



City of Burlington

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

July 29, 2026
7:00 pm

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Please silence all electronics during this meeting. Thank you.

GOVERNING BODY ROLL CALL:

_____ Councilman Dave Ballard
_____ Councilman George Chachis
_____ Councilman Clayton Long
_____ Councilman Richard Spaulding

_____ Councilwoman Mary Wirth
_____ Vice President Suzanne Woodard
_____ President Bergner-Thompson

ALSO PRESENT:

_____ Mayor Barry Conaway
_____ Administrator Johanna Conyer
_____ Municipal Attorney Stuart Platt, Esq. / Justin Strausser, Esq.
_____ Financial Consultant Dean Ciminera / _____
_____ Director of Public Works Bill Curry / _____
_____ Police Chief Ryan Elbertson / _____

Others: _____

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EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION(S)

Johanna Conyer, Administrator 172-2026, 173-2026, 180-2026

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Each Citizen will be allotted up to five (5) minutes to speak, to allow everyone an opportunity to express their concerns.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1. _____ 2. _____

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1. _____ 2. _____

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are routine and will be enacted by one motion. Should a Council Member wish to discuss a consent agenda item separately, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

_____ Moved that all Consent Agenda items (*) be approved Seconded by _____.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

RESOLUTION(S) / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2026* OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AN ONLINE AUCTION WITH GOVDEALS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

RESOLUTION NO. 170-2026* OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO EXEMPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 171-2026* OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO A DUPLICATE PAYMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 172-2026 OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN QUALIFIED GENERAL CONTRACTORS AS POOL VENDORS FOR THE REPAIR/REHABILITATION OF THE BURLINGTON CARRIAGE HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 173-2026 OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ESTABLISHING A CHANGE POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. 174-2026* OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES PURSUANT TO EXEMPTION FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

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RESOLUTION NO. 179-2026* OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

RESOLUTION NO. 180-2026 OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON REQUESTING THE BURLINGTON COUNTY CLERK TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2026

COUNCIL COMMENTS

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1. _____ 2. _____

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE(S)

- Personnel Matters

MOTION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1. _____ 2. _____

ADJOURNMENT 1. _____ 2. _____

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AN ONLINE AUCTION WITH GOVDEALS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington wishes to utilize GovDeals as an online auctioneering service for the disposal of certain surplus or unusable municipal property that is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals is a NJ State Contract authorized auctioneering service under contract #70967 and Local Finance Notice 2008-9; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals will facilitate the hosting of the auction item photos, descriptions and general terms for bidders; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals will be responsible to collect on behalf of the City the appropriate funds based on the sale of items and will remit, less the agreed upon fees, the amount due to the City within thirty (30) days of the sale of the items.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the City is hereby authorized to sell the items listed in Schedule “A” attached hereto by way of GovDeals online auction during the period of August 3, 2026, to August 14, 2026.

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

Attest:

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

July 29, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2026

RECORD OF VOTE OF PASSAGE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL							
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RESOLUTION NO. 170-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, an overpayment of 2026 taxes has occurred on the property identified herein due to a payment on a property already approved as exempt.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check for 2026 taxes as follows:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Refunded Party</u>	<u>Amount</u>
31	34	Veterans United Home	\$16.87

 _____ Bergner-Thompson, President
 Common Council

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RESOLUTION NO. 171-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO A DUPLICATE PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, an overpayment of 2026 taxes has occurred on the property identified herein due to a duplicate payment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund check for 2026 taxes as follows:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Refunded Party</u>	<u>Amount</u>
154	17	LERETA Tax Service	\$475.19

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

Attest:

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

July 29, 2026

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RESOLUTION NO. 172-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN QUALIFIED GENERAL CONTRACTORS AS POOL VENDORS FOR THE REPAIR/REHABILITATION OF THE BURLINGTON CARRIAGE HOUSE

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, the City issued a request for qualifications (“RFQ”) for qualified general contractors for the repair/rehabilitation of the Burlington Carriage House as required by the grant agreements from the assisting funding sources; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2026, responses to the above-referenced RFQ were received by the City; and

WHEREAS, five (5) contractors chose to submit prequalification packages for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission Consultant, Clarke Caton Hintz (“CCH”), reviewed the submitted packages; and

WHEREAS, CCH qualified all five qualified general contractors and the New Jersey Historic Trust approved CCHs recommendations on June 23, 2026

