necessary for the purpose of providing additional funds for current expenses, that a renewal of an existing levy of 2.1 mills on the taxable property of said City be levied for the period of five years at a rate in excess of such a maximum rate authorized by said R.C. Section 5705.02.

SECTION II:

That it is necessary to levy taxes for the duplicate years 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 and 2031 at the rate for each year of 2.1 mills on each dollar of the tax valuation of the taxable property within the City of London in excess of the rate authorized by said R.C. Section 5705.02. This tax is and will be levied at the same rate, 2.1 mills, as the existing levy being renewed.

SECTION III:

This Council, in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, did certify to the Madison County Auditor Resolution 162-26, requesting the Auditor certify the total current tax valuation of the City of London and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal of 2.1 mills;

SECTION IV:

The Auditor has certified to this Council that the total current tax valuation is $310,377,995 and that the dollar amount of revenue would be generated by the renewal tax is $439,585 (attached hereto as Exhibit A);

SECTION V:

The question of a renewal of 2.1 mills tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the City of London on the election to be held November 3, 2026.

SECTION VI:

It is hereby declared the form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
CITY OF LONDON

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of London for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 2.1 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to $0.21 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in the tax year 2027, first due in calendar year 2028.

____ FOR THE TAX LEVY

____ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

SECTION VII

The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution, with attached Exhibit, to the Board of Elections.

SECTION VIII

It is found 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 that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in this 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 IX

That this resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City due to the deadlines imposed by the Ohio Revised Code for submission to the electors at the November 3, 2026, election, thus this resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage.

PASSED:

ATTEST:

_____	_____
Kris Miller	Joshua Peters
Clerk of Council	President of Council

Submitted to Mayor:_____

APPROVED:

Date of Approval:_____

_____
Patrick Closser, Mayo

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Rickelle Davis, Law Director
Approved as to Form

I, Kris Miller, Clerk of Council for the City of London, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance/Resolution No.163-26 was posted on the City of London's website, www.londonohio.gov or in a newspaper of general circulation on the _____day of_____, 2026 and on the_____day of_____, 2026

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Clerk

#_____

Vote	Abstain	Suspend	Adopt
Andrew Hitt			
Rich Hays			
John Stahl			
Greg Eades			
Shannon Treynor			
Tom Boyd			
Lisa Jackman			

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 MADISON County, Ohio, does hereby certify the following:

1. On July 28, 2026, the taxing authority of the The City of London (political subdivision name) certified a copy of its resolution or ordinance adopted July 27, 2026, requesting the county auditor to certify the current taxable value of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would be produced by (2.100) mills, to levy a tax outside the 10-mill limitation for operating purposes pursuant to Revised Code § 5705.02 5705.05, to be placed on the ballot at the Nov 3, 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 $ 439,585.

3. The total taxable value of the subdivision used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is $ 310,377,995.

4. The millage for the requested levy is (2.100) mills per $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $ 43.00 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.

Jennifer S. Hunter By: Kay Rodgers — 7/28/2026

Auditor's signature — 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, and (4) renewal with a decrease. **Note**: Renewal and increase is permitted for all taxing authorities except for any school district.
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 within ten days after receiving the taxing authority's resolution or ordinance requesting it, so the taxing authority can pass a resolution to proceed not later than 90 days before the election.