

ORDINANCE NO. O-2013-5

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE VILLAGE OF WINDHAM TO INCREASE THE VILLAGE INCOME TAX BY .5% EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014, REPEALING ALL PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Village of Windham is desirous of continuing the present level of services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, in light of the increase in violence occurring in schools across the country the Windham Exempted Village School District has made an overture to the Village of Windham about placing a full time School Resource Officer in the buildings of the Windham Exempted Village School District; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council agrees that a full time School Resource Officer will advance the safety of the Windham Exempted Village School District and will improve the general welfare of the whole of the Village of Windham; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the current Village Income Tax of 1.5% will be insufficient to provide for a School Resource Officer and is also an inadequate amount to maintain the present level of services to citizens, and so for the purpose of maintaining the current level of municipal services, it is necessary to levy a tax increase of .5% effective January 1, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Windham, 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 municipal services 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 .5% income tax levy to the electors at the primary election to be held on May 7, 2013, as authorized by Section 718.01 of the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose of payment of general expenses of all types. Said funds to be collected commencing for the year January 1, 2014.

Section Three: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, becoming effective immediately on passage by Council and approval by the Mayor, necessary to protect the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community, and for the further reason that the Council of the Village of Windham desires to place the issue of the income tax rate increase before the voters or the Village in the May 7, 2013 primary election and the deadline to place this issue on that ballot with the Portage County Board of Elections is February 6, 2013.

Section Four: 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.

Passed in Council on First Reading as an emergency February 4, 2013.

Vote of Council: Ayes: Mrs. Barrett, Ms. Blewitt, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Prem, Mr. Snyder
 Nays: Mrs. Miranda

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Fiscal Officer, Lloyd Billman

Robert Donham, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Solicitor, Thomas Reitz