AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE INCOME TAX RATE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Whereas, the Hancock County Council desires to increase the public safety income tax rate from 0.15% to 0.25%, and

Whereas, the Hancock County Council determines that the entire public safety rate should be reviewed in four years to determine whether it is still necessary at that time,

Be It Ordained by the Hancock County Council That:

Section I

Chapter 33 of Title III of the Hancock County Code is amended by the addition of a new Section 33.17 as follows:

§ 33.17: ESTABLISHING A RATE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

(a) Pursuant to IC 6-3.5-1.1-25, an additional tax rate of 0.16%  0.25% is imposed to provide funding for public safety.

(b) This tax rate is in addition to any other tax rates imposed under IC 6-3.5-1.1 and does not affect the purposes for which other tax revenue under that chapter may be used.

(c) The county auditor shall distribute the portion of the certified distribution that is attributable to a tax rate under this section to the county and to each municipality in the county pursuant to the formula set out in IC 6-3.5-1.1-25.

(d) The revenue from this tax may be appropriated by the county or municipalities only for the public the safety purposes set out in IC 6-3.5-1.1-25.

Section II

This ordinance shall be of full force and effect upon its passage.

Adopted this 12 day of October, 2011.

Hancock County Council

President

Attest: Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor

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Auditor of Hancock County