

ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION

School Districts Only

School District Name Norton City School District

For the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2025

Fiscal Officer Signature 

Date 12/18/2024

COUNTY OF SUMMIT

Background

Substitute House Bill No. 129 (HB 129) effective June 3, 2002, was enacted by the 124th General Assembly in part to allow a county budget commission to waive the requirement that a taxing authority adopt a tax budget for a political subdivision or other taxing unit, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.281.

Under the law in effect prior to June 3, 2002, the budget commission could only waive the tax budget for a subdivision or other taxing unit that was receiving a share of the county undivided local government fund or the county undivided local government revenue assistance fund under an alternative method or formula pursuant to ORC Sections 5747.53 and 5747.63. Thus, tax budgets could be waived only for counties, municipalities, townships and park districts. This restriction is now removed.

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.281

Under the amended version of this section pursuant to HB 129, a county budget commission, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the commission, including an affirmative vote by the county auditor, may waive the tax budget for any subdivision or other taxing unit. However, the commission may require the taxing authority to provide any information needed by the commission to perform its duties, including the division of the tax rates as provided under ORC Section 5705.04.

County Budget Commission Duties

The county budget commission must still certify rates to each subdivision or other taxing unit, by March 1 for school districts and by September 1 for all other taxing authorities under ORC Section 5705.35, even when a tax budget is waived. Also, the commission is still required to issue an official certificate of estimated resources under ORC Section 5705.35 and amended official certificates of estimated resources under ORC Section 5705.36.

Therefore, when a budget commission is setting tax rates based on a taxing unit's need, for purposes of ORC Sections 5705.32, 5705.34 and 5705.341, its determination must be based on that other information the commission asked the taxing authority to provide under ORC Section 5705.281, when the tax budget was waived. Also, an official certificate must be based on that other information the commission asked the taxing authority to provide.

County Budget Commission Action

At a May 7, 2002 Summit County Budget Commission meeting, the commission with an affirmative vote of all members waived the requirement for taxing authorities of subdivisions or other taxing units (including schools) to adopt a tax budget as provided under ORC Section 5705.281, but shall require the filing of this Alternative Tax Budget Information document on an annual basis. (Original form for schools dated November 19, 2002).

Alternative Tax Budget Information Filing Deadline

The fiscal officer of a public school district must file one signed copy of this document with the Summit County Fiscal Officer, on or before January 15.

(Adopted 5/7/02)

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION

SCHEDULE 1

The general purpose of schedule 1 is to meet the requirement of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.04 which requires the taxing authority of each subdivision to divide the taxes levied into separate levies. For help use the Summit County Budget Commission Certification of Tax Levy Estimate issued by the budget commission for the current year and add any new levies. This will help to ensure that no levies are missed.

In column I list the fund that will receive property tax revenue amount shown across, in column IX. In column II purpose refers to the following terms: current expenses, debt service, and permanent improvement. In column IX, identify the gross amount of property tax revenue requested from each levy.

SCHEDULE 2

The general purpose of schedule 2 is to demonstrate the need to produce property tax revenues to cover the estimated expenditures for the "tax year/collection year" involved.

ORC Section 5705.341 states in part; Nothing in this section or any section of the ORC shall permit or require the levying of any rate of taxation, whether within the 10 mill limitation or whether the levy has been approved by the electors, the political subdivision or the charter of a municipal corporation in excess of such 10 mill limitation, unless such rate of taxation for ensuing fiscal year is clearly required by a budget properly and lawfully adopted under this chapter or by other information required per ORC 5705.281."

Property Taxes include real estate taxes, public utility personal property taxes, homestead and rollback amounts.

Personal Property Tax Reimbursements include public utility personal property and tangible personal property reimbursement amounts.

Total Expenditures: all expenditure line items and transfers-out.

SCHEDULE 3

The general purpose of schedule 3 is to produce an Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for funds that do not receive property tax revenue.

SCHEDULE 4

The general purpose of schedule 4 is to provide inside millage for debt service. The basic security for payment of general obligation debt is the requirement of the levy of ad valorem property taxes within the 10 mill limitation imposed by Ohio law. Ohio law requires a levy and collection of ad valorem property tax to pay debt service on general obligation debt as it becomes due, unless that debt service is paid from other sources.