WHEREAS, the City wishes to accept these qualified firms into a vendor pool for work to be performed at the Carriage House.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the following firms are hereby qualified and accepted into a vendor pool for work to be performed at the Burlington Carriage House:

- Spartan Construction
- Kupex Exteriors
- Alden Bailey Restoration Corp.
- Detwiler Roofing
- JH Williams

RESOLUTION NO. 172-2026

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 173-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ESTABLISHING A CHANGE POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that, due to the reduced availability and circulation of one-cent coins ("pennies"), in-person cash payments will be problematic without the implementation of a rounding procedure; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to establish a cash payment change policy for in-person cash payments of taxes and water/sewer charges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that cash payments of taxes and water/sewer charges shall be rounded up to the nearest nickel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if an overpayment is made of \$.04 or less, tax overpayment will be applied to the next quarterly tax billing and an overpayment of water/sewer charges will be applied to the next billing cycle.

David Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

Attest:

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

July 29, 2026

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RESOLUTION NO. 174-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES PURSUANT TO EXEMPTION FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, Larry Guzman (“claimant”), owner and resident of 910 Oakland Ave. (Block 60 Lot 25) has applied for tax exemption as a Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the claimant has supplied all requisite proofs in support of this claim; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Business Administrator have reviewed the claim and related documentation and finds all to be in order and recommends approval of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of the exemption is May 10, 2026, in conformance with the claimants’ date of submission of claim; and

WHEREAS, claimant has been billed and/or paid taxes for the exempt period; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector seeks to balance the account in recognition of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector confirms and wishes to clear any resulting overpayment by returning funds to the appropriate entity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2026 taxes in the amount of \$3,912.84 and refund any overpayment accordingly to the appropriate entity in the amount of \$620.76. Additionally, the Tax Collector has authorization to cancel the remaining amounts that would become due and owing by claimant for 2027, in the preliminary amount of \$3,173.75. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Business Administrator, Tax Assessor and claimant.

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

Attest:

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

July 29, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 174-2026

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RESOLUTION NO. 175-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES PURSUANT TO EXEMPTION FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the "City") is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone King ("claimant"), owner and resident of 12 Fawn Hollow Road (Block 221.02 Lot 8) has applied for tax exemption as a Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the claimant has supplied all requisite proofs in support of this claim; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Business Administrator have reviewed the claim and related documentation and finds all to be in order and recommends approval of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of the exemption is April 12, 2026, in conformance with the claimants' date of submission of claim; and

WHEREAS, claimant has been billed and/or paid taxes for the exempt period; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector seeks to balance the account in recognition of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector confirms and wishes to clear any resulting overpayment by returning funds to the appropriate entity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2026 taxes in the amount of \$8,236.77 and refund any overpayment accordingly to the appropriate entity in the amount of \$2,073.70. Additionally, the Tax Collector has authorization to cancel the remaining amounts that would become due and owing by claimant for 2027, in the preliminary amount of \$5,941.55. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Business Administrator, Tax Assessor and claimant.

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

July 29, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 175-2026

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RESOLUTION NO. 176-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES PURSUANT TO EXEMPTION FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the "City") is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Lemmon Jr. ("claimant"), owner and resident of 813 Mount Road (Block 222 Lot 149) has applied for tax exemption as a Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the claimant has supplied all requisite proofs in support of this claim; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Business Administrator have reviewed the claim and related documentation and finds all to be in order and recommends approval of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of the exemption is April 16, 2026, in conformance with the claimants' date of submission of claim; and

WHEREAS, claimant has been billed and/or paid taxes for the exempt period; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector seeks to balance the account in recognition of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector confirms and wishes to clear any resulting overpayment by returning funds to the appropriate entity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2026 taxes in the amount of \$6,204.49 and refund any overpayments accordingly to the appropriate entity in the amount of \$1,838.18. Additionally, the Tax Collector has authorization to cancel the remaining amounts that would become due and owing by claimant for 2027, in the preliminary amount of \$4,209.37. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Business Administrator, Tax Assessor and claimant.

