

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-09

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSFIELD, KNOX COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A STREET LIGHTING TAX**

**WHEREAS**, Section 11-80-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-80-5) provides that the corporate authorities of each municipality, with the concurrence of two-thirds of all of the aldermen, trustees or commissioners elected therein, may levy and collect annually, in addition to all other taxes now authorized by law, a tax of not to exceed 0.05% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, of the taxable property in the municipality, to be used exclusively for the purpose of lighting streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of operating street lights imposes ever-increasing costs for the Village of Williamsfield, Illinois (Village), and those costs are not being adequately covered by existing taxes levied by the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsfield, Illinois, by the concurrence and vote of at least two-thirds of all of its aldermen elected therein, in the method provided by statute, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to adopt a street lighting tax, to be levied annually for the fiscal year

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsfield, Knox County, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1:** The recitals hereinabove set forth are adopted and found to be true.

**Section 2:** The Village of Williamsfield, Illinois, adopts and shall levy, starting with the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, a street lighting tax, at the rate provided by statute (65 ILCS 5/11-80-5) as amended from time to time, currently not to exceed 0.05% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, of the taxable property in the Village of Williamsfield, Illinois, with the amounts extended under such levy to be used exclusively for the purpose of lighting streets within the Village of Williamsfield, Illinois.

**Section 3:** The Village Clerk is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of Knox County, Illinois a duly-certified copy of this ordinance.

**Section 4:** This Ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances on the subject and shall be construed therewith excepting as to that part in direct conflict with any other ordinance, and, in the event of such conflict, the provisions hereof shall govern.

**Section 5:** This Ordinance is hereby ordered to be published in pamphlet form by the Williamsfield Village Clerk and the Village Clerk is hereby ordered to keep at least three (3) copies hereof available for public inspection in the future and in accordance with the Illinois Municipal Code.

**Section 6:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williamsfield, Knox County, Illinois, in regular and public session this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

  
President

ATTEST:

Joe Courson  
Village Clerk

**CERTIFICATE OF VILLAGE CLERK**

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF KNOX ) SS  
VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSFIELD )

I, TORI COURSON, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified Village Clerk of the Village of Williamsfield, Knox County, Illinois, and that as such Village Clerk have the custody and control of the books and records of such Village.

I further certify that on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality, with the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the Trustees elected therein, passed and approved Ordinance No. 2023-09, titled An Ordinance of the Village of Williamsfield, Knox County, Illinois for the Adoption of a Street Lighting Tax, a copy of said Ordinance being attached hereto.

Ordinance No. 2023-09, including the Ordinance and any cover sheet thereof, was published in pamphlet form and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the Village Hall, commencing on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and continuing for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Village Clerk.

I further certify that I recorded the attached Ordinance in a book used exclusively for such purposes, in accordance with Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-2-5, on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Tori Courson

Village Clerk  
Village of Williamsfield  
Knox County, Illinois

(VILLAGE SEAL)

