

ORDINANCE NO. O2015-59

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE
GALLIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR MARCH 15, 2016,
THE ISSUE OF A 1% LEVY ON INCOME FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL EXPENSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Gallipolis is desirous of promoting the health and welfare of the Citizenry by means of public safety operations including the services of a police department, fire department, code enforcement and other public safety operations as well as capital expenses; and

WHEREAS, due to a decrease in funding from revenue streams collected by the State of Ohio and distributed to the City, as well as other decreases in funding such as the repeal of the estate tax, this increase of 1% on the existing 1% income tax is necessary to the continued operation of the public safety departments listed above; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended in writing the passage of this Ordinance as an emergency measure as it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property and in order to provide for the usual operations of the municipal departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Gallipolis, Ohio:

SECTION 1: The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward this ordinance to the Gallia County Board of Elections.

SECTION 2: The Board of Elections is directed to place upon the ballot for March 15, 2016, the following language pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 718.01(C):

"Shall the Ordinance providing for a 1% per cent levy on income for public safety operations and capital expenses be passed?

FOR THE INCOME TAX

AGAINST THE INCOME TAX "

PASSED: December 1, 2015

ATTEST:

Annette M. Landers
Clerk of the City Commission
Annette M. Landers

Steven E. Wallis
President of the City Commission
Steven E. Wallis

The foregoing Ordinance is hereby approved as to form.

Adam R. Salisbury
Gallipolis City Solicitor
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