SCHEDULE 5

The general purpose of schedule 5 is to provide for the proper amount of millage to cover debt service requirements on voted bond issues. Major capital improvement projects are sometimes financed through the use of voted bonds. The taxing authority seeks voter approval for issuance of general obligation bonds and for the levy of property taxes outside the indirect debt limitation in amounts sufficient to make required payments on those bonds.

To determine the proper amount of millage required for voted debt service the budget commission is required to take into consideration the beginning estimated cash balance in the debt service fund for the "tax year/collection year" involved, in addition to the debt payment amounts.

SCHEDULE 6

The general purpose of schedule 6 is to properly account for tax anticipation notes. See schedule 6 for more details.

* Please reproduce all pages as necessary.

DIVISION OF TAXES LEVIED

List Levies Inside and Outside 10 Mill Limitation, Inclusive of Debt Levies
Include All Approved Property Tax Levies of the Taxing Authority

SCHEDULE 1

I Fund Type Fund Name	II Purpose of Levy	III Millage Type Inside "I" Outside "O"	IV Type "O": Date Authorized by Voters MM/DD/YY	V Levy Term Number of Years	VI Tax Year Begins/ Ends	VII Collection Year Begins/ Ends	VIII Maximum Rate Authorized	IX Tax Year 2024 Collection Year 2025 Estimated Gross \$ Amount from levy *
General Fund	Expense	O	8-Mar-74	Continuing	68/NA	69/NA	25.6	2,880,678.00
General Fund	Expense	O	5-Aug-86	Continuing	86/NA	87/NA	7.00	1,161,044.00
General Fund	Expense	O	5-Feb-91	Continuing	91/NA	92/NA	5.60	1,099,380.00
General Fund	Expense	O	7-Feb-95	Continuing	95/NA	96/NA	7.90	1,734,988.00
Permanent Improv Fund	P I	O	2-Nov-21	5 years	22/26	23/27	3.00	752,514.00
General Fund	Expense	O	2-Nov-04	Continuing	04/NA	05/NA	4.90	1,486,766.00
General Fund	Expense	O	6-Nov-12	Continuing	12/NA	13/NA	0.00	-
General Fund	Inside	I					5.70	2,644,910.00
Permanent Improv Fund	Inside	I					0.20	92,805.00
Bond Retirement	Construction	O	5-Nov-13	36 year	13/48	14/49	2.37	1,099,725.00

* Do not add in personal property tax reimbursement amounts.

Use data and amounts from the current Budget Commission Certification of Tax Levy schedule.

STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

Always complete for General Fund. Also complete for any fund that will receive property tax.

SCHEDULE 2

FUND: General

Description	Previous Fiscal Year 7/1/2023 6/30/2024	Current Fiscal Year 7/1/2024 6/30/2025	Budget Year		Tax Year 2025/Collection Year 2026 7/1/2026 to 12/31/2026
			7/1/2025 to 12/31/2025	1/1/2026 to 6/30/2026	
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	10,425,754.88	11,007,766.00	5,393,805.00	5,613,961.00	5,545,382.00
Personal Prop. Tax Reimbursements		-	-	-	-
State Foundation	11,839,828.00	12,910,241.00	5,795,656.00	5,795,656.00	5,795,656.00
Income Tax	2,015,990.00	2,238,897.00	1,256,021.00	1,027,654.00	1,281,141.00
Transfers In	15,496.00	110,225.00	37,612.50	37,612.50	37,612.50
Other Revenues	2,514,833.12	2,897,321.00	1,317,168.50	1,325,379.50	2,897,321.00
Total Revenues	26,811,902.00	29,164,450.00	13,800,263.00	13,800,263.00	12,995,217.50
Total Expenditures	25,856,135.00	28,656,021.00	14,532,115.00	15,125,262.00	15,193,901.00
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	955,767.00	508,429.00	(731,852.00)	(1,324,999.00)	(1,118,049.50)
Beginning Cash Fund Balance	4,401,962.00	5,357,729.00	5,866,158.00	5,134,306.00	3,809,307.00
Ending Cash Fund Balance	5,357,729.00	5,866,158.00	5,134,306.00	3,809,307.00	7,387,583.50
Encumbrances (at fiscal year end)	144,145.00	144,145.00	-	144,145.00	-
Ending Unencumbered Balance	5,213,584.00	5,722,013.00	5,134,306.00	3,665,162.00	7,337,583.50
*Less: Reserve Balance Account for Budget Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance for Certification of Appropriations	\$ 5,213,584.00	\$ 5,722,013.00	\$ 5,134,306.00	\$ 3,665,162.00	\$ 7,337,583.50

