

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 887 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONROE TO INCREASE THE CITY INCOME TAX RATE FROM THE CURRENT RATE OF ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.5%) TO TWO PERCENT (2%) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT RATE CONTINUING TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE GENERAL FUND, THE INCREASE TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITH A CREDIT TO PROPERTY OWNERS RESIDING IN THE CITY OF MONROE, AND PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE THE QUESTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary to submit to the electorate the question of provide for a one-half percent (.5%) income tax increase to provide sufficient funds for the public safety services and capital improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CTY OF MONROE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: Section 887.012(b) of Chapter 887 of the Codified Ordinances is hereby repealed and amended to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 887 – MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

887.012 – Purposes of tax; rate.

(a) To provide funds for the purpose of general municipal operation, maintenance, new equipment, extension and enlargement of municipal services and facilities, and capital improvements of the Municipality, there is levied a tax on qualifying wages, commissions, and other compensation, and on net profits as provided in this Chapter.

(b) An annual tax shall be and is hereby levied at the rate of two percent (2%) per annum.”

SECTION 2: Section 887.013 of Chapter 887 of the Codified Ordinances is hereby supplemented to read as follows:

“887.013 -- Allocation of funds.

One and one-half percent (1.5%) of the tax collected under the provisions of this Chapter shall be placed in the General Fund of the City to be used for the purpose of paying all costs of collecting the taxes levied and the cost of administering and enforcing the provisions thereof; for the payment of other current operating expenses of the City; and for the payment of the costs of making such permanent improvement as Council may determine from time to time. Thirty five one-hundredths percent (.35%) of the tax collected under the provision of this Chapter shall be used for providing and maintaining equipment, vehicles, communications, buildings and sites for such buildings, emergency medical services, personnel, or other related costs for the operation of the Department of Fire and Department of Police as defined in Ohio R.C. 5705.19(I) and (J). Fifteen one-hundredths percent (.15%) of the tax collected under the provision of this Chapter shall be used for capital improvements. “Capital Improvements” shall be defined as any

property, asset or improvement with an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more, including land and interests therein, and including reconstructions, enlargements and extensions thereof having an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more. Reconstruction for street purposes includes the resurfacing, but not the ordinary repair, of streets.

SECTION 3: Chapter 887 of the Codified Ordinances is hereby supplemented to read as follows:

“887.085 – Exemption for person owning and residing in real property in the corporate limits of Monroe.

Individuals and their dependents owning and residing in real property, and who therefore pay the real estate taxes for said real property, shall be exempted from the not to exceed five one-hundredths percent (.5%) increase effective January 1, 2018, of the income tax paid to the City of Monroe.”

SECTION 4: The question of amending and supplementing Chapter 887 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Monroe as set forth herein shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City at the election to be held November 7, 2017, at the regular places of voting within the City and during regular voting hours. Such ballot for said election shall, at the top thereof, be entitled “MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX,” and the question to be submitted on said ballot shall be in words following “Shall the Ordinance providing for an increase of one-half percent on income to be used exclusively for public safety and capital improvements, with the exception of those who own and reside in Monroe, including their dependents, be passed?”

FOR THE INCOME TAX


AGAINST THE INCOME TAX


or such ballot language as the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio shall adopt pursuant to the authority granted in Ohio Revised Code 3505.06.

SECTION 5: The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Butler and Warren County Boards of Elections on or before 4:00 p.m. on August 9, 2017.

SECTION 6: This measure shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage pursuant to Section 7.08(B)(4) of the Charter of the City of Monroe.

PASSED: July 11, 2017

ATTEST: 
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: 
Mayor