

ORDINANCE CM-15-02

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE A LEVY ON THE MAY BALLOT ASKING THE VOTERS TO CONSIDER THE ½% (ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT) INCOME TAX WITHOUT RECIPROCITY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF FUNDING POLICE AND FIRE OPERATIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST MILTON, OHIO TO BE MADE PERMANENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 made permanent effective January 1, 2017, subject to the approval of the majority of the electors of the Municipality of West Milton upon the conduct of the primary election scheduled for May 5, 2015.

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-15-01

MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

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

“Shall the ordinance providing for the municipal income tax in the amount of one-half of one percent for the Municipality of West Milton, in the County of Miami, be made permanent?”

_____ **FOR THE INCOME TAX**

_____ **AGAINST THE INCOME TAX**

SECTION IV: This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall be effective upon its passage.

Passed this _____ day of January 2015

Jason Tinnerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda L. Cantrell, CAP/OM
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leneé M. Brosh
Law Director