

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 14-20

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. 27-20

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 183.012, 183.013 AND 183.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL FORTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.45%) INCOME TAX, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, ON THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER COMPENSATION SUBJECT TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WITH ALL SUCH TAX TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING, MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, AND PROVIDING CAPITAL FACILITIES FOR THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to city budget analysis and review, City Council wishes to seek an income tax levy increase of forty-five hundredths of one percent (0.45%) from the current rate of forty-five hundredths of one percent (0.45%) to a rate of nine tenths of one percent (0.9%), beginning on January 1, 2021, on earnings and income subject to the municipal income tax for the purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing, and providing capital facilities for the Fire and Police Departments of the City; and

WHEREAS, this income tax levy of forty-five hundredths of one percent (0.45%) will increase the current municipal tax rate of one and seventy-five hundredths percent (1.75%) to two and twenty hundredths percent (2.20%) on earnings and income subject to the municipal income tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Section 183.012 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lancaster, Ohio, is hereby amended to read as follows:

183.012 PURPOSES OF TAX; RATE.

(A) To provide funds for the purpose of general municipal operations, maintenance, new equipment, extension and enlargement of municipal services and facilities and capital improvements of the City of Lancaster, Ohio, there shall be, and is hereby, levied a tax on salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation, and on net profits as hereinafter provided.

(B) Rate of tax is two and twenty hundredths percent (2.20%) for taxable years that begin on or after January 1, 2021, and the rate of tax is one and seventy-five hundredths percent (1.75%) for taxable years that begin before January 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. Section 183.013 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lancaster, Ohio is hereby amended to read as follows:

183.013 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

(A) To provide funds for the purposes of operating, maintaining, repairing and providing capital facilities for municipal park and recreational activities and facilities, there shall be and is hereby levied an annual tax, in addition to the tax levied by Section 183.012, and any other section imposing a tax on earnings and income, for the period

January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022 upon those classes of earnings and income set forth in Section 183.012 at the rate of fifteen hundredths of one percent (0.15%).

(B) Of the remaining total imposed tax at the rate of two and five hundredths percent (2.05%), nine tenths of one percent (0.9%) is to provide funds for the purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing and providing capital facilities for the Fire and Police Departments of the City.

(C) Of the remaining total imposed tax at the rate of one and fifteen hundredths percent (1.15%), fifteen hundredths of one percent (0.15%) is, effective July 1, 2005, to provide funds for the purpose of providing fire services within the City and acquiring equipment for such services and paying principal and interest on securities issued and public obligations incurred to finance such equipment.

(D) Of the remaining total imposed tax at the rate of one percent (1%), for the period beginning January 1, 2021, and continuing thereafter, such tax shall be used for the following purposes and in the respective percentages:

General Fund .96%

Parks Improvement Fund 0.01%

Cemetery Fund 0.01%

City Capital Improvement Fund 0.02%

SECTION 3. Section 183.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lancaster, Ohio is hereby amended to read as follows:

183.02 EFFECTIVE DATE.

(A) Permanent Ordinance No. 3-18, effective January 1, 2018, and corresponding changes to ORC 718, apply to municipal taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. All provisions of this Chapter 183 apply to taxable years beginning 2018 and succeeding taxable years.

(B) Permanent Ordinance No. 3-18 does not repeal the existing sections of Chapter 181 for any taxable year prior to 2016, and Chapter 182 for taxable years 2016 and 2017 but rather amends Chapter 181 and 182 effective January 1, 2018. For municipal taxable years beginning before January 1, 2018, the Municipality shall continue to administer, audit, and enforce the income tax of the Municipality under ORC 718 and ordinances and resolutions of the Municipality as those chapters and those ordinances and resolutions existed before January 1, 2018.

(C) Temporary Ordinance No. 14-20, effective January 1, 2021, applies to municipal tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

SECTION 4. Effective January 1, 2021, Sections 183.012, 183.013 and 183.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lancaster, Ohio, as they have heretofore existed, are hereby repealed and Sections 183.012, 183.013 and 183.02 as set forth herein shall become effective. Provided, however, that no provision of this Ordinance, including the repeal of 183.012, 183.013 and 183.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lancaster, Ohio, as they have heretofore existed, shall in any way affect any rights or obligations of the City, any taxpayer, or any other person, official or entity, with respect to the one and seventy-five hundredths percent municipal income tax authorized by predecessor Sections 183.012, 183.013 and 183.02.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City and for the further reason that the immediate effectiveness of this Ordinance is necessary to provide funds in order to adequately carry out necessary fire and police municipal functions and to meet increasing costs and other financial obligations of the City; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: 11/23/20 after 3rd reading. Vote: Yeas 7 Nays 0

Approved: 11/23/20

Attest: Teresa Lee Sandy
President of Council
David Sheffer
Mayor

Requested by Finance Committee

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Permanent Ordinance 27-20 as adopted by the Council of the City of Lancaster, Ohio at its meeting on 11/23, 2020.

Offered by: Sally J. Miller-Dawson

Second by: Melody S. Bobbitt

I, Teresa Lee Sandy, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on _____, 2020 and _____, 2020 the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this Ordinance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

Clerk of Council

