

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-25

A RESOLUTION PLACING AN ADDITIONAL .25% GENERAL INCOME TAX ON THE BALLOT FOR THE MAY 8, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION, SAID INCREASE TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018, AND NOTIFYING THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO CAUSE NOTICE OF THE ELECTION, REPEALING ALL PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure (roads, sidewalks and associated components) in and throughout the Village of Hiram are in poor condition, which condition is the result of a combination of age and deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, for many years the Village has attempted to accomplish needed repairs and replacement of Infrastructure from the General Fund, but the General Fund does not have the funds available to maintain and replace current Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the amount of income taxes which are anticipated to be raised by the existing 2.0 % income tax rate are insufficient to maintain, much less improve the current level of Village of Hiram Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the current Village Income Tax of 2.0 % will never be sufficient to maintain and improve the level of Infrastructure necessary to provide for the citizens of the Village of Hiram; and

WHEREAS, the Council has decided to request the approval of a tax increase of .25 % effective July 1, 2018 from the voters of the Village of Hiram to be used exclusively for the purpose of paying costs of constructing, reconstructing, widening, grading, draining, paving, resurfacing, maintaining, repairing, and otherwise improving streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, signalization and related infrastructure and street facility improvements, costs of acquiring related equipment and other related municipal street operating expenses within the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Hiram, two thirds or more of the members elected thereto concurring that:

Section One: This Council declares it necessary to raise the Village Income Tax by .25 %, to a total of 2.25 % effective July 1, 2018.

Section Two: The tax shall be an annual tax on the income of every person residing in or earning or receiving income in the Village of Hiram and the tax shall be measured by municipal taxable income as that term is defined in the Hiram Codified Ordinances

Section Three: The tax is levied in accordance with the limitations specified in Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code and to the extent applicable said Chapter is incorporation herein.

Section Four: This tax levied by the Village of Hiram is subject to the credit granted to resident taxpayer who earn municipal income from sources outside of the Village as is set forth in section 182.081 of the Hiram Codified Ordinances.

Section Five: It is necessary to increase the Village Income Tax by .25 % for the benefit of the Village of Hiram, Portage County, Ohio for the purpose of paying costs of constructing, reconstructing, widening, grading, draining, paving, resurfacing, maintaining, repairing, and otherwise improving streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, signalization and related infrastructure and street facility improvements, costs of acquiring related equipment and other related municipal street operating expenses of the Village, all pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 718.04.

Section Six: That the Council has decided to submit the requested Income Tax increase to the electors of the Village at the primary election on May 8, 2018, also in conformity with Section 718.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section Seven: If a majority of the electors voting in the May 8, 2018 primary election vote in favor of the income tax increase, said increase shall be effective beginning July 1, 2018.

Section Eight: The form of the ballot to be cast at such election on the question of such tax shall be substantially as follows:

A majority of affirmative votes is necessary for passage.

Shall the Ordinance providing for an additional .25 % levy on income tax for the purpose of paying costs of constructing, reconstructing, widening, grading, draining, paving, resurfacing, maintaining, repairing, and otherwise improving streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, signalization and related infrastructure and street facility improvements, costs of acquiring related equipment and other related municipal street operating expenses of the Village, which increase shall be effective July 1, 2018, be passed?

FOR THE INCOME TAX INCREASE

AGAINST THE INCOME TAX INCREASE

Section Nine: That the Village Fiscal Officer shall deliver a certified copy of this Resolution and Ordinance 2017-26 to the Board of Elections, Portage County, Ohio promptly following adoption thereof and in all events prior to the close of business on February 7, 2018 so as to cause notice of election on the question of increasing said tax to be given as required by law.

Section Ten: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

First Reading October 10, 2017
Second Reading November 14, 2017
Third Reading December 12, 2017

Vote of Council: Ayes: 6
 Nays: 0

ATTEST:

Susan J. Skrovan
Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan

APPROVED:

Mayor Lou Bertrand
Mayor Lou Bertrand

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas Reitz
Village Solicitor Thomas Reitz

I Susan Skrovan, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution ~~or Ordinance~~ No. 2017-25 has been duly posted in the required 5 places.

12-13-17 Susan J. Skrovan
Date Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram