

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

April 11, 2023

5:30 p.m.



CITY OF HERMITAGE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Duane J. Piccirilli, President

William J. Moder, III, Vice-President

Louis E. Squatrito, Member

Cameron S. Linton, Member

Michael T. Muha, Member

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- 1) **Call to Order**

- 2) **Roll Call**

- 3) **RESOLUTION NO. 10-2023 adopting a resolution regarding the Mercer County Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

- 4) **INTRODUCTION of an ordinance amending the per capita tax exemption limit.**

- 5) **Consideration of a motion authorizing the establishment of a Field of Interest Fund for the Stull Nature Reserve.**

- 6) **Public Comments**

- 7) **Adjournment**

**CITY OF HERMITAGE
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan
Municipal Adoption Resolution**

Resolution No. 10-2023

WHEREAS, the City of Hermitage, Mercer County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural and human-made hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hermitage acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Mercer County Commissioners and the Mercer County Department of Public Safety in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of the City of Hermitage, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the City of Hermitage:

- The Mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the City of Hermitage, and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Mercer County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

ADOPTED, this 11th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

**CITY OF HERMITAGE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Gary Hinkson, City Secretary

By _____
Duane Piccirilli, President

**CITY OF HERMITAGE
MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. _____ 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMITAGE, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER XXIV, PART 2, SECTION 221, PER CAPITA TAX, TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE LIMITATION FOR EXEMPTIONS TO THOSE WITH INCOMES OF LESS THAN \$12,000 FROM THE PER CAPITA TAX.

WHEREAS, the City of Hermitage (“City”) has established a per capita tax at the rate of twenty dollars (\$20) in total per year for all eligible residents, along with an exemption for those otherwise eligible individuals who receive total income of less than \$10,000 per year from all sources; and

WHEREAS, the Local Tax Enabling Act permits municipalities to enact exemptions from per capita taxes for those earning an amount less than \$12,000 per year from all sources, 53 P.S. § 6924.301.1(b);

WHEREAS, the City will be merging with the Borough of Wheatland (“Wheatland”), effective January 1, 2024, and Wheatland has previously adopted its exemption up to the \$12,000 income maximum permitted by statute;

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Commissioners, the current cost of living and inflationary impact upon residents of the City further supports raising the per capita tax exemption limitation to the maximum \$12,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF HERMITAGE, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE CITY OF HERMITAGE HEREBY ORDAINS AND ENACTS BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF EXEMPTION FROM TAX. Chapter XXIV, Part 2, Section 221 of the Hermitage Code of Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

All persons subject to the tax in this Part whose total gross income from all sources including, but not limited to, earned income, salaries, wages, rental receipts, dividends, interest, pension, Social Security, and annuities, is less than ~~\$10,000~~ \$12,000 per annum are hereby exempted from paying the City of Hermitage per capita tax for that tax year.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and, if any of the provisions hereof shall be held unconstitutional, void or otherwise unenforceable, such shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of said Ordinance.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2024.

HERMITAGE ORDAINS AND ENACTS AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED FINALLY INTO LAW BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF HERMITAGE THIS ____ TH DAY OF _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

**CITY OF HERMITAGE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Gary Hinkson, Secretary

By: _____
Duane J. Piccirilli, President

Hermitage Parks & Recreation Board

March 10th, 2023

Dear Mr. Hinkson,

At the regular Parks & Recreation meeting on March, 1st, the board unanimously voted to request that the Hermitage Board of Commissioners authorize establishing a Field of Interest Fund for the Stull Nature Reserve with the Community Foundation of Western Pennsylvania & Eastern Ohio.

Thank you,

Jessica Gotch

Director of Recreation and Community Events