

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 49 -2014

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR HEADEN

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO , FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015, SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS: on October 11, 2002, the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission with an affirmative vote of all members waived the requirement for taxing authorities of subdivisions or other taxing units, (including schools) to adopt a Tax Budget as provided under O.R.C. Section 5705.281, but instead requires the filing of Alternative Tax Budget Information on an annual basis: and

WHEREAS: the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015, has been prepared and presented to the Council; and

WHEREAS: Council, after due consideration, deems it advisable in the interest of the Municipality to adopt the Tax Budget Information;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State Of Ohio, that;

Section 1. The Alternative Tax Budget Information of the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015, heretofore prepared by the Mayor and submitted to this Council, copies of which have been and are on file in the offices of the Director of Finance and Clerk of Council, be and is hereby adopted as the official Alternative Tax Budget

Information of the City of Richmond Heights, for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2015.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Council is authorized and directed to certify a copy of said Alternative Tax Budget Information and a copy of this Resolution and transmit the same to the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, Ohio before July 20, 2014.

Section 3. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Richmond Heights and for the further reason that it must be certified to the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, before July 20, 2014.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Miesha Wilson Headen

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

David H. Roche, President of Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

## ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION

Political Subdivision/Taxing Unit City of Richmond Heights

For the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2015

Fiscal Officer Signature 

Date 7-2-14

# COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

### Background

Substitute House Bill No. 129 (HB129) effective June 3, 2002, was enacted by the 124th General Assembly in part to allow a county budget commission to waive the requirement that a taxing authority adopt a tax budget for a political subdivision or other taxing unit, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.281.

### Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.281

Under the amended version of this section pursuant to HB 129, a county budget commission, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the commission, including an affirmative vote by the county auditor, may waive the tax budget for any subdivision or other taxing unit. However, the commission may require the taxing authority to provide any information needed by the commission to perform its duties, including the division of the tax rates as provided under ORC Section 5705.04.

### County Budget Commission Duties

The county budget commission must still certify tax rates to each subdivision or other taxing unit, by March 1 for school districts and by September 1 for all other taxing authorities under ORC Section 5705.35, even when a tax budget is waived. Also, the commission is still required to issue an official certificate of estimated resources under ORC Section 5705.35 and amended official certificates of estimated resources under ORC Section 5705.36.

Therefore, when a budget commission is setting tax rates based on a taxing unit's need, for purposes of ORC Sections 5705.32, 5705.34, and 5705.341, its determination must be based on that other information the commission asked the taxing authority to provide under ORC Section 5705.281, when the tax budget was waived. Also, an official certificate must be based on that other information the commission asked the taxing authority to provide.

### County Budget Commission Action

On October 11, 2002, during the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission meeting, the commission with an affirmative vote of all members waived the requirement for taxing authorities of subdivisions or other taxing units (Including Schools) to adopt a tax budget as provided under ORC Section 5705.281, but shall require the filing of this Alternative Tax Budget Information document on an annual basis.

### Alternative Tax Budget Information Filing Deadline

For all political subdivisions excluding school districts, the fiscal officer must file one copy of this document with the County Fiscal Officer on or before July 20th. For school districts the fiscal officer must file one copy of this document with the County Fiscal Officer on or before January 20th.

## GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION

### **SCHEDULE 1**

The general purpose of schedule 1 is to meet the requirement of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.04 which requires the taxing authority of each subdivision to divide the taxes levied into separate levies. For help use the schedule B issued by the budget commission for the current year and add any new levies. This will help to ensure that no levies are missed.

In column 1 list only those individual funds which are requesting general property tax revenue. In column 2 purpose refers to the following terms, inside, current expenses, and special levy for example. In column 4 levy type refers to renewal, additional, and replacement for example. In column 9 identify the amount of general property tax you wish to request.

### **NOTE:**

The general purpose of column 9 is to demonstrate the need to produce property tax revenues to cover the estimated expenditures for the budget year. ORC Section 5705.341 states in part;

"Nothing in this section or any section of the ORC shall permit or require the levying of any rate of taxation, whether within the 10 mill limitation or whether the levy has been approved by the electors, the political subdivision or the charter of a municipal corporation in excess of such 10 mill limitation, unless such rate of taxation for the ensuing fiscal year is clearly required by a budget properly and lawfully, adopted under this chapter or by other information required per ORC 5705.281."

Property tax revenue includes real estate taxes, personal property taxes, homestead and rollback, and the personal property 10,000 exempt monies.

### **SCHEDULE 2**

The general purpose of schedule 2 is to produce an Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for all funds.

In column 3, total estimated receipts should include all revenues plus transfers in excluding property taxes and local government revenue. All taxing auth must submit a list of all tax transfers.

### **SCHEDULE 3**

The general purpose of schedule 3 is to provide inside/charter millage for debt service. The basic security for payment of general obligation debt is the requirement of the levy of ad valorem property taxes within the 10 mill limitation imposed by Ohio law. Ohio law requires a levy and collection of ad valorem property tax to pay debt service on general obligation debt as it becomes due, unless that debt service is paid from other sources.

### **SCHEDULE 4**

The general purpose of schedule 4 is to provide for the proper amount of millage to cover debt service requirements on voted bond issues. Major capital improvement projects are sometimes financed through the use of voted bonds. The taxing authority seeks voter approval of general obligation bonds and of the levy of property taxes outside the indirect debt limitation in whatever amount is necessary to pay debt service on those bonds.

