

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RENEWAL OF THE STARK COUNTY 0.50% CRIMINAL JUSTICE SALES TAX FOR AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT (8) YEAR TERM TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE ADEQUATE FUNDING OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN STARK COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the voters of Stark County authorized a 0.50% Sales Tax dedicated solely to help fund the Stark County Criminal Justice System on November 8, 2011 for an eight (8) year term; and

WHEREAS, since that time, thanks to the voters of Stark County and the Criminal Justice Sales tax they authorized, the Stark County jail is reopened to full capacity of more than 500 beds; and laid off Sheriff's deputies and Prosecutors are back on the job protecting the citizens of Stark County; and

WHEREAS, of Stark County Government's 2017 operational budget of in excess of \$65,000,000, the costs of Criminal Justice related expenses of nearly \$46,000,000, totaling 70% of all County expenses; and

WHEREAS, there is a clear need to continue the Criminal Justice Sales tax since the approximately \$29,000,000 which the 0.50% Criminal Justice Sales Tax is projected to generate in 2017, still only covers 64% of the County's Criminal Justice expenses; and

WHEREAS, as of April 2017, no other County in Ohio has a lower sales tax rate than Stark County; only two other Ohio Counties have the same rate as Stark County; and 85 other Ohio Counties having a higher sales tax rate than Stark County; and

WHEREAS the Board of Stark County Commissioners and County elected officials have worked hard to keep expenditures in line, and to expend sales tax dollars entrusted to them wisely and frugally to best serve the citizens of Stark County; and

WHEREAS, Stark County has a county-wide first responder radio system that will be obsolete and unsupported by the manufacturer, Motorola, as of 12/31/2018, causing an unacceptable risk to public safety; and

WHEREAS, a renewal of the 0.50% Criminal Justice Sales tax now (rather than in 2019) will allow County Commissioners to borrow the \$10-20 Million Dollars needed to fund the upgrade (before 12/31/2018) to a new county-wide radio system that will accommodate any and all Stark County first-responders that wish to join the County-wide radio system. The Commissioners will then use Criminal Justice sales tax dollars, over the term of the sales tax, to pay back that money borrowed to fund the upgrade of the County-wide radio system for first responders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER, OHIO does hereby support and endorse the renewal of the Stark County 0.50% Criminal Justice Sales Tax (Stark County Issue #1) for another term of eight (8) years at the Primary Election to be held on May 2, 2017.

PASSED UNDER EMERGENCY on April 3, 2017

Mayor Michael E. Schwab

ATTEST:

Village Clerk Treasurer K. Kris King

CERTIFICATE

I, K. Kris King, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an ordinance passed at a regular meeting of the Brewster Village Council held on April 3, 2017

Clerk K. Kris King

I, K. Kris King, Clerk of the Council of the Village of Brewster, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that there is no newspaper printed in said municipality and that publication of the foregoing ordinance was duly made by posting true copies thereof at five of the most public places in said corporation as determined by Council as follows: Office of Brewster Utilities, Belloni's IGA, Brewster Federal Credit Union, Post Office and Brewster Laundromat.

Clerk K. Kris King

Brewster, Ohio