



CITY OF PATASKALA

RESOLUTION 2021-022

Passed May 6, 2021

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".

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brian M. Zets, Law Director



CITY OF PATASKALA

ORDINANCE 2021-4388

Passed May 3, 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 171.03 (IMPOSITION OF TAX) AND SECTION 171.06(A) (CREDIT) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA BY INCREASING THE TOTAL INCOME TAX TO 1.50% BUT ALLOWING A CREDIT NOT TO EXCEED 25%

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

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Section 6: The purposes of the tax set forth in Section 1 is 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.

Section 7: All other sections and sub-sections of Chapter 171, including the remaining language of Section 171.03 not addressed herein, shall remain unchanged, in effect, valid, and enforceable.

Section 8: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance 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 meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Section 9: This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2022 if approved by a majority of electors of the City of Pataskala at the November 2, 2021 General Election.

ATTEST:


Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council


Michael W. Compton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Brian M. Zets, Law Director