

Village of Mantua, Ohio
Ordinance 2021-27
(Amended)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, A PROPOSED TAX ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 173.012 OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, "PURPOSES OF TAX; RATE", SO AS TO INCREASE THE RATE OF TAXATION ON INCOME FROM ONE AND ONE-HALF PER-CENT (1.5%) TO TWO PER-CENT (2%), THE ADDITIONAL ONE-HALF PER-CENT TO BE USED ONLY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, since 1981, the Village of Mantua has imposed a municipal income tax at the rate of one and one-half per cent (1.5%); and

WHEREAS, the Village has experienced significant reductions in available revenues in recent years, which has negatively impacted its ability to fund operations and provide essential services and improvements to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of this Council that an additional levy on income of one-half of one per cent (0.5%) will best serve the needs of the Village of Mantua in reducing these shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 718.04(C)(2) requires that no municipal corporation shall levy a tax on income at a rate in excess of one per cent 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Mantua, a majority or more of the members elected thereto concurring that:

SECTION 1. Section 173.012, "PURPOSES OF TAX; RATE", of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua, shall be amended as set forth in "Exhibit A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The proceeds of said tax increase shall be used only for Law Enforcement and Public Safety purposes within the Village of Mantua.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 718.04(C)(2), these proposed amendments to the Income Tax Code shall be certified to the Board of Elections of Portage County, Ohio, and a Resolution shall be passed by this Council directing the Board of Elections to place same upon the ballot for general voter approval or rejection at the General Election on November 2, 2021, as provided by law.

SECTION 4. Should the proposed Amendment enumerated herein be rejected by the electors of the Village of Mantua, the currently effective versions of the Village of Mantua Codified Ordinances, Tax Code Section 173.012 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. All other provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective on the First day of January, 2022, provided that it is approved by a majority of the electors of the municipality voting on the question at the general election held on November 2, 2021.

PASSED IN Council this 20th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

Linda Clark, Mayor

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer

I hereby certify the above Ordinance was posted at the five (5) public notice locations in the Village of Mantua, Ohio, on the _____ day of July, 2021.

Clerk

Approved as to Legal Form:

Michele Stuck, Solicitor

EXHIBIT A

173.012 PURPOSES OF TAX; RATE.

(a) To provide funds for the purposes of general Municipal operations, **public safety**, maintenance, new equipment, extension and enlargement of municipal services and facilities and capital improvements of the Village, there is hereby levied an annual tax on all Municipal Taxable Income as defined herein.

(b) The rate of the tax shall be ~~one and one-half~~ **two** per cent (~~1.5%~~) (**2%**) per annum.