

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-396

First Reading Passage Requested
(I. Shapiro)

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4 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Feeman,
5 Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Prentice, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite

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7 DATE September 25, 2017 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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9 **A Resolution expressing support for Issue 4, an additional ¼ percent levy on income in the**
10 **City of Akron, and urging the citizens of the City of Akron to vote YES on Issue 4 in the**
11 **November 7, 2017 General Election, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Akron has placed before the voters of the City a
14 ballot issue to levy an additional ¼ percent tax on income in the City, which has been placed on
15 the November 7, 2017 General Election ballot as Issue 4; and

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17 WHEREAS, the City of Akron has lost a significant amount of funding from the State of
18 Ohio and the federal government in the past several years through the loss of fair tax-sharing,
19 including substantial reductions to the local government fund, the elimination of the estate tax,
20 and cuts to federal programs; and

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22 WHEREAS, the City of Akron desires to continue to provide the Akron Police
23 Department and the Akron Fire Department with the necessary equipment and personnel to
24 perform their jobs safely and effectively; and

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26 WHEREAS, the City of Akron further desires to make significant repairs and
27 improvements to the City's roadways to address the needs of residents and motorists throughout
28 the City; and

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30 WHEREAS, the City of Akron has committed that all proceeds of the additional tax will
31 be used to fund the Akron Police Department, Akron Fire Department and roadway
32 improvements within the City; and

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34 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
35 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to express support for Issue
36 4, and to urge the citizens of Akron to vote YES on Issue 4 in the November 7, 2017 General
37 Election.

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39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
40 of Ohio, that:

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42 SECTION 1

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44 This Council expresses its support for Issue 4, an additional ¼ percent levy on income in
45 the City of Akron, and urges the citizens of Akron to vote YES on Issue 4 in the November 7,
46 2017 General Election.

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48 SECTION 2

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50 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
51 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately
52 expressing support for Issue 4, prior to the commencement of early voting for the November 7,
53 2017 General Election.

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4 SECTION 3

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6 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
7 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
8 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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10 SECTION 4

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
13 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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19 INTRODUCED September 25, 2017

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21 ADOPTED September 25, 2017

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25 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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33 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED September 26, 2017

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 26, 2017

Voice Vote: 9-2 YES: Crawford, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton,
Prentice, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite
NO: Koehler, Rodgers