

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-13**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 887 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONROE TO PROVIDE FOR A TWO PERCENT LEVY ON INCOME TAX, ONE AND FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS PERCENT (1.5%) SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE GENERAL FUND; THIRTY FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS (.35) SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY; FIFTEEN ONE HUNDREDTHS (.15) SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; PROVIDE FOR A CREDIT TO RESIDENTS OWNING AND RESIDING IN 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 providing for a two percent levy on income tax; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Council of the City of Monroe that the anticipated income for fiscal year 2018 and beyond will not be adequate to fund current services at current levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY 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SECTION 1: Section 887.012 (b) of Chapter 887 of the Codified Ordinances is hereby repealed and amended to read as follows: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 five one hundredths 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 payment of the costs of making such permanent improvement as Council may determine from time to time. Thirty five one hundredths percent (0.35%) 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 (0.15%) of the tax collected under the provision of this Chapter shall be used for capital improvement projects as determined by Council.

887.084 – Credit 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 receive a credit in an amount not to exceed five one hundredths percent or .5%, of income tax paid to the City of Monroe. Proof of homestead exemption must be included with the annual return.”

SECTION 3: The question of amending 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 a two percent levy on income, a portion of which shall be used for safety services and capital improvement projects with a credit to property owners living in Monroe be passed?”

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

SECTION 5: 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.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Clerk of Council

Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the city of Monroe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing (ordinance or resolution) was published as required by Section 7.16 of the Charter of the City of Monroe.

This legislation was enacted in an open meeting pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Sunshine Law, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.



Clerk of Council  
City of Monroe, Ohio