

ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-15
SPONSOR: MAYOR YEARGIN
INTRODUCED: JUNE 9, 2026

ASSIGNED TO: _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY (RITA), A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 167 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX OF THE CITY OF GREEN, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, a Regional Council of Governments was created pursuant to Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code to foster cooperation among municipalities and to provide an expedient and efficient means for the administration and collection of municipal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Council of Governments established a central collection agency, known as the Regional Income Tax Agency ("RITA"), for the purpose of administering and enforcing the municipal income tax laws of participating member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Income Tax Agency ("RITA") currently serves more than 400 member municipalities throughout Ohio, collectively administering municipal income tax collections for millions of residents and businesses, and has established expertise in the administration, collection, enforcement, and auditing of municipal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, the use of a centralized tax administration agency reduces duplicative governmental functions and enables municipalities to benefit from economies of scale that would be difficult and more costly to achieve independently; and

WHEREAS, RITA maintains advanced tax administration software, cybersecurity protections, electronic filing capabilities, and customer service resources that enhance tax collection efforts and improve services provided to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, regional administration of municipal income taxes promotes consistency in tax collection, compliance, enforcement, and taxpayer communications among participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, RITA's experience and resources assist member municipalities in maximizing lawful tax collections, improving compliance, and identifying delinquent accounts while reducing the administrative burden on municipal staff; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that participation in a regional tax collection program serves the best interests of the City, its residents, businesses, and taxpayers by providing efficient, effective, and economical tax administration services.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF OHIO:

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SECTION ONE:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, with RITA a Regional Council of Governments for the purpose of administration and collection of municipal income tax in the City of Green, Ohio.

SECTION TWO:

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to adoption of this ordinance were taken in open meetings of this Council and any deliberation of this Council and any of its committees that resided in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION THREE:

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

ADOPTED: _____, 2026

Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council

Justin Speight, Council President

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Rocco P. Yeargin, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: _____, 2026

ON ROLL CALL: Humphrey _____ DeVitis _____ Brandenburg _____

Meager _____ Neugebauer _____ Noble _____ Speight _____

PUBLICATION CERTIFICATION

I, Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council of the City of Green, County of Summit and State of Ohio, whose custody the original files and records of said council are required to be kept by the laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the above legislation was duly published in the *Southside Leader* on _____ and _____, 2026.

Nichole M. Messner, Clerk of Council