

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0002

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmember Jones</p> <p>Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller, Brady, Germana, Connally, Conwell, Rogers and Simon</p>	<p>A Resolution determining to submit to the electors the question of levying an extension of the alcohol and cigarette excise taxes for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing, renovating, improving, or repairing sports facilities and reimbursing a county for costs incurred by the county in the construction of sports facilities.</p>
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WHEREAS, in 1990, Cuyahoga County's citizens levied alcohol and cigarette excise taxes;

WHEREAS, in 1995, the County's citizens extended the excise taxes through July 31, 2015;

WHEREAS, effective September 29, 2013, the Ohio legislature amended the Ohio Revised Code to authorize Cuyahoga County's citizens to further extend the excise taxes for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing, renovating, improving, or repairing sports facilities and reimbursing a county for costs incurred by the county in the construction of sports facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt this Resolution to place the matter on the ballot for the voters' approval in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 307.696, 307.697, 4301.421 and 5743.024, as amended effective September 29, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 307.696, 307.697, 4301.421 and 5743.024, which were amended effective September 29, 2013, there shall be submitted to the electors of Cuyahoga County at the Special Election on May 6, 2014, the following question in the format set forth herein:

**PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ALCOHOL AND
CIGARETTE TAXES FOR SPORTS FACILITIES**

A Majority Affirmative Vote Is Necessary For Passage.

For the purpose of paying the costs of constructing, renovating, improving, or repairing sports facilities and reimbursing a county for costs incurred by the county in the construction of sports facilities, shall excise taxes be levied by Cuyahoga County at the rate of three dollars on each gallon of spirituous liquor sold in the county, sixteen cents per gallon on the sale of beer at wholesale in the county, thirty-two cents per gallon on the sale of wine and mixed beverages at wholesale in the county, twenty-four cents per gallon on the sale of cider at wholesale in the county, and 2.25 mills per cigarette on the sale of cigarettes at wholesale in the county, for 20 years beginning August 1, 2015.

	Yes
	No

SECTION 2. If the ballot measure in Section 1 receives a majority affirmative vote, as is necessary for its passage, the levied tax shall go into effect beginning August 1, 2015, for the duration and at the rates provided for in Section 1 and approved by the voters.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council is directed to deliver immediately to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections a certified copy of this Resolution and also deliver immediately to the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio and to the Ohio Department of Liquor Control certified copies of this Resolution. Cuyahoga County requests that the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections prepare the ballots and make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question of levying taxes, as a single question, to the electors of Cuyahoga County, and further requests that the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections give notice of the results of that election, as soon as the same have been determined, to the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio and to the Ohio Department of Liquor Control.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this 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, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

