

ORDINANCE OF
THE PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA, COUNTY COUNCIL
PULASKI COUNTY ORDINANCE No. 2019-06

WHEREAS IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA (“THE COUNCIL”) TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE REVENUES ARE GENERATED FOR THE EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE PULASKI COUNTY GOVERNMENT (“THE COUNTY”) AND TO DO SO IN A MANNER THAT DIMINISHES THE BURDEN ON RESIDENT WAGE-EARNERS AND IN A MANNER THAT PROVIDES ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO TAXING ENTITIES WITHIN PULASKI COUNTY THAT HAVE LOST REVENUES ON ACCOUNT OF THE COUNTY’S PAST PROPERTY-TAX MAXIMUM-LEVY FREEZE;

WHEREAS A 1.18% COMPONENT OF THE COUNTY’S 3.38% LOCAL INCOME TAX (“LIT”) RATE IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING PROPERTY-TAX RELIEF (“PTR”) PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE (“IC”) 6-3.6-5, WITH A 1.00% RATE (84.746% OF TOTAL PTR LIT REVENUE) CURRENTLY RELIEVING 16.372% OF ALL ALLOCATION CATEGORIES’ PROPERTY TAXES UNDER IC 6-3.6-5-6(D), AND A 0.18% RATE (15.254% OF TOTAL PTR LIT REVENUE) CURRENTLY RELIEVING 19.793% OF 1%–ALLOCATION-TYPE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAXES UNDER IC 6-3.6-5-6(D)(1) AND IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5;

WHEREAS A 0.40% COMPONENT OF THE COUNTY’S LIT RATE OFFSETS REVENUES LOST TO THE PAST PROPERTY-TAX MAXIMUM-LEVY FREEZE, AND THIS COMPONENT HAS A MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATE OF 1.00% PURSUANT TO IC 6-3.6-11-1; AND

WHEREAS, WITH APPROVAL FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE (“DLGF”), THE COUNCIL HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ADJUST THE PULASKI COUNTY LIT RATE AND THE AMOUNT OF PTR PROVIDED BY LIT REVENUES TO PROPERTY TAXPAYERS,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED THAT, THE COUNCIL HAVING PROPERLY ADVERTISED, ON 9 AND 10 OCTOBER 2019, AND CONDUCTED, ON 21 OCTOBER 2019, A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE AFOREMENTIONED MATTERS:

1. THE PULASKI COUNTY LIT RATE SHALL DECREASE TO 3.30% EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2020 AND THEN, PURSUANT TO IC 6-3.6-7-18 AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ACTION TAKEN IN 2020, TO 3.00% EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2021;

2A. THE PTR COMPONENT (IC 6-3.6-5) OF THE PULASKI COUNTY LIT RATE SHALL DECREASE FROM 1.18% TO 0.50% EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2020;

2B. WITHIN THE PTR COMPONENT, THE RATE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING RELIEF TO ALL ALLOCATION CATEGORIES PURSUANT TO IC 6-3.6-5-6(D) SHALL DECREASE FROM 1.00% TO 0.20% (40% OF TOTAL PTR REVENUE), THEREBY DECREASING THE SHARE OF ALL ALLOCATION CATEGORIES’ PROPERTY TAXES RELIEVED THEREBY FROM 16.372% TO AN ESTIMATED 3.274% (BASED ON 2019 ASSESSED VALUATION), EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2020;

2C. WITHIN THE PTR COMPONENT, THE RATE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING 1%–ALLOCATION-TYPE HOMESTEAD RELIEF PURSUANT TO IC 6-3.6-5-6(D)(1) AND IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5 SHALL INCREASE FROM 0.18% TO 0.30% (60% OF TOTAL PTR REVENUE), THEREBY INCREASING THE SHARE OF HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAXES RELIEVED THEREBY FROM 19.793% TO AN ESTIMATED 32.990% (BASED ON 2019 ASSESSED VALUATION), EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2020;

