

ORDINANCE NO.	<u>2026-37</u>	FIRST READING	<u>April 6, 2026</u>
		SECOND READING	<u>April 27, 2026</u>
INTRODUCED BY:	<u>Mark Porter</u>	THIRD READING	<u>May 4, 2026</u>

**ORDINANCE DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS  
OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

The Council of the Village of South Russell, Geauga County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 4<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY, 2026 at the Village Hall with the following council members present:

Chris Berger, Gerald Canton, Ruth Cavanagh, Chris Bell, Mark Porter, and Mary Rensel

Council member BELL moved for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

**WHEREAS**, Council for the Village of South Russell has received the certification from the County Auditor pursuant to 5705.03(B)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, and the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Village of South Russell, Geauga County, Ohio.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH RUSSELL, GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring that:**

**Section 1.** It is hereby 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 requirements of the Village of South Russell and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the Village of South Russell as provided and authorized in Section 5705.19(G) of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 2.** The levy is at a rate not exceeding 1.50 mills for each \$1.00 of taxable value, which amounts to \$34.00 for each \$100,000.00 of the County Auditor's market value, for a five (5) year period of time and is a renewal of an existing levy of 1.50 mills first voted on in 2017.

**Section 3.** The ballot measure shall be submitted to the electors of said Village of South Russell and the tax shall be levied on the entire territory of the Village of South Russell and within Geauga County.

**Section 4.** The levy is to be placed on the ballot at the election held on November 3, 2026 and shall be first levied in tax year 2027 and begin collection in year 2028.

**Section 5.** The Fiscal Officer of the Village of South Russell be, and she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance, along with Ordinance No. 2026-21 and the certification from the County Auditor received pursuant to Section 5705.03(B)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code to the Board of Elections, Geauga County, Ohio on or before August 5, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. local time and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

**Section 6.** 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 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 7.** That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety of the inhabitants of the Village and for the further reason to ensure the timely certification of such levy to the Geauga County Board of Elections; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to Council, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its passage by this Council and approval by the Mayor.

Council member BERGER seconded the motion and toll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER</u>	<u>YEA or NAY</u>
Chris Berger	<u>yea</u>
Gerald Canton	<u>yea</u>
Ruth Cavanagh	<u>yea</u>
Chris Bell	<u>yea</u>
Mark Porter	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mary Rensel	<u>yea</u>

William H. Koons  
Mayor – Presiding Officer

Adopted the 4<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY, 2026.

The State of Ohio, Geauga County, ss.

I, Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer of the Village of South Russell do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of the Proceedings of said Village of South Russell; that the same has been compared by me with the Ordinance on said Record; and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my signature, this 4<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY, 2026.

Danielle Romanowski  
Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Form:

Bridey Matheney  
Bridey Matheney, Solicitor for the Village of South Russell