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Safety Service Funding Addressed by City of Macedonia

MACEDONIA, OHIO – (Dec. 14, 2017) – Residents of the City of Macedonia will have the opportunity to vote on a .25 percent earned income tax increase on the May 8, 2018 ballot. If the quarter percent increase passes, the City’s ability to provide critical safety services will be secure. Also, if the issue passes, the city pledges to allow a 1 Mill levy to expire which will lower property taxes.

“The City of Macedonia has experienced significant cutbacks in state funding,” said Mayor Joseph Migliorini. “This proposed .25% earned income tax increase would provide much-needed funds to the City that will be directly applied to safety services.”

Ultimately, the passing of the quarter percent increase will allow for the distribution of funds between the police, fire and service departments which will be used to keep our citizens safe.

Importantly, if the .25% earned income tax passes, the City pledges to not renew the 1 Mill Fire Levy that will be up for renewal at the conclusion of 2018. By allowing this levy to expire, property taxes will be lowered in Macedonia. The owner of a \$200,000 property will save approximately \$60 per year.

However, if the .25 percent increase does not pass, and the fire levy is not renewed, due to the funding shortfall caused by state cuts, safety services will be reduced. This would result in longer response times and less safety services.

“As a City, we are devoted to being as financially responsible and transparent,” Mayor Migliorini said. “The passage of a .25% earned income tax increase and a reduction of property taxes will strengthen our community. We will remain accountable to our residents’ regarding their hard-earned tax dollars and pledge to fund the safety services that they need the most.”

Detailed information regarding the proposed income tax increase will be available on the City’s website on January 1, 2018.

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