

North Canton City Council
Finance and Property Committee

Ordinance No. 62 - 2015

An ordinance to amend Chapter 191, Income Tax, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton regarding municipal income tax.

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Amendment to the Ohio Constitution, Article XVII, Section 3, provides that "Municipalities shall have authority to exercise all powers of local self-government," and the municipal taxing power is one of such powers of local self-government delegated by the people of the State to the people of municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution provides that the General Assembly may restrict a municipality's power of taxation to the extent necessary to prevent abuse of such power, and Article XVIII, Section 13 of the Ohio Constitution states that "Laws may be passed to limit the powers of municipalities to levy taxes and incur debts for local purposes * * * ;" and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to comprehensively review and amend Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code, setting forth statutory requirements for municipal income tax codes in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, the General Assembly enacted House Bill 5 ("H.B. 5") in December 2014, and mandated that municipal income tax codes be amended by January 1, 2016, such that any income or withholding tax is "levied in accordance with the provisions and limitations specified in [R.C. Chapter 718];" and

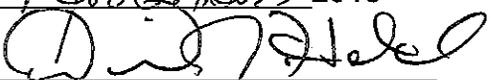
WHEREAS, upon a detailed review of H.B. 5 and the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, Council has found and determined that this Ordinance enacts the required amendments to Chapter 191 prior to the January 1, 2016 deadline, in accordance with the provisions and limitations specified in Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Council also finds and determines that the constitutionality of certain provisions of the state-mandated code may have been put in question by recent decisions of the Ohio Supreme Court regarding, among other things, taxation of professional athletes, but these provisions must be included if the municipal income tax code is to be "levied in accordance with the provisions and limitations specified in [R.C. Chapter 718]" and thus are reluctantly adopted by this Council, but are disclaimed to the extent they are unlawful or unconstitutional;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON, COUNTY OF STARK, AND STATE OF OHIO:

- Section 1. That Chapter 191 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton be and is amended to read as set forth in the document entitled "Chapter 192, Income Tax" attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.
- Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2016.
- Section 3. That if a provision of this ordinance is or becomes illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, that shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this ordinance.

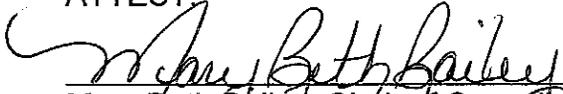
Passed in Council this 9th day of November, 2015



David Held, Mayor

Signed: 11/09, 2015

ATTEST:



Mary Beth Bailey, Clerk of Council