* Pursuant to ORC Section 5705.13 a reserve balance account established for budget stabilization shall be established in the general fund of the subdivision, and the amount of money to be reserved in that account in any fiscal year shall not exceed five percent of the the general fund revenue for the preceding fiscal year. The balance shall not be considered part of the unencumbered balance or revenue of the subdivision under division (A) of section 5705.35 or division (A)(1) of section 5705.36 of the ORC.

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FUND: Bond Retirement

SCHEDULE 2

Description	Previous Fiscal Year 7/1/2023 6/30/2024	Current Fiscal Year - 7/1/2024 6/30/2025	Budget Year	Tax Year 2025/Collection Year 2026
			7/1/2025 to 12/31/2025	1/1/2026 to 6/30/2026
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	1,087,179.34	1,099,725.00	549,862.50	549,862.50
Personal Prop. Tax Reimbursements	-	-	-	-
State Foundation				
Income Tax				
Transfers In			-	-
Other Revenues				
Total Revenues	1,087,179.34	1,099,725.00	549,862.50	549,862.50
Total Expenditures	1,146,941.58	1,186,363.85	852,984.38	307,384.38
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(59,762.24)	(86,638.85)	(303,121.88)	242,478.12
Beginning Cash Fund Balance	743,940.37	684,178.13	597,539.28	294,417.40
Ending Cash Fund Balance	684,178.13	597,539.28	294,417.40	536,895.52
Encumbrances (at fiscal year end)	-	-	-	-
Ending Unencumbered Balance	684,178.13	597,539.28	294,417.40	536,895.52
*Less: Reserve Balance Account for Budget Stabilization	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance for Certification of Appropriations	\$ 684,178.13	\$ 597,539.28	\$ 294,417.40	\$ 536,895.52
				\$ 234,373.64

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STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

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SCHEDULE 2

FUND: Permanent Improvement

Description	Previous Fiscal Year 7/1/2023 6/30/2024	Current Fiscal Year 7/1/2024 6/30/2025	Budget Year		Tax Year 2025/Collection Year 2026 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2026
			7/1/2025 to 12/31/2025	1/1/2026 to 6/30/2026	
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	818,731.00	845,319.00	422,659.50	422,659.50	422,659.50
Personal Prop. Tax Reimbursements		-	-	-	-
State Foundation					
Income Tax					
Transfers In		-	-	-	-
Other Revenues					
Total Revenues	818,731.00	845,319.00	422,659.50	422,659.50	422,659.50
Total Expenditures	971,592.00	845,319.00	500,000.00	422,659.50	500,000.00
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(152,861.00)	0.00	(77,340.50)	0.00	(77,340.50)
Beginning Cash Fund Balance	737,360.58	584,498.84	584,498.84	507,158.34	507,158.34
Ending Cash Fund Balance	584,498.84	584,498.84	507,158.34	507,158.34	429,817.84
Encumbrances (at fiscal year end)	459,718.89	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Ending Unencumbered Balance	124,779.95	534,498.84	457,158.34	457,158.34	379,817.84
*Less: Reserve Balance Account for Budget Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance for Certification of Appropriations	\$ 124,779.95	\$ 534,498.84	\$ 457,158.34	\$ 457,158.34	\$ 379,817.84

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STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

