

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO RE-DESIGNATE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX REVENUES SO AS TO COMBINE THE PREVIOUSLY-DESIGNATED FUNDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Section 891.01 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 891.03 of the Business Regulation and Taxation Code of the City currently imposes, on and after January 1, 2005, a tax on earned income at the rate of two percent (2%) per year; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2004, the electors of the City of Hudson, pursuant to Issue 3 on that ballot, passed an increase in the municipal income tax from 1% to 2% with the following specific designations for use of that 1% increase:

- 15% for funding of the Fire Department;
- 9% for funding of Emergency Medical Services;
- 15% for funding of the Park System; and
- 13.5 % for funding of community learning centers in cooperation with the Hudson City School District.

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to submit to the electors of the City of Hudson at the November 7, 2017 general municipal election the question of re-designating the income tax revenues which were specifically designated in 2004 by Issue 3 so as to permit a combined 24 % of that 1% increase in 2004 to fund both the Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Services for their use as this Council may appropriate from year to year; and

WHEREAS, this proposed re-designation of funds is necessary to adequately fund the foregoing safety services due to changed circumstances related to those services over the past 13 years.

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

Section 1. There is hereby submitted to the electors of the City of Hudson at the November 7, 2017 general municipal election the question of re-designating the City’s income tax revenues on and after January 1, 2018, from the current requirement that of the additional 1% income tax approved by the electors in 2004, 15% is for funding of the City’s Fire Department and 9% is for funding of the City’s Emergency Medical Services, to be a combined designation of 24% of that additional 1% income tax increase from the 2004 vote in order to fund those two safety services; and, therefore, this Council shall have the discretion to appropriate on an annual basis funding from that 24% between the two safety services.

Section 2. The Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Summit County Board of Elections on or before August 9, 2017, for submission of the issue at the November 7, 2017 general municipal election.

Section 3. The ballot language shall essentially be in the following form:

“CITY OF HUDSON

INCOME TAX PARTIAL RE-DESIGNATION

Shall the designations authorized by the vote of the electors of the City of Hudson on Issue 3 at the March 2, 2004 special election that increased the City income tax from one percent (1%) to two percent (2%) be revised to designate 24% of that one percent (1%) income tax increase for combined funding of the City’s Fire Department and City’s Emergency Medical Services, instead of the current 15% for funding of the Fire Department and 9% for Emergency Medical Services, and to begin on January 1, 2018?

- FOR THE RE-DESIGNATION
- AGAINST THE RE-DESIGNATION”

Section 4. This Ordinance is 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 that it take effect as soon as possible in order to meet the County Board of Elections’ deadline for placement of the issue on the November 7, 2017 ballot so as to assure adequate funding of the aforesaid life safety services; 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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David A. Basil, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 17-115 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council