



# MONROE COUNTY COUNCIL

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## MONROE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, August 29, at 5:00 pm Nat U. Hill Meeting Room and Zoom Connection

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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### 3. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

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### 4. OVERVIEW OF ORDINANCE 2023-28, Molly Turner King

**First reading of Ordinance 2023-28 was at the August 22 Council Work Session.**

Monroe County Council has determined that the need for juvenile services has been sufficiently funded in the County, and that the existing services could continue operating with a decrease in the Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax. Additionally, Council has determined that there is an increase in the needs for correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities within Monroe County. Council will consider adopting a Correctional Income Tax Rate at 0.01%, and simultaneously decrease the Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax from 0.095% to 0.085%. If these changes are adopted the overall tax rate will remain the same.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**6. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

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**7. DISCUSSION ON ORDINANCE 2023-28**

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**8. VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2023-28**

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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**ORDINANCE # 2023-28**  
**ORDINANCE MODIFYING LOCAL INCOME TAX RATES**  
**MONROE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, on July 30, 2007, the Monroe County Council, pursuant to the authority of Indiana Code § 6-3.5-6-33 (now recodified under Indiana Code § 6-3.6-7-16), adopted ordinance 2007-27, “An Ordinance for the Operation and Maintenance of Facilities Necessary to Provide Juvenile Services” (originally referred to as the “Juvenile COIT”, and hereinafter referred to the “Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax Rate”); and,

**WHEREAS**, the original rate for the Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax Rate was set at .04% on the adjusted gross income of local taxpayers; and,

**WHEREAS**, historically the Juvenile Services LIT has been increased by the Monroe County Council on two (2) separate occasions with the first being on July 28, 2009, by Ordinance 2009-25 increasing the Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax rate to 0.05% on the adjusted gross income of local taxpayers and secondly on May 13, 2014 by Ordinance 2014-14, increasing the Juvenile Special Services LIT Special Tax Rate to 0.095% on the adjusted gross income of local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council recognizes that the Monroe County Judges have long had a history of working closely with families and juveniles to solve problems in a proactive manner, viewing juvenile detention as a last resort and the Youth Shelter Bureau has established a track record of providing exemplary juvenile care, protection, and guidance to juveniles when deemed necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council finds that the current Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax rate of .095% on the adjusted gross income of local taxpayers has continually provided more than sufficient revenues for the continuation of the exemplary juvenile care, protection, and guidance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council further finds that decreasing the current Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax by 0.01 %, making the newly authorized Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax rate of 0.085% on the adjusted gross income of local taxpayers will continue to provide adequate and sufficient funding for the Operation and Maintenance of Facilities necessary to provide juvenile services within Monroe County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council has been informed that many of the ongoing and increasing operational expenses of running the correctional center are currently met through the expenditures from the County’s General Fund, a fund where appropriations must be balanced against the full range of county operating expenses and services provided to Monroe County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Indiana Code § 6- 3.6-6-2.7, the Monroe County Council may adopt an ordinance to impose a tax rate for correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities within the county and the revenues generated from this tax rate may be used for operating expenses for the correctional facility and rehabilitation facilities in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council determines it necessary and appropriate to adopt a Correctional Tax in the amount of 0.01% on the adjusted gross income of local taxpayers in order to transparently reflect the cost of the operation of the county’s correctional facility and to take pressure off of the limited county general revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Monroe County Council of Monroe County that a need now exists to modify the local income tax rates imposed in the following way:

1. Monroe County Council finds and determines that the need for juvenile services has been sufficiently funded within the County and that the already existing exemplary services can continue operating with a decrease in the Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax. Additionally, Monroe County Council finds and determines that there has been an increase in the operational needs for correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities within Monroe County.

To accommodate this, Monroe County Council will adopt a Correctional Income Tax Rate pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-3.6-6-2.7. The proposed Correctional Income Tax Rate is one-hundredth of one percent (0.01%). Simultaneously, Monroe County Council will propose a decrease of the Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax, authorized by Indiana Code § 6-3.6-7-16, from the current rate of ninety-five thousandths of one percent (0.095%) to eighty-five thousandths of one percent (0.085%).

The proposed decrease of the Juvenile Services LIT Special Tax and the adoption of the Correctional Income Tax Rate will result in the current total tax rate under Indiana Code §6-3.6-6 (“Expenditure Tax Rate”) of two and thirty-five thousandths percent (2.035%). The overall tax rate including the proposed changes will remain the same as the current tax rate.

2. For the avoidance of doubt, no change is intended or authorized by this Ordinance to: 1) the tax rate under Indiana Code § 6-3.6-6-10 (Certified Shares)(which is currently nine thousand four hundred eighty-two ten-thousandths percent(0.9482%); 2) the public safety tax rate (“Public Safety Tax”) (currently twenty-five hundredths percent (0.25%); 3) the economic development tax rate (“EDIT”)(which is currently sixty-nine hundredths percent (0.69%); 4) the property tax rate under Indiana Code 6-3.6-5 (“Property Tax Relief Rate”) (which is currently five hundred eighteen ten-thousandths percent (0.0518%)).
3. As a result of the actions in this Ordinance, the Local Income Tax will be allocated as follows, beginning on October 1, 2023:

<b>Allocation Rate Category</b>	<b>Existing LIT Rate</b>	<b>Proposed LIT Rate</b>
Certified Shares (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.9482 %	0.9482 %
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.25 %	0.25 %
Economic Development (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.69 %	0.69 %
Property Tax Relief Rate <sup>1</sup> (IC 6-3.6-5)	0.0518 %	0.0518 %
Special Purpose Rate <sup>2</sup> (IC 6-3.6-7-__)	0.095 %	0.085 %
Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities <sup>3</sup> (IC 6-3.6-6-2.7)	0.00 %	0.01 %
Emergency Medical Service <sup>3</sup> (IC 6-3.6-6-2.8)	0.00 %	0.00 %
Staff Expenses for State Judicial System <sup>3</sup> (IC 6-3.6-6-2.9)	0.00 %	0.00 %
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>2.035%</b>	<b>2.035%</b>

The Monroe County Council further finds the revenue generated by the correctional and rehabilitation facilities rate is necessary to pay for correctional facilities and rehabilitation facilities in the County.

The local income tax rates proposed above will remain in effect until they expire pursuant to the enabling statute of the Indiana Code or until the Monroe County Council chooses to modify them.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a public hearing was held on the proposed local income tax rate modifications on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_. Proper notice of the public hearing was provided pursuant to IC 5-3-1.

Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said Monroe County Council of Monroe County this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**MONROE COUNTY COUNCIL, INDIANA**

“Aye”

“Nay”

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ATTEST:

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Catherine Smith, Auditor  
Monroe County, Indiana

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Date

After the public hearing, the Monroe County Council may take action on the proposed ordinance. There is no remonstrance opportunity on any action taken on the proposed ordinance. The public hearing identified above is the taxpayer’s opportunity to express concerns and ask questions on the proposed ordinance.

Dated this 9th day of August 2023.