

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF FUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION, AND DETENTION FACILITY, AND OTHER CRIMINAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES THROUGH LEVYING A COUNTY SALES TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (1/2%) PURSUANT TO SECTION 5739.021 OF THE REVISED CODE**

WHEREAS, the members of this Board are committed to supporting law enforcement and criminal justice for the purpose of maintaining law and order in Ashtabula County; and

WHEREAS, currently, law enforcement and criminal justice are underfunded in Ashtabula County which has resulted in an increase in crime and the rate of recidivism due to the lack of law enforcement officers, corrections officers, correctional space and the inability to provide adequate services to address addiction and mental illness; and

WHEREAS, an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales tax invested in law enforcement and corrections will allow Ashtabula to hire and train more law enforcement officers and build and staff a community corrections, rehabilitation, and detention facility to promote law and order, reduce recidivism, and adequately address the problems of addiction and mental illness in Ashtabula County; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Board desire for the people of Ashtabula County to determine whether they wish to invest an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales tax into criminal and administrative justice for the purpose of funding law enforcement, building and staffing a community corrections, rehabilitation, and detention facility with adequate capacity to reduce crime and recidivism and address addiction and mental illness; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by this Board, notice has been published and two public hearings have been held in accordance with statutory requirements on the question of funding law enforcement, construction and operation of a community corrections, rehabilitation, and detention facility, and otherwise supporting criminal and administrative justice through the adoption of a resolution to levy a County sales tax and the adoption of a corresponding resolution to provide for the levy of a County use tax; and

WHEREAS, this Board, having heard all interested persons who requested to be heard on such question and having considered fully the opinions and views expressed at such public hearings and other appropriate factors and matters, has determined that this resolution should now be considered for adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 5739.021 of the Revised Code and to provide additional revenue to fund law enforcement, construction and operation of a community corrections, rehabilitation, and detention facility, and other criminal and administrative justice services in the county and to pay the expenses of administering the tax, there is hereby levied a sales tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2%) for a term of 20 years, in addition to the tax imposed by Section 5739.02 of the Revised Code upon every retail sale made in the County, except sales of watercraft and outboard motors required to be titled pursuant to Chapter 1548 of the Revised Code and sales of motor vehicles.

Section 2. That the question "Shall the Resolution of the Board of the Ashtabula County Commissioners proposing a one-half percent (1/2%) sales and use tax be approved?" be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors of Ashtabula County at a special election to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2021, at the time of the General Election, at the regular place or places of voting in said County as established by the Board of Elections of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that said question shall be submitted in the following form:

"Proposed Sales and Use Tax  
Ashtabula County

A majority of votes is necessary for passage.

The Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County proposes to levy a sales and use tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (1/2%) for the purpose of funding law enforcement, construction and operations of a community corrections, rehabilitation, and detention facility, and other criminal and administrative justice services for a term of 20 years.

Shall the Resolution of the Board of the Ashtabula County Commissioners proposing a one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax be approved?"

and those who vote in favor of the proposition shall have written or printed on their ballots the word "Yes" and those who vote against the same shall have written or printed on their ballots the word "No".

Section 3. The Clerk of this Board is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution immediately to the Board of Elections of Ashtabula County, either personally or by certified mail, and the Board of Elections is directed to submit the question of levying the sales tax pursuant to this resolution to the electors of Ashtabula County at the general election on November 2, 2021.

Section 4. Upon certification of this resolution to the Board of Elections of Ashtabula County, the Clerk of this Board is directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio, either personally or by certified mail.

Section 5. If approved by a majority of the electors of the County, this resolution and the tax levied by this resolution shall become effective on the first day of a calendar quarter next following the sixty-fifth day following the date this Board and the Tax Commissioner receive from the Board of Elections of Ashtabula County the certification of the results of the election.

Section 6. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2021-48FINA

July 29, 2021

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Upon the motion of J.P. Ducro IV, seconded by Casey R. Kozlowski.

**VOTE:**

Kathryn L. Whittington  
J.P. Ducro IV  
Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye  
Aye  
Aye

**CERTIFICATE OF CLERK**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



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Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board  
Board of County Commissioners  
Ashtabula County, Ohio