

**ORDINANCE NO. O2017-03**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE  
GALLIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR MAY 2, 2017,  
THE ISSUE OF A 1% LEVY ON INCOME FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS**

**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; 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 1% income tax to be effective January 1, 2018 is necessary to the continued operation of the public safety departments listed above; and

**WHEREAS**, the tax is an annual tax levied on the income of every person residing in or earning or receiving income in the municipal corporation and the tax shall be measured by municipal taxable income; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gallipolis is levying the tax in accordance with the limitations specified in chapter 718.04 of the Revised Code and the provisions of said chapter are incorporated herein by reference as if fully rewritten; and

**WHEREAS**, no credit shall be created as described in R.C. 718.04(D); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has recommended the passage of this Ordinance as an emergency because of the necessity of continued funding for public safety operations.

**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 May 2, 2017, the following language pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 718.04(C):

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"Shall the Ordinance providing for a 1% per cent levy on income for public safety operations to be effective January 1, 2018 be passed?

FOR THE INCOME TAX  
AGAINST THE INCOME TAX "

**SECTION 3:** the City Manager has recommended the passage of this Ordinance as an emergency because of the necessity of continued funding for public safety operations. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: January 17, 2017

ATTEST:

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

Tony Gallagher  
President of the City Commission  
Tony Gallagher

The foregoing Ordinance is hereby approved as to form.

Adam R. Salisbury  
Gallipolis City Solicitor  
Adam R. Salisbury