

ORDINANCE CM-16-13

AN ORDINANCE TO RENEW THE LEVY OF THE ½% (ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT) INCOME TAX EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITHOUT RECIPROCITY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF FUNDING POLICE AND FIRE OPERATIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST MILTON, OHIO FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, since January 1, 1997 the Municipality of West Milton, Ohio has had a ½% income tax to support Police and Fire Safety Service Operations including a renewal in November of 2001, November 2006, and November 2011; and

WHEREAS, the revenue produced by this tax is vital to maintain and enhance these public safety services for the community; and

WHEREAS, the funds generated by this tax are bound by the terms of this ordinance to be used specifically to fund Police and Fire Operations; and

WHEREAS, these vital public safety services are essential to the health and welfare of citizens both working and living in the community so that it is deemed necessary by the council that no reciprocity shall be permitted for payments to other communities; and

WHEREAS, Section 718.01 (c) of the Ohio Revised Code requires that a municipal corporation levying a tax on income at a rate in excess of one percent must obtain the approval of a majority of the electors of the municipality at a general, primary or special election.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the council for the Village of West Milton, Ohio as follows:

SECTION I: In accordance with the current laws and regulations governing the collection and payment of local income taxes to the Municipality of West Milton, Ohio, the current ½% income tax which was levied for Police and Fire Operations is hereby renewed for a period of five years beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2021 subject to the approval of the majority of the electors of the Municipality of West Milton upon the conduct of the general election scheduled for November 08, 2016.

SECTION II: This ½% income tax over and above the 1% otherwise levied by action of this council shall not be subject to any reciprocal credit for payment made to any other governments.

SECTION III: The ballot measure for the election as specified by Resolution CM-16-12

MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST MILTON
A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS NECESSARY FOR PASSAGE**

“Shall the ordinance providing for the renewal of the municipal income tax levy in the amount of one-half of one percent for an additional five years with revenues being used only for police and fire safety services for the period commencing January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2021, with no credit or reciprocity for payments of local income taxes to other municipalities for this one-half percent as is currently provided for in the West Milton Codified Ordinances be passed?”

_____ **FOR THE INCOME TAX**

_____ **AGAINST THE INCOME TAX**

SECTION IV: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Passed this _____ day of June 2016

Fredric Francis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda L. Cantrell, CAP/OM
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leneé M. Brosh
Law Director