List All Funds Individually Unless Reported On Schedule 2

SCHEDULE 3

Fund Type Fund Name	Budget Year Beginning Estimated Unencumbered Fund Balance	Budget Year Estimated Transfer-in	Budget Year Estimated Other Revenues	Budget Year Total Resources Available For Expenditures	Budget Year Total Estimated Expenditures and Encumbrances	Budget Year Total Estimated Expenditures and Ending Encumbrances	Budget Year Estimated Ending Unencumbered Balance
						VI	VII
018 Public School Support	54,972.67	-	47,721.00	102,693.67	54,209.22	48,484.45	
019 Other Grant	9,999.72	0.00	26,901.35	36,901.07	36,004.46	896.61	
031 Underground Storage	11,000.00	0.00	0.00	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	
034 Maintenance	42,494.95	0.00	57,497.00	99,991.95	63,525.00	36,466.95	
300 Athletics	131,737.91	0.00	290,145.25	421,883.16	229,527.49	192,355.67	
451 Onenet	-	0.00	7,805.72	7,805.72	7,805.72	-	
467 Student Success & Wellness	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	
499 Misc State Grants	-	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	
507 ESSER	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	
510 CRF - Rural & Small Town	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	
516 Title VI-B	-	0.00	508,840.16	508,840.16	508,840.16	-	
572 Title One	-	0.00	259,806.13	259,806.13	259,806.13	-	
584	-	0.00	20,352.35	20,352.35	20,352.35	-	
587 Preschool	-	0.00	10,615.17	10,615.17	10,615.17	-	
590 Title VI Class Size Red / TA	-	0.00	51,921.69	51,921.69	51,921.69	-	
599 - Misc Federal Funds	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	
004 Building	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	
010 Class Facilities	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	
006 Food Service	(71,331.00)	825548.94	475,554.47	1,229,772.41	1,229,772.41	-	
009 Uniform School Supply	88,951.55	0.00	116,225.45	205,177.00	109,771.40	95,405.60	
012 Adult Ed	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	
023 Section 125/Cafeteria Plan	17,510.82	-	56,210.32	73,721.14	55,767.57	17,953.57	
024 Self Insurance	23,254.86	-	4,588,511.24	4,611,766.10	4,598,623.43	13,142.67	
007 Trust Funds	15,425.15	0.00	7,646.93	23,072.08	23,072.08	-	
022 Agency Fund	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	
200 Student Activities	194,963.60	0.00	106,653.84	301,617.44	87,722.11	213,895.33	

UNVOTED GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT

Required: Include General Obligation Debt to be paid from Inside or Charter Millage.
General Obligation Debt Being Paid by Other Sources, Special Obligation Bonds,
and Revenue Bonds may be included for disclosure purposes.

SCHEDULE 4

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Purpose Of Bonds Or Notes	Date Of Issue	Final Maturity Date	Principal Amount Outstanding At The Beginning Of The Budget Year	Principal and Interest Requirements		
				Budget Year	Tax Year 2025/Collection Year 2026	1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026
none						

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

SCHEDULE 6

Tax anticipation notes are issued in anticipation of the collection of the proceeds of a property tax levy. The amount of money required to cover debt service must be deposited into a bond retirement fund, from collections and distribution of the tax levy, in the amounts and at the times required to pay those debt charges as provided in the legislation authorizing the tax anticipation notes. (ORC Section 133.24)

The appropriation to the fund which normally receives the tax levy proceeds is limited to the balance available after deducting the amounts to be apportioned to debt service.

After the issuance of general obligation securities or of securities to which section 133.24 of the ORC applies, the taxing authority of the subdivision shall include in its annual tax budget, and levy a property tax in a sufficient amount, with any other monies available for the purpose, to pay the debt charges on the securities payable from property tax. (ORC Section 133.25)

	Name Of Tax Anticipation Note Issue	Name Of Tax Anticipation Note Issue
Amounts Required to Meet Budget Year Principal and Interest Payments:		
Principal Due		
Principal Due Date		
Interest Due		
Interest Due Date		
Interest Due		
Interest Due Date		
Total		
Name of the Special Debt Service Fund		

Amounts to be Apportioned to Debt Service on the Following Budget Year Settlements:		
Total		
Name Of Fund To Be Charged		