

**COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

For the March 12, 2025
Regular Council Meeting

Introduced by: Mayor Michael L. Booker
Supported by:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY FOR PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF STREET LIGHTING AND THE IMPROVEMENT OR INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTING BY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF ALL PARCELS BENEFITTED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council finds it is necessary to assess all benefited properties in Highland Hills to maintain public lighting in all areas for the health, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO:

Section 1: It is hereby deemed to be necessary to provide for the payment of electric power for street lighting by special assessment of all parcels benefited, including tax exempt parcels within this municipality, except the State of Ohio. This assessment shall be valid for up to three consecutive years – tax years 2025, 2026 and 2027 according to the schedules and estimates of cost for the lighting improvement submitted to the Clerk of Council's Office as described in Section 3 below.

Section 2: No expenditures shall be made nor any portion of this special assessment used to improve or install additional lighting facilities except to the extent that funds are available after provision for or payment of all costs of electric power.

Section 3: The Village Engineer has prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk of Council and the office of Director of Finance, the plans, specifications, estimates and profiles of the improvement contemplated by this Resolution to provide street lighting and the same are hereby approved. Said estimated assessment shall be available for public inspection.

Section 4: Since there is an existing improvement, no bond shall be issued.

Section 5: That the entire cost of said improvement, less two percent (2%) thereof, and the cost of intersections, shall be assessed upon all of the lots and lands in the Village of Highland Hills, which lots and lands are hereby determined to be specially benefited by the said improvements, a percentage of their tax valuation as shown on the 2025 tax duplicate and any and all other records, showing taxable and tax-exempt property, of the Cuyahoga County Auditor, State of Ohio, and the

cost thereof shall include all expenses of construction, of preliminary and other surveys, of printing, publishing and serving all notices, Resolutions and Ordinances as required, engineering services, and all other necessary costs.

Section 6: Upon the filing of said estimated assessment for street lighting as hereinbefore provided, the Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to cause notice of the passage of this resolution and of the filing of said estimated assessment to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality for two (2) consecutive weeks. If the assessment for any lot or parcel of land to be assessed is in the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars or more (\$250.00), then the owner of said lot or parcel shall be served notice of the passage of this Resolution by United States Mail, prepaid, certified, return receipt requested.

Section 7: Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an orderly meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 8: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the Village, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to provide for the public lighting and, provided this Resolution shall receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to this Council, it shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 12th day of March, 2025.

First Reading ✓ Second Reading _____ Third Reading _____

Vote: Pride ✓ yea ___ nay ___ Greene ✓ yea ___ nay ___ Mills ✓ yea ___ nay ___

McManus ✓ yea ___ nay ___ Wright ✓ yea ___ nay ___

Cassandra Pride 3/12/25
Cassandra Pride Date
President of Council

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Attest: Margaret Sikou 3/12/25
Margaret Sikou, Clerk of Council Date

Filed with the Mayor: ✓ 3/14/25
Date

Approved By: M. L. Booker 3/14/25
Michael L. Booker, Mayor Date

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