

**STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE
Room 1058, IGCN – 100 North Senate
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST)
OF CITY OF CHARLESTOWN,)
CLARK COUNTY, FOR AN) A23-028-A
EXCESS LEVY DUE TO)
THREE-YEAR GROWTH)**

On December 12, 2023, the Department of Local Government Finance (“Department”) approved an excess levy for the City of Charlestown (“City”) in the amount of \$194,192 due to the three-year growth factor. Subsequently, the City requested that the Department reconsider the order, stating that the amount approved should be \$388,383 in order to allow the City the ability to purchase snow removal and police vehicles. The City claims that it has a fleet management program which has recurring costs to replace aging vehicles. The Department responded on December 28, 2023, declining to reconsider.

Subsequently, on January 3, 2024, the City replied that the fleet management program is not a capital purchase because the City will be leasing the vehicles and the program covers the cost of maintenance and repair. The City also provided a spreadsheet detailing the fleet size, needs, and costs for a ten-year period beginning in 2023. The costs represented by the spreadsheet include lease price, maintenance, and fuel, with the following recurring annual costs:

Year 2023	\$102,787
Year 2024	\$191,985
Year 2025	\$262,309
Year 2026	\$308,470
Year 2027	\$236,991
Year 2028	\$416,293
Year 2029	\$423,154
Year 2030	\$369,420
Year 2031	\$439,173
Year 2032	\$263,710

Therefore, in light of the foregoing, the Department, following Ind. Code §§ 6-1.1-18.5-12 and 13, and in consideration of all evidence provided, amends its December 12 order as follows:

APPROVED WITH MODIFICATION:

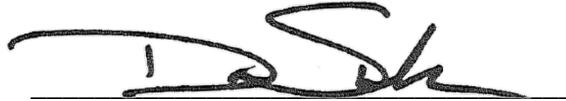
The amount of \$194,192 approved in the December 12 order is rescinded and replaced with an approved excess levy of **\$388,383**. This Department, by amending the approved excess levy, takes into consideration the hiring of a school resource officer and a building inspector, and the

funding of the fleet management program as represented by the City after the issuance of the December 12 order.

This amount does not exceed the amount for which the City qualifies under the statutory three-year growth formula and or for which the City advertised and petitioned the Department.

This is a one-time, permanent increase.

Dated this 5 day of January, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Shackle', written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Shackle, Commissioner