

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-07**  
**Sponsored by Council Member Ralph Copley**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH WILL NOT AUTHORIZE THE INCURRENCE OF DEBT OR BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR PARK RENOVATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Wadsworth recognizes the importance of maintaining fiscal responsibility and protecting the long-term financial stability of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City provides a variety of public services and infrastructure needs that must be prioritized in accordance with available resources and the best interests of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council acknowledges that parks and recreational facilities contribute to the quality of life for residents, and are valuable assets to the City, but that such improvements and renovations must be funded within the City's means and not through the incurrence of long-term debt obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to establish a clear policy that the City shall not borrow money or incur debt for the purpose of renovating, upgrading, or improving parks or recreational facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution does not prohibit the City from appropriating general funds, seeking grants, accepting donations, or utilizing other available non-debt funding sources for park-related projects; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WADSWORTH, STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1. Debt Prohibition for Park Renovations.** The City shall not borrow money, issue bonds, or otherwise incur debt for the purpose of financing park renovations, improvements, or upgrades.

**Section 2. Alternative Funding.** Park renovations, where determined necessary and appropriate, shall be funded through existing revenues, grants, partnerships, or other non-debt sources.

**Section 3.** That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those 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 4.** That this resolution shall be effective at the earliest time permitted by law

Passed: November 5, 2025

President of Council - **David Williams**

Attest: Clerk of Council - **Julie Darlington**

Approved: November 5, 2025

Mayor - **Robin Laubaugh**

First Reading October 7, 2025

Second Reading October 21, 2025

Third Reading November 5, 2025

**VOTE - Aye - 4                      Nay - 2**