

ORDINANCE NO.	<u>2026-16</u>	FIRST READING	<u>FEBRUARY 17, 2026</u>
INTRODUCED BY:	<u>CHRIS BERGER</u>	SECOND READING	<u>WAIVED</u>
		THIRD READING	<u>WAIVED</u>

**ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY
TO THE TAXING AUTHORITY THE TOTAL TAX VALUATION
OF THE SUBDIVISION AND THE NUMBER OF MILLS NECESSARY TO
GENERATE THE SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Council for the Village of South Russell has determined the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirement of the Village of South Russell and it is necessary to levy a tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of constructing, rehabilitating, repairing, or maintaining sidewalks, walkways, trails, bicycle pathways, or similar improvements, or acquiring ownership interests in land necessary for the foregoing improvements in the Village of South Russell as provided and authorized in Section 5705.19(O)(O) of the Ohio Revised Code;

WHEREAS, the dollar amount to be generated at the proposed rate of tax is \$1,000,000, for a 5-year period of time and is an additional levy; and

WHEREAS, the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire Village of South Russell and the tax shall be levied on the Village of South Russell and within Geauga County; and is

WHEREAS, the levy is to be placed on the ballot at the election held on November 3, 2026 ballot and shall be first levied in tax year 2027 and begin collection in 2028; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of South Russell, Geauga County, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Council for the Village of South Russell after meeting in a regular Council meeting on this 17th day of FEBRUARY, 2026 at the Village Hall, pursuant to Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code hereby certifies this Ordinance to the Geauga County Auditor, and requests that the County Auditor certify back to the Council for the Village of South Russell the amounts described in Section 5705.03(B)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code that would be generated proposed herein.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees on or after December 2, 1975, that resulted in formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the Village of South Russell and for the further reason that such certification is necessary as soon as possible to ensure submission of the issue to the Board of Elections in a timely manner. Wherefore, provided it receives two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of all members elected to Council, this Ordinance shall be in full and effect from and immediately upon its passage by this Council; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 17 day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

William J. Koontz
Mayor – Presiding Officer

Attest:

Danielle Romanowski
Fiscal Officer

I certify that Ordinance No. 2026-____ was duly enacted on the 17TH day of FEBRUARY, 2026 by the Council of the Village of South Russell and published in accordance with the Codified Ordinances of the Village.

Danielle Romanowski
Fiscal Officer