



City of Powell, Ohio

ORDINANCE 2018-10

Adopted February 23, 2018

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY INCOME TAX CODE TO ADOPT SECTIONS 718.80 THROUGH 718.95 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS in House Bill (H.B.) 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, the State's general appropriations bill for the biennium, includes uncodified Section 803.100 purporting to require that municipalities, on or before January 31, 2018, adopt certain municipal income tax provisions that are also adopted within H.B. 49 to authorize State officials to collect and administer municipal net profits taxes; and

WHEREAS Section 803.100 of H.B. 49 references and relies upon Section 718.04(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, which purports to make municipal income taxing authority conditional upon a municipality's adoption of code sections as dictated by the State; and

WHEREAS on December 21, 2017, Judge David Cain of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas issued an order in Franklin County Common Pleas Case Number 17CV 10258 extending the deadline set by Section 803.100 of H.B. 49 to February 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS on February 12 and 13, 2018, Judge Cain held a hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction made by the coalition of municipalities challenging H.B. 49's municipal income tax provisions, and the Judge stated his intention to issue a decision prior to February 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS although the municipal income tax provisions of H.B. 49, and Section 718.04(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, violate the Home Rule Amendment, the City of Powell nevertheless is compelled to adopt H.B. 49's municipal income tax provisions, on or before February 24, 2018, to avoid any doubt or taxpayer challenge as to its ability to impose a municipal income tax under the terms of Section 803.100 of H.B. 49 and Section 718.04(A) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS the City is a party to the ongoing litigation seeking a declaration that the H.B. 49 municipal income tax provisions, Section 718.04(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, and other provisions of Ohio law that usurp the powers of local self-government are unconstitutional, and to enjoin all actions by state officials to implement the H.B. 49 municipal income tax provisions; and

WHEREAS the City, by enacting this Ordinance, does not concede the legality of H.B. 49's municipal income tax provisions, Section 718.04(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, or any other law that is subject to the suit in which the City is participating, and reserves its right to continue prosecution of that lawsuit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF POWELL, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That sections 182.60 through 182.75 inclusive of Chapter 182 of the Codified Ordinances of the City shall hereby be enacted to read as set forth in Exhibit A of this Ordinance, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, for tax years starting on or after January 1, 2018.

Section 2: That the City Council hereby expressly finds and determines that it does not concede the legality of H.B. 49's municipal income tax provisions; Section 803.100 of H.B. 49; Section 718.04(A) of the Ohio Revised Code; or any other law that is the subject of the action

