

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 19-25

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000), IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE RENOVATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SITE THEREFOR, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, this Council has requested that the Auditor, as fiscal officer of this City, certify the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement described in Section 1, the estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 1 and the maximum maturity of the Notes described in Section 3; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor has certified to this Council that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the Improvement described in Section 1 is at least five (5) years, the estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 1 is at least twenty (20) years, and the maximum maturity of the Notes described in Section 3, to be issued in anticipation of the Bonds is two hundred forty (240) months; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. It is necessary to issue bonds of this City in the maximum principal amount of \$7,000,000 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of paying the costs of the renovation and rehabilitation of the City Hall building and otherwise improving the site therefor, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the "Improvement").

SECTION 2. The Bonds shall be dated approximately April 1, 2026, shall bear interest at the now estimated rate of 6.00% per year, payable semiannually until the principal amount is paid, and are estimated to mature in twenty (20) annual principal installments on December 1 of each year and in such amounts that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds, in any fiscal year in which principal is payable, shall be substantially equal. The first principal payment of the Bonds is estimated to be December 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. It is necessary to issue and this Council determines that notes in the maximum principal amount of \$7,000,000 (the "Notes") shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds for the purpose described in Section 1 and to pay the costs of the Improvement and any financing costs. The principal amount of Notes to be issued (not to exceed the stated maximum principal amount) shall be determined by the Auditor in the certificate awarding the Notes in accordance with Section 6 of this Ordinance (the "Certificate of Award") as the amount which is necessary to pay the costs of the Improvement and any financing costs. The Notes shall be dated the date of issuance and shall mature not more than one year following the date of issuance, provided that the Auditor shall establish the maturity date in the Certificate of Award. The Notes shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 6.00% per year (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months or such other basis as shall be determined by the Auditor in the Certificate of Award), payable

at maturity and until the principal amount is paid or payment is provided for. The rate or rates of interest on the Notes shall be determined by the Auditor in the Certificate of Award in accordance with Section 6 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. The debt charges on the Notes shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America or in Federal Reserve funds of the United States of America as determined by the Auditor in the Certificate of Award, and shall be payable, without deduction for services of the City's paying agent, at the office of the Auditor or a bank or trust company designated by the Auditor in the Certificate of Award after determining that the payment at that bank or trust company will not endanger the funds or securities of the City and that proper procedures and safeguards are available for that purpose or at the office of the Auditor if agreed to by the Auditor and the original purchaser (the "Paying Agent"). The Auditor is authorized, to the extent necessary or appropriate, to enter into an agreement with the Paying Agent in connection with the services to be provided by the Paying Agent after determining that the signing thereof will not endanger the funds or securities of the City.

SECTION 5. The Notes shall be signed by the Mayor and the Auditor in the name of the City and in their official capacities, provided that one of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Notes shall be issued in minimum denominations of \$100,000 or any integral multiples of \$5,000 in excess thereof (and may be issued in denominations in such amounts in excess thereof as requested by the original purchaser and approved by the Auditor) and with numbers as requested by the original purchaser and approved by the Auditor. The entire principal amount may be represented by a single note and may be issued as fully registered securities (for which the Auditor will serve as note registrar) and in book entry form as described below, or other uncertificated form in accordance with Section 9.96 and Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code if it is determined by the Auditor that issuance of fully registered securities in that form will facilitate the sale and delivery of the Notes. The Notes shall not have coupons attached, shall be transferable and numbered as determined by the Auditor and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Ordinance. The principal and interest on the Notes shall be payable by check or draft mailed by the City to the registered holder of the Notes at close of business on the maturity date of the Notes at the registered holder's address as it appears on the note register; provided, however, the City may enter into an agreement with the registered holder of the Notes, providing for making the payment to the purchaser of principal and interest on the Notes at a place and in a manner (including wire transfer of federal funds) other than as provided in this Ordinance, without prior presentation or surrender of the Notes. Upon receipt of the principal and interest payments at maturity on the Notes, the registered holder thereof shall cancel the notes and deliver them to the City.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, if the Auditor determines in the Certificate of Award that it is in the best interest of and financially advantageous to the City, the Notes may be issued in book entry form in accordance with the following provisions of this Section.

"Book entry form" or "book entry system" means a form or system under which (a) the ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes and the principal of and interest on the Notes may be transferred only through a book entry, and (b) a single physical Note certificate in fully registered form is issued by the City and payable only to a Depository or its nominee as registered owner, with the certificate deposited with and "immobilized" in the custody of the Depository or its designated agent for that purpose. The book entry maintained by others than

the City is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in the Notes and that principal and interest.

“Depository” means any securities depository that is a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, operating and maintaining, with its Participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes or the principal of and interest on the Notes, and to effect transfers of the Notes, in book entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

“Participant” means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book entry system and includes securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies and clearing corporations.