### **SCHEDULE 5**

The general purpose of schedule 5 is to properly account for tax anticipation notes. See schedule 5 for more details.

## DIVISION OF TAXES LEVIED

(Levies Inside & Outside 10 Mill Limitation, Inclusive Of Debt Levies)  
(List All Levies Of The Taxing Authority)

SCHEDE II E 1

Revised 3-2004

# STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

(List All Funds Individually)

## SCHEDULE 2

Fund By Type	Beginning Estimated Unencumbered Fund Balance	Property Taxes and Local Government Revenue	Other Sources Receipts	Total Resources Available for Expenditures	Total Estimated Expenditures & Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	
						V	VII
General	1,923,505	1,147,154	6,873,381	9,944,040	8,501,273		1,442,768
General Reserve				0	0		0
Capital Reserve Fund				0			0
Payroll Stabilization	3,574		100,000	103,574	90,000		13,574
Special Revenue Funds:							
Street Construction	415,744		430,000	845,744	459,087		386,657
State Highway	103,772		30,000	133,772	12,065		121,707
Fire Service	101,182		1,621,783	569,220	2,292,186	2,154,786	137,400
Recreation Program	16,029			102,500	118,529	105,760	12,769
Recreation Fundraising Fund	1,950			0	1,950	0	1,950
FEMA	0			0	0	0	0
McKinley Heights Acquisition	0			0	0	0	0
Police Pension	46,709		203,939	100,000	350,648	281,750	68,898
Law Enforcement	16,291			2,500	18,791	10,960	7,831
Drug Law Enforcement	400			0	400	0	400
Police Training Fund	323			15,000	15,323	10,500	4,823
D.A.R.E.	3,010			0	3,010	1,000	2,010
COPS	0			0	0	0	0
Community Diversion Program	8,559			1,000	9,559	1,000	8,559

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Fire Pension	59,003	229,430	147,112	435,545		372,060	63,485
Ambulance Billing Fund	365,330		350,000	715,330		226,700	488,630
Recycling	12,202		5,000	17,202		2,300	14,902
City Beautification Fund	8,062		1,500	9,562		1,250	8,312
Airport Activities Fund	0		0	0		0	0
Greenwood Farm Preservation	7,434		5,000	12,434		5,240	7,194
Sanitary Sewer Discharge Fund	3,005		15,000	18,005		12,000	6,005
SWIF Grant	4		0	4		0	4
Neighborhood Stabilization Program	69,740		0	69,740		38,500	31,240
Bond Retirement	332,309	815,755	1,690,000	2,838,064	2,797,648	40,416	
Capital Improvement Funds							
Capital Reserve	0		0	0		0	0
Capital Improvements	19,195		209,000	228,195	219,201	8,994	
Street Improvements	45,407		200,000	245,407	210,000	35,407	
Building Improvements	9,527		0	9,527	0	9,527	
Sewer Improvements	936		5,000	5,936	5,000	936	
St/Disable Transportation	1,647		3,600	5,247	3,600	1,647	
Agency:							
Claims and Litigations	2,000		0	2,000	0	2,000	

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						VI	VII Ending Estimated Unencumbered Balance
Professional Services	123,369		37,000	160,369	40,000		120,369
Zoning Appeal Dept	32,110		0	32,110	0		32,110
Sidewalk Bond	20,857		0	20,857	0		20,857
Building Bond	251,592		62,500	314,092	192,500		121,592
Total	4,004,775	4,018,062	10,954,313	18,977,150	15,754,179		3,222,971

## UNVOTED GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT

(Include General Obligation Debt To Be Paid From Inside/Charter Millage Only)  
(Do Not Include General Obligation Debt Being Paid By Other Sources)  
(Do Not Include Special Obligation Bonds & Revenue Bonds)

**SCHEDULE 3**

VI	V	IV	III	II	I	Purpose Of Bonds Or Notes	Date Of Issue	Final Maturity Date	Principal Amount Outstanding At The Beginning Of The Calendar Year	Principal Amount At The Beginning Of The Calendar Year	Amount Required To Meet Calendar Year Principal & Interest Payments	Amount Receivable From Other Sources To Meet Debt Payments
2005 Various Improvements						05/04/05		05/04/15	\$475,000.00	\$475,000.00	\$485,093.75	
2007 Various Improvements						12/20/07		12/01/21	\$2,325,000.00	\$2,325,000.00	\$467,043.76	
2009 Various Improvements						12/30/09		12/01/19	\$1,659,999.10	\$1,659,999.10	\$366,900.00	
2013 Street Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes						06/18/14		06/18/15	\$1,190,000.00	\$1,190,000.00	\$1,197,260.00	

# VOTED DEBT OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT

(Bonds Or Notes Must Actually Be Issued In Order To Commence Collection Of Property Taxes For Debt Service)

## SCHEDULE 4

I Purpose Of Notes Or Bonds	II Authorized By Voters On MM/DD/YY	III Date Of Issue	IV Final Maturity Date	V Principal Amount Outstanding At The Beginning Of The Calendar Year	VI Amount Required To Meet Calendar Year Principal & Interest Payments	VII Amount Receivable From Other Sources To Meet Debt Payments
Refunded Police Station Improvements		12/30/09	12/01/20	\$1,250,000.00	\$281,350.00	