2D. THE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PULASKI COUNTY PTR LIT RATE COMPONENTS ADDRESSED IN 2B. AND 2C., ABOVE, ARE TO BE MADE SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT ON THE PROPERTY-TAX BILLS OF HOMESTEADERS, WHO, BEING HOMESTEADERS, ARE, IF THEY EARN TAXABLE INCOME, SUBJECT TO PULASKI COUNTY’S STATE-HIGHEST LIT RATE;

3. THE LEVY FREEZE COMPONENT OF THE PULASKI COUNTY LIT RATE (IC 6-3.6-11-1), DEDICATED TO OFFSETTING REVENUES LOST TO THE PREVIOUS FREEZE OF THE PULASKI COUNTY PROPERTY-TAX MAXIMUM LEVY, SHALL INCREASE FROM 0.40% TO 1.00% EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2020; AND

4. COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE DLGF, THE PULASKI COUNTY AUDITOR, THE PULASKI COUNTY ASSESSOR, AND THE OFFICES OF ALL TAXING UNITS WITHIN PULASKI COUNTY.

EXISTING AND PROPOSED PULASKI COUNTY LIT RATE STRUCTURE

	<u>EXISTING RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED 2020 RATE</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED 2021 RATE</u>
LIT BASE	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
LIT LEVY FREEZE (IC 6-3.6-11-1)	0.40%	1.00%	1.00%
LIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
LIT PUBLIC SAFETY	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
LIT EXPENDITURE RATE SUBTOTAL (IC 6-3.6-6)	1.90%	2.50%	2.50%
<i>LIT PTR - ALL ALLOCATION CATEGORIES (IC 6-3.6-5-6)</i>	<i>1.00%</i>	<i>0.20%</i>	<i>0.20%</i>
<i>LIT PTR - 1% HOMESTEAD (IC 6-3.6-5-6(D) AND I.C. 6-1.1-20.6-7.5)</i>	<i>0.18%</i>	<i>0.30%</i>	<i>0.30%</i>
LIT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF SUBTOTAL (IC 6-3.6-5)	1.18%	0.50%	0.50%
LIT SPECIAL PURPOSE RATE - JUSTICE CENTER (6-3.6-7-18)	0.30%	0.30%	0.00%
<u>LIT SPECIAL PURPOSE RATE SUBTOTAL (IC 6-3.6-7)</u>	<u>0.30%</u>	<u>0.30%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
LIT TOTAL RATE	3.38%	3.30%	3.00%

EXISTING AND PROPOSED PULASKI COUNTY PTR LIT REVENUE ALLOCATIONS

	<u>EXISTING PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE</u>	<u>PROPOSED 2020 PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE</u>
<i>LIT PTR - ALL ALLOCATION CATEGORIES (IC 6-3.6-5-6)</i>	<i>84.746%</i>	<i>40.0%</i>
<i>LIT PTR - 1% HOMESTEAD (IC 6-3.6-5-6(D) AND IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5)</i>	<i>15.254%</i>	<i>60.0%</i>
TOTAL	100%	100%

	<u>EXISTING PERCENTAGE OF TAXES RELIEVED</u>	<u>ESTIMATED 2020 PERCENTAGE OF TAXES RELIEVED</u>
<i>LIT PTR - ALL ALLOCATION CATEGORIES (IC 6-3.6-5-6)</i>	<i>16.372%</i>	<i>3.274%</i>
<i>LIT PTR - 1% HOMESTEAD (IC 6-3.6-5-6(D) AND IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5)</i>	<i>19.793%</i>	<i>32.990%</i>

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA, ON 21 OCTOBER 2019.

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JERRY G. "JAY" SULLIVAN, JR., PRESIDENT	_____	_____
MICHAEL T. "MIKE" TIEDE, VICE-PRESIDENT	_____	_____
KENNETH R. "KEN" BOSWELL	_____	_____
RONALD P. "RUDY" DESABATINE	_____	_____
SCOTT HINKLE	_____	_____
KATHLEEN A. "KATHI" THOMPSON	_____	_____
BRIAN YOUNG	_____	_____

ATTEST:

 LAURA WHEELER,
 AUDITOR/CLERK TO THE COUNCIL