The Notes may be issued to a Depository for use in a book entry system and, if and as long as a book entry system is utilized, (a) the Notes may be issued in the form of a single Note made payable to the Depository or its nominee and immobilized in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose; (b) the beneficial owners in book entry form shall have no right to receive the Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (c) ownership of beneficial interests in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the Depository and its Participants; and (d) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the City.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as a Depository for the Notes for use in a book entry system, the Auditor may attempt to establish a securities depository/book entry relationship with another qualified Depository. If the Auditor does not or is unable to do so, the Auditor, after making provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository and any other arrangements deemed necessary, shall permit withdrawal of the Notes from the Depository, and shall cause the Notes in bearer or payable form to be signed by the officers authorized to sign the Notes and delivered to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including any costs of printing), if the event is not the result of City action or inaction, of those persons requesting such issuance.

The Auditor is also hereby authorized and directed, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements determined necessary in connection with the book entry system for the Notes, after determining that the signing thereof will not endanger the funds or securities of the City.

SECTION 6. The Notes shall be sold at not less than par plus accrued interest (if any) at private sale by the Auditor in accordance with law and the provisions of this Ordinance, the Certificate of Award and/or the Note Purchase Agreement (if any). The Auditor shall sign the Certificate of Award referred to in Section 3 fixing the interest rate or rates which the Notes shall bear and evidencing that sale to the original purchaser, cause the Notes to be prepared, and have the Notes signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Notes if requested by the original purchaser, to the original purchaser upon payment of the purchase price.

To the extent it is determined necessary by the Auditor in the Certificate of Award, the Mayor and the Auditor are authorized to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the City, the note purchase agreement (the "Note Purchase Agreement") between the City and the original purchaser, in a form as is approved by the Mayor and the Auditor, providing for the sale to, and the purchase by, the original purchaser of the Notes. Any such changes to the Note Purchase Agreement are not materially adverse to the interests of the City and are approved by the Mayor and the Auditor shall be evidenced conclusively by the signing of the Note Purchase Agreement by the Mayor and the Auditor.

The Mayor, the Auditor, the Director of Law, the Treasurer, the Clerk of Council and other City officials, as appropriate, and any person serving in an interim or acting capacity for any such official, each are authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance. Any actions heretofore taken by the Mayor, the Auditor, the Director of Law, the Treasurer, the Clerk of Council and other City official, as appropriate, in doing any and all acts necessary in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes are hereby ratified and confirmed. The Auditor is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the City, to combine the issue of Notes with one or more other note issues of the City into a consolidated note issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.

To the extent that the Auditor determines that it would be in the best interest of the City and elects to utilize the Ohio Market Access Program (the "Ohio Market Access Program") which is administered by the Treasurer of the State of Ohio (the "Treasurer"), the Mayor and the Auditor are authorized to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the City, the Standby Note Purchase Agreement (the "Standby Note Purchase Agreement") in substantially the form as presented to this Council with such changes as are not materially adverse to the City and as may be approved by the officers of the City executing the Standby Note Purchase Agreement. The City acknowledges the agreement of the Treasurer in the Standby Note Purchase Agreement that, in the event the City is unable to repay the principal amount and accrued and unpaid interest of the Notes at their maturity, whether through its own funds or through the issuance of other obligations of the City, the Treasurer agrees to (a) purchase the Notes from the holders or beneficial owners thereof upon their presentation to the Treasurer for such purchase at a price of par plus accrued interest to maturity or (b) purchase renewal notes of the City in a principal amount not greater than the principal amount of the Notes plus interest due at maturity, with such renewal notes bearing interest at the Renewal Note Rate (as defined in the Standby Note Purchase Agreement), maturing not more than one year after the date of their issuance, and being prepayable at any time with 30 days' notice, provided that in connection with the Treasurer's purchase of such renewal notes the City shall deliver to the Treasurer an unqualified opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that (i) such renewal notes are the legal, valid and binding general obligations of the City, and the principal of and interest on such renewal notes, unless paid from other sources, are to be paid from the proceeds of the levy of ad valorem taxes, within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, on all property subject to ad valorem taxes levied by the City and (ii) interest on the renewal notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, to the same extent that interest on the Notes is so excluded.

The officers signing the Notes are authorized to take all actions that may in their judgment reasonably be necessary to provide for the Standby Note Purchase Agreement,

including but not limited to the inclusion of a notation on the form of the Notes providing notice to the holders or beneficial owners of the existence of the Standby Note Purchase Agreement and providing instructions to such holders or beneficial owners regarding the presentation of the Note for purchase by the Treasurer at stated maturity.

SECTION 7. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes received by the City (or withheld by the original purchaser or deposited with the Paying Agent, in each case on behalf of the City) shall be paid into the proper fund or funds, and those proceeds are appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Notes are being issued. The Certificate of Award and the Note Purchase Agreement (if any) may authorize the original purchaser to (a) withhold certain proceeds from the sale of the Notes or (b) remit certain proceeds from the sale of the Notes to the Paying Agent, in each case to provide for the payment of certain financing costs on behalf of the City. If proceeds are remitted to the Paying Agent in accordance with this Section 7, the Paying Agent shall be authorized to create a fund in accordance with the Certificate of Award for that purpose. Any portion of those proceeds received by the City (after payment of those financing costs) representing premium or accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

SECTION 8. The City shall use reasonable efforts to sell and issue the Bonds or renewal notes at such times, in such amounts and bearing interest at such rates, and containing such additional provisions, as may be necessary to provide sufficient moneys to pay all the debt charges on the Notes when due after allowing for any other funds that may be lawfully available and appropriated for that purpose. The par value to be received from the sale of the Bonds or of any renewal notes and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used to pay the debt charges on the Notes at maturity and are pledged for that purpose.

SECTION 9. During the year or years in which the Notes are outstanding, there shall be levied on all the taxable property in the City, in addition to all other taxes, the same tax that would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds when and as the same fall due.

In each year to the extent receipts from the City's municipal income tax are available for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds and are appropriated for that purpose, the amount of the property tax described above shall be reduced by the amount of such receipts so available and appropriated in compliance with the following covenant. To the extent necessary, the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds shall be paid from municipal income taxes of the City lawfully available therefor under the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and the City hereby covenants, subject and pursuant to such authority, including particularly Section 133.05(B)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, to appropriate annually from such municipal income taxes such amount as is necessary to meet such annual debt charges.

Nothing in the preceding paragraph in any way diminishes the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit and general property taxing power of the City to the prompt payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds.

SECTION 10. The City covenants that it will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Notes in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (a) the Notes will not (i) constitute private activity bonds or arbitrage bonds under Sections 141 or 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or (ii) be treated other than as bonds the interest on which is excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code, and (b) the interest on the Notes will not be an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

The City further covenants that (a) it will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Notes to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) it will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion, and (c) it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (i) apply the proceeds of the Notes to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (ii) restrict the yield on investment property, (iii) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (iv) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports and (v) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds, and, as applicable, of property financed with such proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure such exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The Auditor or any other officer of the City having responsibility for issuance of the Notes is hereby authorized (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval, or waiver on behalf of the City with respect to the Notes as the City is permitted to or required to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation thereto, any of the elections available under Section 148 of the Code, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Notes or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments or penalties with respect to the Notes, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments with respect to the Notes, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (b) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the City, as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Notes, and (c) to give one or more appropriate certificates of the City, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for the Notes, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the City regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of the Notes, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Notes. The Auditor or any other officer of the City having responsibility for issuance of the Notes is specifically authorized to designate the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" if such designation is applicable and desirable, and to make any related necessary representations and covenants.

SECTION 11. The Auditor is authorized to request a rating for the Notes from Moody's Ratings or S&P Global Ratings, or both, as the Auditor determines is in the best interest of the City. The expenditure of the amounts necessary to secure any such ratings as well as to pay the other financing costs (as defined in Section 133.01 of the Ohio Revised Code)

in connection with the Notes is hereby authorized and approved and the amounts necessary to pay those costs are hereby appropriated from the proceeds of the Notes, if available, and otherwise from available moneys in the General Fund.

SECTION 12. The legal services of the law firm of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP are hereby retained. Those legal services shall be in the nature of legal advice and recommendations as to the documents and the proceedings in connection with the authorization, sale and issuance of the Notes and securities issued in renewal of the Notes and rendering at delivery related legal opinions, all as set forth in the form of engagement letter from that firm which is now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. In providing those legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of this City in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State of Ohio, any county or municipal corporation or of this City, or the execution of public trusts. For those legal services, that firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation and shall be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing those legal services. To the extent they are not paid or reimbursed pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement (if any) and/or the Certificate of Award, the Auditor is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm. The amounts necessary to pay those fees and any reimbursement are hereby appropriated from the proceeds of the Notes, if available, and otherwise from available moneys in the General Fund.

SECTION 13. The services of Bradley Payne, LLC, as municipal advisor, are hereby retained. The municipal advisory services shall be in the nature of financial advice and recommendations in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes. In rendering those municipal advisory services, as an independent contractor, that firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of the City in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the State of Ohio, the City or any other political subdivision, or the execution of public trusts. That firm shall be paid just and reasonable compensation for those municipal advisory services and shall be reimbursed for the actual out-of-pocket expenses it incurs in rendering those municipal advisory services. To the extent they are not paid or reimbursed pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement (if any) and/or the Certificate of Award, the Auditor is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for those fees and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their timely payment as written statements are submitted by that firm. The amounts necessary to pay those fees and any reimbursement are hereby appropriated from the proceeds of the Notes, if available, and otherwise from available moneys in the General Fund.

SECTION 14. The Clerk of Council is directed to promptly deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance to the County Auditor of Fairfield County, Ohio.

SECTION 15. This Council determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the City or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the City have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Notes have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 9) of the City are pledged for the timely

payment of the debt charges on the Notes; and that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Notes.

SECTION 16. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or any of its committees, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 17. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to facilitate the timely execution of one or more contracts relating to the Improvement; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Finance Committee

I, Anitra Scott, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on _____, 2025 the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this ordinance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

Clerk of Council