

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK  
COUNTY OF PASSAIC  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 23-24**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF THE  
BOROUGH'S ANNUAL LEVY FOR THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Woodland Park has followed the will of the Borough's electorate (voters), who approved a referendum in 2006, to establish a trust fund to develop and maintain the public land and acquire land for recreation and conservation purposes, preserve and/or acquire historic properties, and fund related upkeep and maintenance.

**WHEREAS**, an additional non-binding referendum was issued to the general public (voters) during the general election of 2023 on November 7, 2023, wherein a vote was taken on a non-binding referendum, to determine whether or not to increase the tax levy for the Open Space Trust Fund from one cent per one hundred dollars of assessed value for taxable property, to three cents per one hundred dollars charged for taxable property;

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7, et seq., authorizes the Mayor and Council to take action on all non-binding referendums relative to the Open Space Trust Fund, and with the public voting favorably to increase the Open Space Trust Fund, during the General Election of November 7, 2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, that the tax levy for taxable properties attributable to the Open Space Trust Fund will be increased from one cent to three cents, per one hundred dollars of taxable property value, for properties that pay taxes in the Borough of Woodland Park;

**WHEREAS**, this action is vital for the preservation and maintenance of recreational spaces for the residents of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, and the State of New Jersey, and can only be achieved through a definitive long-term plan and a fixed source of funding, for projects that are necessary and required to achieve the goals of the Open Public Space Trust Fund.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

Attest:

Approve:

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Sandra Olivola, Municipal Clerk

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Tracy Kallert, Acting Mayor

**Introduced: December 6, 2023**  
**Adopted: December 20, 2023**

