

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO INCREASE THE INCOME TAX FROM ONE PERCENT (1%) PER YEAR TO TWO PERCENT (2%) PER YEAR AND TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL PURPOSES THEREFOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 890.01 of the Business Regulation and Taxation Code currently designates purposes for the tax levied on all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation and net profits ("earned income") as provided therein; and

WHEREAS, Section 890.03 of the Business Regulation and Taxation Code of the City currently imposes on and after January 1, 1991 a tax on earned income at the rate of one percent (1%) per year; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to submit to the electors of the City of Hudson at the March 2, 2004 special election the question of increasing the income tax from one percent (1%) to two percent (2%) and designating additional purposes therefor; and

WHEREAS, if the tax increase is authorized by the voters, this Council commits that it will repeal effective as of the end of the year 2004 the storm water utility charge contained in Chapter 1045 of the Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code; and

WHEREAS, this Council further commits that if the tax increase is authorized by the voters, it will repeal, effective as of the end of the year 2004, the 0.5 mill levy for Emergency Medical Services, the 1.1 mill levy for the Fire Department and the 0.5 mill and 0.625 mill levies for funding of parks and recreation programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That there is hereby submitted to the electors of the City of Hudson at the March 2, 2004 special election the question of increasing the income tax on and after January 1, 2005 from one percent (1%) to two percent (2%) for general municipal operations as currently set forth in Section 890.01 and for such additional general municipal operations to include long-term storm water improvements; long-term sanitary sewer improvements; long-term road, sidewalk, pathway and bikeway improvements as designated by Council and, at least, specifically, with fifteen percent (15%) of such additional one percent (1%) increase being designated for funding of the Fire Department; with nine percent (9%) of such additional one percent (1%) increase being designated for funding of Emergency Medical Services; with fifteen percent (15%) of such additional one percent (1%) increase being designated for funding of the Park System; and with thirteen and one-half percent (13-1/2%) of such additional one percent (1%) increase being designated for community learning centers in the City, in cooperation with the Hudson City School District.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Summit County Board of Elections on or before December 18, 2003 for submission of the issue at the March 2, 2004 special election.

Section 3. That the ballot shall be in the following form:

“CITY OF HUDSON

INCOME TAX

Shall the Ordinance providing for an increase from one percent (1%) to two percent (2%) levy on income effective January 1, 2005 to provide funds for general municipal purposes including long-term storm water improvements; long-term sanitary sewer improvements; long-term road, sidewalk, pathway and bikeway improvements; and, specifically, at least, with fifteen percent (15%) of such increase being designated for funding of the Fire Department; with nine percent (9%) of such increase being designated for funding of Emergency Medical Services; with fifteen percent (15%) of such increase being designated for funding of the Park System; and with thirteen and one-half percent (13-1/2%) of such increase being designated for community learning centers in cooperation with the Hudson City School District be passed?


- FOR THE INCOME TAX
- AGAINST THE INCOME TAX”

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to place the issue on the March 2, 2004 ballot; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its passage provided it receives the affirmative vote of five members of Council except that six affirmative votes shall be required if all members of Council are present; otherwise, it shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.


PASSED: December 17, 2003

  
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William A. Currin, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Mary Ann George, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on December 17, 2003.

  
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Mary Ann George, Clerk of Council