

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM TO INCREASE THE VILLAGE INCOME TAX BY .25 % EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Village Council has indicated that additional funds are needed for the purposes of general municipal operating expenses including but not limited to safety forces, employee compensation, new equipment, maintenance of municipal services and facilities and capital improvements of the Village of Hiram infrastructure in and throughout the Village of Hiram; and

WHEREAS, for many years the Village has attempted to meet the overall financial needs associated with providing municipal services to village residents at the level currently enjoyed by the residents; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee the Council has determined that the current Village Income Tax of 2.25 % will be insufficient to provide for the general operations of the Village, and as a result it is necessary to levy a tax increase of .25%, for a total income tax of 2.5% effective January 1, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hiram, two thirds or more of its members elected thereto concurring that:

Section One: This Council declares that in order to continue to maintain the current level of general municipal services and operations it is necessary to request an increase in the rate of Village Income Tax.

Section Two: The Council intends to submit the question of additional .25% income tax levy to the electors at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, as authorized by Section 718.04 of the Ohio Revised Code for purposes of general municipal operating expenses including but not limited to safety forces, employee compensation, new equipment, maintenance of municipal services and facilities and capital improvements of the Village of Hiram infrastructure in and throughout the Village of Hiram. Said funds to be collected commencing on January 1, 2023.

Section Three: In compliance with Ohio Revised Code § 718.04(A) the Council states as follows:

(1) The tax is an annual tax levied on the income of every person residing in or earning or receiving income in the municipal corporation and that the tax shall be measured by municipal taxable income;

(2) The Village Council is levying the additional .25% income tax in accordance with the limitations specified in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 718, which chapter is incorporated herein by reference;

(3) The rate of the increase in the income tax is .25%, resulting in a total Village of Hiram Income tax of 2.50 %;

(4) The credit described in division (D) of Ohio Revised Code 718.04 and in § 182.081 of the Hiram Codified Ordinances will not be offered against the obligations resulting from the tax increase proposed in this Ordinance;


(5) The purpose or purposes of the tax is fully set forth in Section Two of this Ordinance.

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

First Reading April 12, 2022
Second Reading May 10, 2022
Third Reading June 14, 2022

Vote of Council: Ayes: 4
 Nays: 1

ATTEST:


Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan

APPROVED:


Mayor Lou Bertrand

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Village Solicitor Thomas Reitz

I Susan Skrovan, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution or Ordinance No. 2022-06 has been duly posted in the required 5 places.
6/21/22 Susan J. Skrovan
Date Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram