

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-38

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR  
THE IMPROVEMENT OF SIDEWALKS ON PORTIONS OF  
LIBERTY STREET AND WALNUT STREET AND  
ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT

WHEREAS, this City Council, in Resolution No. 2023-30, declared the necessity of constructing streetscape improvements on W. Liberty Street (PNC Bank to Walnut Street) and S. Walnut Street (W. Liberty Street to Beaver Alley), for the safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in that area, and declared that a portion of the cost would be assessed upon the owners of land bounding and abutting the improvements; and

WHEREAS, after issuing a written notice to all property owners so situated, the city caused the improvements to be constructed, and such construction is now complete, and the final cost has been determined.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The list of estimated assessments of the cost of constructing certain streetscape features on portions of Liberty Street and Walnut Street, as described above, and as reported to this Council and now on file with the Clerk of Council, is hereby adopted and approved.

SECTION 2. The several amounts of the assessments are hereby assessed and levied on the lots and lands bounding and abutting the improvement.

SECTION 3. It is determined that the assessments do not exceed the special benefits resulting from the improvement and do not exceed any statutory limitation.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of Council is directed to continue on file in her office a list of the assessments and the description of the lots and lands.

SECTION 5. The total assessment against each lot and parcel of land shall be payable in cash at the office of the Finance Director within thirty (30) days after the passage of this Ordinance or, at the option of the property owner assessed, in ten (10) annual installments with interest at the rate of six percent (6%). All assessments and installments which have not been paid at the expiration of the thirty-day period shall be certified by the Clerk of Council to the County Auditor, to be placed on the tax duplicate and collected the same as other taxes, as provided by law.

SECTION 6. The Clerk of Council is directed to cause notice of the passage of this Ordinance to be published as provided by law.

SECTION 7. The Clerk of this Council is directed to cause notice of the levy of the assessments herein to be filed with the County Auditor within twenty-five (25) days following the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. This Council finds and declares that all formal actions concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance occurred in an open meeting of this Council or its committees, in compliance with law.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that prompt action is necessary to facilitate collection of the special assessments and thereby preserve the credit of the city; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor; provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of Council; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

1st reading 12-16-24    2nd reading →    3rd reading 12-16-24

Passed: December 16, 2024

Vote: 7-0

Attest: Amy Hamilton  
Clerk of Council

[Signature]  
President of Council

Approved: 12-17-24

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Mayor

Introduced by: Jennifer Warden