

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11

A RESOLUTION PLACING AN ADDITIONAL .25% GENERAL INCOME TAX ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION, SAID INCREASE TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023, AND NOTIFYING THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO CAUSE NOTICE OF THE ELECTION.

WHEREAS, general municipal operating expenses, including safety forces, employee compensation, new equipment, maintenance of municipal services and capital improvements of the Village of Hiram infrastructure : Hiram have continued to rise over the last several years; and

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WHEREAS, for many years the Village has attempted to raise taxes on residents from the General Fund, but the General Fund does not have the funds necessary to maintain the present level of municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the amount of income taxes which are anticipated to be raised by the existing 2.25 % income tax rate are insufficient to maintain the current level of Village of Hiram municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the current Village Income Tax of 2.25 % will never be sufficient to maintain the current level of Village of Hiram municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the Council has decided to request the approval of a tax increase of .25 % effective January 1, 2023 from the voters of the Village of Hiram to be used for the purposes of general municipal operating expenses including but not limited to safety forces, employee compensation, new equipment, maintenance of municipal services and facilities and capital improvements of the Village of Hiram infrastructure in and throughout the Village of Hiram.

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 2.5 % effective January 1, 2023.

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 incorporated herein.

Section Four: This tax levied by the Village of Hiram will not be subject to a credit granted to resident taxpayers who earn municipal income from sources outside of the Village.

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 purposes of general municipal operating expenses including but not limited to safety forces, employee compensation, new equipment, maintenance of municipal services and facilities and capital improvements of the Village of Hiram infrastructure in and throughout the Village of Hiram, 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 general election on November 8, 2022, also in conformity with Section 718.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section Seven: If a majority of the electors voting in the November 8, 2022 general election vote in favor of the income tax increase, said adjustments shall be effective beginning January 1, 2023.

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 purposes of general municipal operating expenses including but not limited to safety forces, employee compensation, new equipment, maintenance of municipal services and facilities and capital improvements of the Village of Hiram infrastructure in and throughout the Village of Hiram, which adjustments shall be effective January 1, 2023, 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 2022-06 to the Board of Elections, Portage County, Ohio promptly following adoption thereof and in all events prior to the close of business on August 10, 2022 so as to cause notice of election on the question of increasing said tax 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 April 12, 2022
Second Reading May 10, 2022
Third Reading June 14, 2022

Vote of Council: Ayes:
 Nays:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan

Mayor Lou Bertrand

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Solicitor Thomas Reitz