

RECORD OF LEGISLATION

No. 6-50-2025

Passed 6-17, 2025

**A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE CITY INCOME TAX RATE FROM THE CURRENT RATE OF TWO PERCENT (2.00%) TO A RATE OF TWO AND A HALF PERCENT (2.50%) TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 BY ALLOCATING ONE TENTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.10%) OF THE INCREASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, AND REPAIR OF THE STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES NECESSARY IN THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND ALLOCATING FOUR TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.40%) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, MECHANICAL RESUSCITATORS, UNDERWATER RESCUE AND RECOVERY EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER FIRE EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES THEREFOR, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFOR, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE-ALARM COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PAYMENT OF FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES OR PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, FOR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF OTHER RELATED COSTS TO DIRECT THE PICKAWAY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT THIS TAX ORDINANCE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, on the 6-17-2025, the Council of the City of Circleville introduced Ordinance # 6-49-2025 to amend the codified ordinances of the city to levy an additional one half percent (0.50%) per annum tax rate and thereby to levy a new rate of two and a half percent (2.50%) per annum on income by the city to be effective on the first day of January, 2026, with one-tenth of one percent (0.10%) of the increase to be allocated for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of the streets, roads and bridges necessary in the city of Circleville and four tenths of one percent (0.40%) to be allocated for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the revised code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 718.01 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that no municipal corporation shall levy a tax on income at a rate in excess of one percent (1.00%) without having obtained the approval of the excess by a majority of the electors of the municipality voting on the question at a general, primary or special election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Circleville is authorized pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 718.04 to submit a tax levy to the electors at an election at any time, the purpose of which is required to be set forth in said tax ordinance.

**WHEREAS**, Council desires this issue to be addressed by the electors of the City at the next general election to be held on November 4, 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE, COUNTY OF PICKAWAY, STATE OF OHIO AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** That it is hereby determined that there be submitted to the electors of the City of Circleville, Ohio, at the election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2025 for their approval, Ordinance # 6-49-2025, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, submitting the question as to whether an additional one-half percent (0.50%) per annum income tax levy in excess of the current two percent (2.00%) levy on income be approved commencing on the first day of January, 2026 with one-tenth of one

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percent (0.10%) of the increase to be allocated for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of the streets, roads and bridges necessary in the city of Circleville and four tenths of one percent (0.40%) to be allocated for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the revised code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, to be expended for their above mentioned purposes prior to the General Fund.

**SECTION II:** This tax is an annual tax levied on the income of every person residing in or earning or receiving income within the municipal boundaries of the City of Circleville and such tax shall be measured by municipal taxable income.

**SECTION III:** The City of Circleville is levying this tax in accordance with the limitations specified in Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code and all the provisions as set forth in Chapter 718 are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION IV:** That pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 718.01( C) the Board of Elections of Pickaway County, Ohio, is hereby directed to conduct the election ordered and described on the 4th day of November, 2025 on said tax vote increase with the ballot to be in substantially the following form:

Shall the ordinance providing for a one-half percent (0.50%) levy on earnings and income subject to the municipal income tax in excess of the current two percent (2.00%) levy for a new municipal income tax rate of two percent (2.50%), to be effective on January 1, 2026 for the purpose of allocating with one-tenth of one percent (0.10%) of the increase to be allocated for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of the streets, roads and bridges necessary in the city of Circleville and four tenths of one percent (0.40%) to be allocated for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the revised code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; and be passed?

	For the income tax
	Against the income tax

**SECTION V:** That the Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of Ordinance # 6-49-2025 together with a certified copy of this resolution to the Pickaway County Board of Elections at least 90 days prior to the date of the election set forth in Section I hereof in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 718.01(C).

**SECTION VI:** That all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of said Council, and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in such formal action were made in meetings open to the public as required by law in full compliance with all legal requirements, including without limitation, all provisions of the codified ordinances of the City of Circleville and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION VII:** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Circleville, such emergency arising out of the decreased revenues currently being generated by the city and the immediate need for the receipt of additional funding without which the city

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will be unable to continue to provide for basic safety forces operations and capital improvements of the city and to insure that this ordinance is submitted to the Board of Elections within the time period required by law for submission of this tax levy to the electors at the November 4, 2025 election, so that this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 6-17-2025  
DATE

Barry J. Kille  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Melvin J. [Signature]  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: 6-17-2025  
DATE

William L. Blanton  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS FORM:

[Signature]  
KENDRA C. KINNEY - LAW DIRECTOR