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

Attest:

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

July 29, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 176-2026

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RESOLUTION NO. 177-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES PURSUANT TO EXEMPTION FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the "City") is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, Steven Lee Martin ("claimant"), owner and resident of 321 Farner Ave. (Block 66 Lot 62.01) has applied for tax exemption as a Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the claimant has supplied all requisite proofs in support of this claim; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Business Administrator have reviewed the claim and related documentation and finds all to be in order and recommends approval of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of the exemption is January 13, 2026, in conformance with the claimants' date of submission of claim; and

WHEREAS, claimant has been billed and/or paid taxes for the exempt period; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector seeks to balance the account in recognition of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector confirms and wishes to clear any resulting overpayment by returning funds to the appropriate entity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2026 taxes in the amount of \$9,284.44 and refund any overpayments accordingly to the appropriate entity in the amount of \$0.00. Additionally, the Tax Collector has authorization to cancel the remaining amounts that would become due and owing by claimant for 2027, in the preliminary amount of \$4,813.67. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Business Administrator, Tax Assessor and claimant.

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

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Municipal Clerk

July 29, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 177-2026

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RESOLUTION NO. 178-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES PURSUANT TO EXEMPTION FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin David Shaver (“claimant”), owner and resident of 1004 Armistice Road (Block 222 Lot 83) has applied for tax exemption as a Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the claimant has supplied all requisite proofs in support of this claim; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Business Administrator have reviewed the claim and related documentation and finds all to be in order and recommends approval of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of the exemption is April 22, 2026, in conformance with the claimants’ date of submission of claim; and

WHEREAS, claimant has been billed and paid taxes for the exempt period; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector seeks to balance the account in recognition of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector confirms and wishes to clear any resulting overpayment by returning funds to the appropriate entity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2026 taxes in the amount of \$4,818.64 and refund any overpayment accordingly to the appropriate entity in the amount of \$1,213.15. Additionally, the Tax Collector has authorization to cancel the remaining amounts that would become due and owing by claimant for 2027, in the preliminary amount of \$3,475.90. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Business Administrator, Tax Assessor and claimant.

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

July 29, 2026

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RESOLUTION NO. 179-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Governing Body to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8) and designated below:

- Personnel matters

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on July 21, 2026, for discussions concerning the above-referenced item.

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

Attest:

Cindy A. Crivaro, RM
Municipal Clerk

July 29, 2026

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RESOLUTION NO. 180-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON REQUESTING THE BURLINGTON COUNTY CLERK TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council recognizes the utmost importance of the acquisition, development and maintenance of land for recreation and conservation purposes and historic purposes; and

WHEREAS, this vital preservation of open space can best be achieved through the provision of a definite, long-term fixed source of funding; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7 authorizes the City Common Council to submit to the voters of the municipality a question in order to ascertain the sentiments of the voters by including a proposition on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington as follows:

1. That the following proposition be forwarded to the Burlington County Clerk for inclusion on the November 3, 2026, General Election Ballot:

[] Yes

[] No

Shall the City of Burlington establish a “Municipal Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund” which shall have the following provisions:

- A. The “Municipal Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund” shall be funded through the collection of a local property tax in an amount of up to \$.02 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value.
- B. Such funds shall be designated solely for (1) the acquisition, development, and maintenance of land for recreation and conservation purposes, (2) the acquisition and preservation of historic properties, structures, sites, areas or objects, or (3) payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by the municipality for any of the foregoing purposes.
- C. Funds raised through the annual property tax levy will be subdivided by the City Common Council at a later date after a public hearing.

- D. Any property acquired by or through the "Municipal Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund" shall not be sold or conveyed by the City until and unless authorized by a binding Public Referendum.
- E. The Trust Fund tax shall be for a term not to exceed ten (10) years and may only be extended upon approval by a ballot question.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

This proposition will give the elected officials of the City of Burlington the sentiment of the voters concerning the establishment of a "Municipal Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund." This Fund would be in addition to bonding and other available sources of public funds, and would be used solely for the purpose of acquiring and maintaining lands within the City for open space, recreation and conservation, and for historic preservation. Having the funds would enable the City to qualify for grants, matching funds, and other sources of funds available through the State and other entities. The Fund will be raised through a dedicated tax on real property. The City Common Council will determine the rate of the special tax each year but the amount will not exceed \$.02 per \$100 of assessed value of the property. For example, at the maximum rate of \$.02 per \$100 of assessed value, the owner of property assessed at \$150,000.00 would contribute \$30.00 to the Open Space Trust Fund in a year. Any property or asset acquired by the Open Space Trust Fund could not be sold or disposed of unless authorized by Public Referendum.

- 2. The Burlington Council Clerk is hereby requested to print the proposition and Interpretive Statement on the Official Ballot for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.
- 3. A copy of this resolution shall be placed on file with the City Clerk.

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council

Attest:

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

July 29, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 180-2026

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