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CITY OF PATASKALA

RESOLUTION 2021-022

A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE ELECTION DATE FOR ELECTORS TO CONSIDER AN ADDITIONAL 0.50% INCOME TAX, BUT ALLOWING A CREDIT NOT TO EXCEED 25%, AND DIRECTING THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION

WHEREAS, in 2010, with Ordinance 2010-3959 and Ordinance 2010-3986, Council for the City of Pataskala created Chapter 171 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Pataskala (Income Tax), pending voter approval. The income tax levied by Section 171.03 is at a rate of one percent (1.00%). This income tax was approved by a majority vote of the electors at the November 2010 election; and

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Pataskala believes that police protection services are vital to the safety and well-being of its residents. However, the City of Pataskala Police Department has seen an alarming number of its officers leave to work at other departments. And, the Police Department is having difficulty recruiting new and veteran police officers; and

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Pataskala believes the money being currently collected under the current 1.00% income tax and budgeted for police protection services is insufficient to meet the needs of the Police Department. However, Council for the City of Pataskala believes the only way to increase funding for the Police Department, under the current and foreseeable budget conditions, is to increase the City's income tax and dedicate this additional revenue to police protection services; and

WHEREAS, City of Pataskala Charter Section 3.01(A)(1) confers upon Council the power to levy taxes; and

WHEREAS, City of Pataskala Charter Section 8.01 mandates that "Council shall not adopt a municipal income tax unless the income tax is approved by a majority vote of the electors voting on the issue".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT CONCURRING THAT:

Section 1: Council for the City of Pataskala hereby authorizes the submission to the electors of the City of Pataskala, Ohio, *at the General Election to be held on November 2, 2021*, the question approving the passage of the Ordinance, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, to amend Section 171.03 of the City of Pataskala Codified Ordinances and thereby levy an additional 0.50% income tax in excess of the current 1.00% income tax, but allowing a credit not to exceed 25%.

Section 2: Council for the City of Pataskala hereby directs the Clerk of Council to forward a certified copy of this Resolution, together with a certified copy of the Ordinance attached hereto, to the Licking County Board of Elections as soon as possible, but no later than August 4, 2021.

Section 3: Council for the City of Pataskala hereby directs the Licking County Board of Elections to conduct the election described and set forth in Section 1. The ballot shall be substantially in the following form:

Shall the Ordinance providing for an additional 0.50% levy on income, but allowing a credit not to exceed 25%, for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel be passed?

FOR THE INCOME TAX

AGAINST THE INCOME TAX

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of the Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the City of Pataskala which resulted in such formal actions were in

Section 5: This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by the Charter of the City of Pataskala.

ATTEST:

Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk

Michael W. Compton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brian M. Zets, Law Director