

**VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER,
OHIO ORDINANCE NO. 2024.005**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO
EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND
COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE VILLAGE OF
BLANCHESTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a Regional Council of Governments was created pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code to foster cooperation between municipalities;

WHEREAS, the creation of the Regional Council of Governments was primarily to establish a central collection facility, otherwise known as the Regional Income Tax Agency, for the purpose of administering the income tax laws of the various participating member communities;

WHEREAS, the Village of Blanchester has adopted an Income Tax Ordinance, which provides for a municipal income tax for tax years beginning on and after July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds it to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Blanchester to join the Regional Council of Governments for the purpose of having the Regional Income Tax Agency administer the Village of Blanchester's Income Tax Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio:

Section 1. The Mayor and Fiscal Officer are authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Village of Blanchester, an Agreement for Participation in a Regional Council of Governments, for the administration and collection of the Village of Blanchester's Income Tax through the Regional Income Tax Agency.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section III of the Agreement for Participation in a Regional Council of Governments, the Mayor and Council approve the designation of the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester as the Village's representative to the Council of Governments, and the designation of the Village Mayor as an alternative representative who shall act in place of the Fiscal Officer in her absence.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.


Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and it shall be effective upon its passage. The reason for the emergency is that it is necessary to immediately begin working with the Regional Income Tax Authority in order to begin and integrate required procedures and policies for the orderly administration of the Village of Blanchester Income Tax applicable to tax years beginning on and after July 1, 2024. Accordingly, this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by Council and signature of the Mayor.

Motion made by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gepharts on this date April 11, 2024

The following members of council voted:

- Mr. Garner- yes
- Mr. Gephart- yes
- Mr. Hill- yes
- Mr. Hopkins- yes
- Mrs. Lewis- yes
- Mr. Parks- yes

Adopted 11 of April, 2024.



Mayor John Carman

Attest:  Fiscal Officer

I, Regina Johnson, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, and in whose custody the Files, Journals, and Records are required by the law of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is taken and copied from the original Ordinance now on file with said Village, that the foregoing Ordinance has been compared by me with the said original and that the same is a true and correct copy therefor, and has been posted as required by law.

Witness my signature, this 11 day of April, 2024.



Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio