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| To amend section 5709.40 of the Revised Code to | 1 |
| allow funding for police and firefighting       | 2 |
| facilities in tax increment financing           | 3 |
| arrangements.                                   | 4 |

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

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| <b>Section 1.</b> That section 5709.40 of the Revised Code be | 5 |
| amended to read as follows:                                   | 6 |

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| <b>Sec. 5709.40.</b> (A) As used in this section: | 7 |
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| (1) "Blighted area" and "impacted city" have the same | 8 |
| meanings as in section 1728.01 of the Revised Code.   | 9 |

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| (2) "Business day" means a day of the week excluding           | 10 |
| Saturday, Sunday, and a legal holiday as defined under section | 11 |
| 1.14 of the Revised Code.                                      | 12 |

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| (3) "Housing renovation" means a project carried out for | 13 |
| residential purposes.                                    | 14 |

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| (4) "Improvement" means the increase in the assessed value       | 15 |
| of any real property that would first appear on the tax list and | 16 |
| duplicate of real and public utility property after the          | 17 |
| effective date of an ordinance adopted under this section were   | 18 |
| it not for the exemption granted by that ordinance.              | 19 |

(5) "Incentive district" means an area not more than three hundred acres in size enclosed by a continuous boundary in which a project is being, or will be, undertaken and having one or more of the following distress characteristics:

(a) At least fifty-one per cent of the residents of the district have incomes of less than eighty per cent of the median income of residents of the political subdivision in which the district is located, as determined in the same manner specified under section 119(b) of the "Housing and Community Development Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 633, 42 U.S.C. 5318, as amended;

(b) The average rate of unemployment in the district during the most recent twelve-month period for which data are available is equal to at least one hundred fifty per cent of the average rate of unemployment for this state for the same period.

(c) At least twenty per cent of the people residing in the district live at or below the poverty level as defined in the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5301, as amended, and regulations adopted pursuant to that act.

(d) The district is a blighted area.

(e) The district is in a situational distress area as designated by the director of development under division (F) of section 122.23 of the Revised Code.

(f) As certified by the engineer for the political subdivision, the public infrastructure serving the district is inadequate to meet the development needs of the district as evidenced by a written economic development plan or urban renewal plan for the district that has been adopted by the legislative authority of the subdivision.

(g) The district is comprised entirely of unimproved land

that is located in a distressed area as defined in section 49  
122.23 of the Revised Code. 50

(6) "Overlay" means an area of not more than three hundred 51  
acres that is a square, or that is a rectangle having two longer 52  
sides that are not more than twice the length of the two shorter 53  
sides, that the legislative authority of a municipal corporation 54  
delineates on a map of a proposed incentive district. 55

(7) "Project" means development activities undertaken on 56  
one or more parcels, including, but not limited to, 57  
construction, expansion, and alteration of buildings or 58  
structures, demolition, remediation, and site development, and 59  
any building or structure that results from those activities. 60

(8) "Public infrastructure improvement" includes, but is 61  
not limited to, public roads and highways; buildings for police 62  
or firefighting; water and sewer lines; the continued 63  
maintenance of those public roads and highways and water and 64  
sewer lines; environmental remediation; land acquisition, 65  
including acquisition in aid of industry, commerce, 66  
distribution, or research; demolition, including demolition on 67  
private property when determined to be necessary for economic 68  
development purposes; stormwater and flood remediation projects, 69  
including such projects on private property when determined to 70  
be necessary for public health, safety, and welfare; the 71  
provision of gas, electric, and communications service 72  
facilities, including the provision of gas or electric service 73  
facilities owned by nongovernmental entities when such 74  
improvements are determined to be necessary for economic 75  
development purposes; the enhancement of public waterways 76  
through improvements that allow for greater public access; and 77  
off-street parking facilities, including those in which all or a 78

portion of the parking spaces are reserved for specific uses 79  
when determined to be necessary for economic development 80  
purposes. 81

(9) "Nonperforming parcel" means a parcel to which all of 82  
the following apply: 83

(a) The parcel is exempted from taxation under division 84  
(B) of this section or has been included in a district created 85  
under division (C) of this section. 86

(b) The parcel's owner is required to make payments in 87  
lieu of taxes in accordance with section 5709.42 of the Revised 88  
Code. 89

(c) No such payments have been remitted to the county 90  
treasurer since the inception of the exemption or district. 91

(B) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation, 92  
by ordinance, may declare improvements to certain parcels of 93  
real property located in the municipal corporation to be a 94  
public purpose. Improvements with respect to a parcel that is 95  
used or to be used for residential purposes may be declared a 96  
public purpose under this division only if the parcel is located 97  
in a blighted area of an impacted city. For this purpose, 98  
"parcel that is used or to be used for residential purposes" 99  
means a parcel that, as improved, is used or to be used for 100  
purposes that would cause the tax commissioner to classify the 101  
parcel as residential property in accordance with rules adopted 102  
by the commissioner under section 5713.041 of the Revised Code. 103  
Except as otherwise provided under division (D) of this section 104  
or section 5709.51 of the Revised Code, not more than seventy- 105  
five per cent of an improvement thus declared to be a public 106  
purpose may be exempted from real property taxation for a period 107

of not more than ten years. The ordinance shall specify the 108  
percentage of the improvement to be exempted from taxation and 109  
the life of the exemption. 110

An ordinance adopted or amended under this division shall 111  
designate the specific public infrastructure improvements made, 112  
to be made, or in the process of being made by the municipal 113  
corporation that directly benefit, or that once made will 114  
directly benefit, the parcels for which improvements are 115  
declared to be a public purpose. The service payments provided 116  
for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code shall be used to 117  
finance the public infrastructure improvements designated in the 118  
ordinance, for the purpose described in division (D) (1) of this 119  
section or as provided in section 5709.43 of the Revised Code. 120

(C) (1) The legislative authority of a municipal 121  
corporation may adopt an ordinance creating an incentive 122  
district and declaring improvements to parcels within the 123  
district to be a public purpose and, except as provided in 124  
division (C) (2) of this section, exempt from taxation as 125  
provided in this section, but no legislative authority of a 126  
municipal corporation that has a population that exceeds twenty- 127  
five thousand, as shown by the most recent federal decennial 128  
census, shall adopt an ordinance that creates an incentive 129  
district if the sum of the taxable value of real property in the 130  
proposed district for the preceding tax year and the taxable 131  
value of all real property in the municipal corporation that 132  
would have been taxable in the preceding year were it not for 133  
the fact that the property was in an existing incentive district 134  
and therefore exempt from taxation exceeds twenty-five per cent 135  
of the taxable value of real property in the municipal 136  
corporation for the preceding tax year. The ordinance shall 137  
delineate the boundary of the proposed district and specifically 138

identify each parcel within the district. A proposed district 139  
may not include any parcel, other than a nonperforming parcel, 140  
that is or has been exempted from taxation under division (B) of 141  
this section or that is or has been within another district 142  
created under this division. On and after the effective date of 143  
the district, a nonperforming parcel within the district is no 144  
longer exempted from taxation under division (B) of this section 145  
or included within an incentive district under any previous 146  
ordinance, and the parcel's owner is no longer required to make 147  
payments in lieu of taxes under such a previous ordinance in 148  
accordance with section 5709.42 of the Revised Code. Any 149  
exemption application filed with the tax commissioner under 150  
section 5715.27 of the Revised Code under the second ordinance 151  
shall identify the nonperforming parcels included in the second 152  
district, the original ordinance under which the nonperforming 153  
parcels were originally exempted, and the value history of each 154  
nonperforming parcel since the enactment of the original 155  
ordinance. An ordinance may create more than one such district, 156  
and more than one ordinance may be adopted under division (C) (1) 157  
of this section. 158

(2) (a) Not later than thirty days prior to adopting an 159  
ordinance under division (C) (1) of this section, if the 160  
municipal corporation intends to apply for exemptions from 161  
taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised Code on behalf of 162  
owners of real property located within the proposed incentive 163  
district, the legislative authority of the municipal corporation 164  
shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. Not 165  
later than thirty days prior to the public hearing, the 166  
legislative authority shall give notice of the public hearing 167  
and the proposed ordinance by first class mail to every real 168  
property owner whose property is located within the boundaries 169

of the proposed incentive district that is the subject of the 170  
proposed ordinance. The notice shall include a map of the 171  
proposed incentive district on which the legislative authority 172  
of the municipal corporation shall have delineated an overlay. 173  
The notice shall inform the property owner of the owner's right 174  
to exclude the owner's property from the incentive district if 175  
the owner's entire parcel of property will not be located within 176  
the overlay, by submitting a written response in accordance with 177  
division (C) (2) (b) of this section. The notice also shall 178  
include information detailing the required contents of the 179  
response, the address to which the response may be mailed, and 180  
the deadline for submitting the response. 181

(b) Any owner of real property located within the 182  
boundaries of an incentive district proposed under division (C) 183  
(1) of this section whose entire parcel of property is not 184  
located within the overlay may exclude the property from the 185  
proposed incentive district by submitting a written response to 186  
the legislative authority of the municipal corporation not later 187  
than forty-five days after the postmark date on the notice 188  
required under division (C) (2) (a) of this section. The response 189  
shall be sent by first class mail or delivered in person at a 190  
public hearing held by the legislative authority under division 191  
(C) (2) (a) of this section. The response shall conform to any 192  
content requirements that may be established by the municipal 193  
corporation and included in the notice provided under division 194  
(C) (2) (a) of this section. In the response, property owners may 195  
identify a parcel by street address, by the manner in which it 196  
is identified in the ordinance, or by other means allowing the 197  
identity of the parcel to be ascertained. 198

(c) Before adopting an ordinance under division (C) (1) of 199  
this section, the legislative authority of a municipal 200

corporation shall amend the ordinance to exclude any parcel 201  
located wholly or partly outside the overlay for which a written 202  
response has been submitted under division (C) (2) (b) of this 203  
section. A municipal corporation shall not apply for exemptions 204  
from taxation under section 5709.911 of the Revised Code for any 205  
such parcel, and service payments may not be required from the 206  
owner of the parcel. Improvements to a parcel excluded from an 207  
incentive district under this division may be exempted from 208  
taxation under division (B) of this section pursuant to an 209  
ordinance adopted under that division or under any other section 210  
of the Revised Code under which the parcel qualifies. 211

(3) (a) An ordinance adopted under division (C) (1) of this 212  
section shall specify the life of the incentive district and the 213  
percentage of the improvements to be exempted, shall designate 214  
the public infrastructure improvements made, to be made, or in 215  
the process of being made, that benefit or serve, or, once made, 216  
will benefit or serve parcels in the district. The ordinance 217  
also shall identify one or more specific projects being, or to 218  
be, undertaken in the district that place additional demand on 219  
the public infrastructure improvements designated in the 220  
ordinance. The project identified may, but need not be, the 221  
project under division (C) (3) (b) of this section that places 222  
real property in use for commercial or industrial purposes. 223  
Except as otherwise permitted under that division, the service 224  
payments provided for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code 225  
shall be used to finance the designated public infrastructure 226  
improvements, for the purpose described in division (D) (1), (E), 227  
or (F) of this section, or as provided in section 5709.43 of the 228  
Revised Code. 229

An ordinance adopted under division (C) (1) of this section 230  
on or after March 30, 2006, shall not designate police or fire 231

equipment as public infrastructure improvements, and no service 232  
payment provided for in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code and 233  
received by the municipal corporation under the ordinance shall 234  
be used for police or fire equipment. 235

(b) An ordinance adopted under division (C) (1) of this 236  
section may authorize the use of service payments provided for 237  
in section 5709.42 of the Revised Code for the purpose of 238  
housing renovations within the incentive district, provided that 239  
the ordinance also designates public infrastructure improvements 240  
that benefit or serve the district, and that a project within 241  
the district places real property in use for commercial or 242  
industrial purposes. Service payments may be used to finance or 243  
support loans, deferred loans, and grants to persons for the 244  
purpose of housing renovations within the district. The 245  
ordinance shall designate the parcels within the district that 246  
are eligible for housing renovation. The ordinance shall state 247  
separately the amounts or the percentages of the expected 248  
aggregate service payments that are designated for each public 249  
infrastructure improvement and for the general purpose of 250  
housing renovations. 251

(4) Except with the approval of the board of education of 252  
each city, local, or exempted village school district within the 253  
territory of which the incentive district is or will be located, 254  
and subject to division (E) of this section, the life of an 255  
incentive district shall not exceed ten years, and the 256  
percentage of improvements to be exempted shall not exceed 257  
seventy-five per cent. With approval of the board of education, 258  
the life of a district may be not more than thirty years, and 259  
the percentage of improvements to be exempted may be not more 260  
than one hundred per cent. The approval of a board of education 261  
shall be obtained in the manner provided in division (D) of this 262

section. 263

(D) (1) If the ordinance declaring improvements to a parcel 264  
to be a public purpose or creating an incentive district 265  
specifies that payments in lieu of taxes provided for in section 266  
5709.42 of the Revised Code shall be paid to the city, local, or 267  
exempted village, and joint vocational school district in which 268  
the parcel or incentive district is located in the amount of the 269  
taxes that would have been payable to the school district if the 270  
improvements had not been exempted from taxation, the percentage 271  
of the improvement that may be exempted from taxation may exceed 272  
seventy-five per cent, and the exemption may be granted for up 273  
to thirty years, without the approval of the board of education 274  
as otherwise required under division (D) (2) of this section. 275

(2) Improvements with respect to a parcel may be exempted 276  
from taxation under division (B) of this section, and 277  
improvements to parcels within an incentive district may be 278  
exempted from taxation under division (C) of this section, for 279  
up to ten years or, with the approval under this paragraph of 280  
the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village 281  
school district within which the parcel or district is located, 282  
for up to thirty years. The percentage of the improvement 283  
exempted from taxation may, with such approval, exceed seventy- 284  
five per cent, but shall not exceed one hundred per cent. Not 285  
later than forty-five business days prior to adopting an 286  
ordinance under this section declaring improvements to be a 287  
public purpose that is subject to approval by a board of 288  
education under this division, the legislative authority shall 289  
deliver to the board of education a notice stating its intent to 290  
adopt an ordinance making that declaration. The notice regarding 291  
improvements with respect to a parcel under division (B) of this 292  
section shall identify the parcels for which improvements are to 293

be exempted from taxation, provide an estimate of the true value 294  
in money of the improvements, specify the period for which the 295  
improvements would be exempted from taxation and the percentage 296  
of the improvement that would be exempted, and indicate the date 297  
on which the legislative authority intends to adopt the 298  
ordinance. The notice regarding improvements to parcels within 299  
an incentive district under division (C) of this section shall 300  
delineate the boundaries of the district, specifically identify 301  
each parcel within the district, identify each anticipated 302  
improvement in the district, provide an estimate of the true 303  
value in money of each such improvement, specify the life of the 304  
district and the percentage of improvements that would be 305  
exempted, and indicate the date on which the legislative 306  
authority intends to adopt the ordinance. The board of 307  
education, by resolution adopted by a majority of the board, may 308  
approve the exemption for the period or for the exemption 309  
percentage specified in the notice; may disapprove the exemption 310  
for the number of years in excess of ten, may disapprove the 311  
exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted 312  
in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both; or may approve the 313  
exemption on the condition that the legislative authority and 314  
the board negotiate an agreement providing for compensation to 315  
the school district equal in value to a percentage of the amount 316  
of taxes exempted in the eleventh and subsequent years of the 317  
exemption period or, in the case of exemption percentages in 318  
excess of seventy-five per cent, compensation equal in value to 319  
a percentage of the taxes that would be payable on the portion 320  
of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent were that 321  
portion to be subject to taxation, or other mutually agreeable 322  
compensation. If an agreement is negotiated between the 323  
legislative authority and the board to compensate the school 324  
district for all or part of the taxes exempted, including 325

agreements for payments in lieu of taxes under section 5709.42 326  
of the Revised Code, the legislative authority shall compensate 327  
the joint vocational school district within which the parcel or 328  
district is located at the same rate and under the same terms 329  
received by the city, local, or exempted village school 330  
district. 331

(3) The board of education shall certify its resolution to 332  
the legislative authority not later than fourteen days prior to 333  
the date the legislative authority intends to adopt the 334  
ordinance as indicated in the notice. If the board of education 335  
and the legislative authority negotiate a mutually acceptable 336  
compensation agreement, the ordinance may declare the 337  
improvements a public purpose for the number of years specified 338  
in the ordinance or, in the case of exemption percentages in 339  
excess of seventy-five per cent, for the exemption percentage 340  
specified in the ordinance. In either case, if the board and the 341  
legislative authority fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable 342  
compensation agreement, the ordinance may declare the 343  
improvements a public purpose for not more than ten years, and 344  
shall not exempt more than seventy-five per cent of the 345  
improvements from taxation. If the board fails to certify a 346  
resolution to the legislative authority within the time 347  
prescribed by this division, the legislative authority thereupon 348  
may adopt the ordinance and may declare the improvements a 349  
public purpose for up to thirty years, or, in the case of 350  
exemption percentages proposed in excess of seventy-five per 351  
cent, for the exemption percentage specified in the ordinance. 352  
The legislative authority may adopt the ordinance at any time 353  
after the board of education certifies its resolution approving 354  
the exemption to the legislative authority, or, if the board 355  
approves the exemption on the condition that a mutually 356

acceptable compensation agreement be negotiated, at any time 357  
after the compensation agreement is agreed to by the board and 358  
the legislative authority. 359

(4) If a board of education has adopted a resolution 360  
waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation under this 361  
section and the resolution remains in effect, approval of 362  
exemptions by the board is not required under division (D) of 363  
this section. If a board of education has adopted a resolution 364  
allowing a legislative authority to deliver the notice required 365  
under division (D) of this section fewer than forty-five 366  
business days prior to the legislative authority's adoption of 367  
the ordinance, the legislative authority shall deliver the 368  
notice to the board not later than the number of days prior to 369  
such adoption as prescribed by the board in its resolution. If a 370  
board of education adopts a resolution waiving its right to 371  
approve agreements or shortening the notification period, the 372  
board shall certify a copy of the resolution to the legislative 373  
authority. If the board of education rescinds such a resolution, 374  
it shall certify notice of the rescission to the legislative 375  
authority. 376

(5) If the legislative authority is not required by 377  
division (D) of this section to notify the board of education of 378  
the legislative authority's intent to declare improvements to be 379  
a public purpose, the legislative authority shall comply with 380  
the notice requirements imposed under section 5709.83 of the 381  
Revised Code, unless the board has adopted a resolution under 382  
that section waiving its right to receive such a notice. 383

(6) Nothing in division (D) of this section prohibits the 384  
legislative authority of a municipal corporation from amending 385  
the ordinance or resolution under section 5709.51 of the Revised 386

Code to extend the term of the exemption. 387

(E) (1) If a proposed ordinance under division (C) (1) of 388  
this section exempts improvements with respect to a parcel 389  
within an incentive district for more than ten years, or the 390  
percentage of the improvement exempted from taxation exceeds 391  
seventy-five per cent, not later than forty-five business days 392  
prior to adopting the ordinance the legislative authority of the 393  
municipal corporation shall deliver to the board of county 394  
commissioners of the county within which the incentive district 395  
will be located a notice that states its intent to adopt an 396  
ordinance creating an incentive district. The notice shall 397  
include a copy of the proposed ordinance, identify the parcels 398  
for which improvements are to be exempted from taxation, provide 399  
an estimate of the true value in money of the improvements, 400  
specify the period of time for which the improvements would be 401  
exempted from taxation, specify the percentage of the 402  
improvements that would be exempted from taxation, and indicate 403  
the date on which the legislative authority intends to adopt the 404  
ordinance. 405

(2) The board of county commissioners, by resolution 406  
adopted by a majority of the board, may object to the exemption 407  
for the number of years in excess of ten, may object to the 408  
exemption for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted 409  
in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both. If the board of 410  
county commissioners objects, the board may negotiate a mutually 411  
acceptable compensation agreement with the legislative 412  
authority. In no case shall the compensation provided to the 413  
board exceed the property taxes forgone due to the exemption. If 414  
the board of county commissioners objects, and the board and 415  
legislative authority fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable 416  
compensation agreement, the ordinance adopted under division (C) 417

(1) of this section shall provide to the board compensation in 418  
the eleventh and subsequent years of the exemption period equal 419  
in value to not more than fifty per cent of the taxes that would 420  
be payable to the county or, if the board's objection includes 421  
an objection to an exemption percentage in excess of seventy- 422  
five per cent, compensation equal in value to not more than 423  
fifty per cent of the taxes that would be payable to the county, 424  
on the portion of the improvement in excess of seventy-five per 425  
cent, were that portion to be subject to taxation. The board of 426  
county commissioners shall certify its resolution to the 427  
legislative authority not later than thirty days after receipt 428  
of the notice. 429

(3) If the board of county commissioners does not object 430  
or fails to certify its resolution objecting to an exemption 431  
within thirty days after receipt of the notice, the legislative 432  
authority may adopt the ordinance, and no compensation shall be 433  
provided to the board of county commissioners. If the board 434  
timely certifies its resolution objecting to the ordinance, the 435  
legislative authority may adopt the ordinance at any time after 436  
a mutually acceptable compensation agreement is agreed to by the 437  
board and the legislative authority, or, if no compensation 438  
agreement is negotiated, at any time after the legislative 439  
authority agrees in the proposed ordinance to provide 440  
compensation to the board of fifty per cent of the taxes that 441  
would be payable to the county in the eleventh and subsequent 442  
years of the exemption period or on the portion of the 443  
improvement in excess of seventy-five per cent, were that 444  
portion to be subject to taxation. 445

(F) Service payments in lieu of taxes that are 446  
attributable to any amount by which the effective tax rate of 447  
either a renewal levy with an increase or a replacement levy 448

exceeds the effective tax rate of the levy renewed or replaced, 449  
or that are attributable to an additional levy, for a levy 450  
authorized by the voters for any of the following purposes on or 451  
after January 1, 2006, and which are provided pursuant to an 452  
ordinance creating an incentive district under division (C) (1) 453  
of this section that is adopted on or after January 1, 2006, or 454  
a later date as specified in this division, shall be distributed 455  
to the appropriate taxing authority as required under division 456  
(C) of section 5709.42 of the Revised Code in an amount equal to 457  
the amount of taxes from that additional levy or from the 458  
increase in the effective tax rate of such renewal or 459  
replacement levy that would have been payable to that taxing 460  
authority from the following levies were it not for the 461  
exemption authorized under division (C) of this section: 462

(1) A tax levied under division (L) of section 5705.19 or 463  
section 5705.191 or 5705.222 of the Revised Code for community 464  
developmental disabilities programs and services pursuant to 465  
Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code; 466

(2) A tax levied under division (Y) of section 5705.19 of 467  
the Revised Code for providing or maintaining senior citizens 468  
services or facilities; 469

(3) A tax levied under section 5705.22 of the Revised Code 470  
for county hospitals; 471

(4) A tax levied by a joint-county district or by a county 472  
under section 5705.19, 5705.191, or 5705.221 of the Revised Code 473  
for alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services or 474  
facilities; 475

(5) A tax levied under section 5705.23 of the Revised Code 476  
for library purposes; 477

(6) A tax levied under section 5705.24 of the Revised Code 478  
for the support of children services and the placement and care 479  
of children; 480

(7) A tax levied under division (Z) of section 5705.19 of 481  
the Revised Code for the provision and maintenance of zoological 482  
park services and facilities under section 307.76 of the Revised 483  
Code; 484

(8) A tax levied under section 511.27 or division (H) of 485  
section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for the support of township 486  
park districts; 487

(9) A tax levied under division (A), (F), or (H) of 488  
section 5705.19 of the Revised Code for parks and recreational 489  
purposes of a joint recreation district organized pursuant to 490  
division (B) of section 755.14 of the Revised Code; 491

(10) A tax levied under section 1545.20 or 1545.21 of the 492  
Revised Code for park district purposes; 493

(11) A tax levied under section 5705.191 of the Revised 494  
Code for the purpose of making appropriations for public 495  
assistance; human or social services; public relief; public 496  
welfare; public health and hospitalization; and support of 497  
general hospitals; 498

(12) A tax levied under section 3709.29 of the Revised 499  
Code for a general health district program. 500

(13) A tax levied by a township under section 505.39, 501  
division (I) of section 5705.19, or division (JJ) of section 502  
5705.19 of the Revised Code to the extent the proceeds are used 503  
for the purposes described in division (I) of that section, for 504  
the purpose of funding fire, emergency medical, and ambulance 505  
services as described in that section and those divisions. 506

Division (F) (13) of this section applies only if the township 507  
levying the tax provides fire, emergency medical, or ambulance 508  
services in the incentive district, and only to incentive 509  
districts created by an ordinance adopted on or after the 510  
effective date of the amendment of this section by H.B. 69 of 511  
the 132nd general assembly, March 23, 2018. The board of 512  
township trustees may, by resolution, waive the application of 513  
this division or negotiate with the municipal corporation that 514  
created the district for a lesser amount of payments in lieu of 515  
taxes. 516

(G) An exemption from taxation granted under this section 517  
commences with the tax year specified in the ordinance so long 518  
as the year specified in the ordinance commences after the 519  
effective date of the ordinance. If the ordinance specifies a 520  
year commencing before the effective date of the resolution or 521  
specifies no year whatsoever, the exemption commences with the 522  
tax year in which an exempted improvement first appears on the 523  
tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property and 524  
that commences after the effective date of the ordinance. In 525  
lieu of stating a specific year, the ordinance may provide that 526  
the exemption commences in the tax year in which the value of an 527  
improvement exceeds a specified amount or in which the 528  
construction of one or more improvements is completed, provided 529  
that such tax year commences after the effective date of the 530  
ordinance. With respect to the exemption of improvements to 531  
parcels under division (B) of this section, the ordinance may 532  
allow for the exemption to commence in different tax years on a 533  
parcel-by-parcel basis, with a separate exemption term specified 534  
for each parcel. 535

Except as otherwise provided in this division or section 536  
5709.51 of the Revised Code, the exemption ends on the date 537

specified in the ordinance as the date the improvement ceases to 538  
be a public purpose or the incentive district expires, or ends 539  
on the date on which the public infrastructure improvements and 540  
housing renovations are paid in full from the municipal public 541  
improvement tax increment equivalent fund established under 542  
division (A) of section 5709.43 of the Revised Code, whichever 543  
occurs first. The exemption of an improvement with respect to a 544  
parcel or within an incentive district may end on a later date, 545  
as specified in the ordinance, if the legislative authority and 546  
the board of education of the city, local, or exempted village 547  
school district within which the parcel or district is located 548  
have entered into a compensation agreement under section 5709.82 549  
of the Revised Code with respect to the improvement, and the 550  
board of education has approved the term of the exemption under 551  
division (D) (2) of this section, but in no case shall the 552  
improvement be exempted from taxation for more than thirty 553  
years. Exemptions shall be claimed and allowed in the same 554  
manner as in the case of other real property exemptions. If an 555  
exemption status changes during a year, the procedure for the 556  
apportionment of the taxes for that year is the same as in the 557  
case of other changes in tax exemption status during the year. 558

(H) Additional municipal financing of public 559  
infrastructure improvements and housing renovations may be 560  
provided by any methods that the municipal corporation may 561  
otherwise use for financing such improvements or renovations. If 562  
the municipal corporation issues bonds or notes to finance the 563  
public infrastructure improvements and housing renovations and 564  
pledges money from the municipal public improvement tax 565  
increment equivalent fund to pay the interest on and principal 566  
of the bonds or notes, the bonds or notes are not subject to 567  
Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. 568

(I) The municipal corporation, not later than fifteen days 569  
after the adoption of an ordinance under this section, shall 570  
submit to the director of development a copy of the ordinance. 571  
On or before the thirty-first day of March of each year, the 572  
municipal corporation shall submit a status report to the 573  
director. The report shall indicate, in the manner prescribed by 574  
the director, the progress of the project during each year that 575  
an exemption remains in effect, including a summary of the 576  
receipts from service payments in lieu of taxes; expenditures of 577  
money from the funds created under section 5709.43 of the 578  
Revised Code; a description of the public infrastructure 579  
improvements and housing renovations financed with such 580  
expenditures; and a quantitative summary of changes in 581  
employment and private investment resulting from each project. 582

(J) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit 583  
a legislative authority from declaring to be a public purpose 584  
improvements with respect to more than one parcel. 585

(K) If a parcel is located in a new community district in 586  
which the new community authority imposes a community 587  
development charge on the basis of rentals received from leases 588  
of real property as described in division (L) (2) of section 589  
349.01 of the Revised Code, the parcel may not be exempted from 590  
taxation under this section. 591

(L) (1) Notwithstanding the limitations on the life of an 592  
incentive district and the number of years that improvements to 593  
a parcel or parcels within an incentive district may be exempted 594  
from taxation prescribed by divisions (C) and (D) of this 595  
section, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation 596  
may amend an ordinance originally adopted under division (C) of 597  
this section before January 1, 2006, to extend the life of an 598

incentive district created by that ordinance. The extension 599  
shall be for a period not to exceed fifteen years and shall not 600  
increase the percentage of the value of improvements exempted 601  
from taxation. 602

(2) Before adopting an amendment authorized by division 603  
(L) (1) of this section, the legislative authority of the 604  
municipal corporation shall provide notice of the amendment to 605  
each board of education of the city, local, or exempted village 606  
school district in which the incentive district is located, in 607  
the same manner as provided under division (D) of this section, 608  
and shall obtain the approval of each such board in the manner 609  
required under that division, except both of the following 610  
apply: 611

(a) The board of education may approve the exemption on 612  
the condition that the legislative authority and the board 613  
negotiate an agreement providing for mutually agreeable 614  
compensation to the school district. 615

(b) If the board of education fails to certify a 616  
resolution approving the amendment to the legislative authority 617  
within the time prescribed by division (D) of this section, the 618  
legislative authority shall not adopt the amendment authorized 619  
under division (L) of this section. 620

(3) No approval otherwise required by division (L) (2) of 621  
this section shall be required from a board of education if 622  
either of the following apply: 623

(a) The amendment provides for compensation to the city, 624  
local, or exempted village school district in which the 625  
incentive district is located equal in value to the amount of 626  
taxes that would be payable to the school district if the 627

improvements exempted from taxation had not been exempted for 628  
the additional period. 629

(b) The board of education has adopted a resolution 630  
waiving its right to approve exemptions from taxation pursuant 631  
to division (D)(4) of this section. If the board has adopted 632  
such a resolution, the municipal corporation shall comply with 633  
the notice requirements imposed by section 5709.83 of the 634  
Revised Code before taking formal action to adopt an amendment 635  
authorized under division (L)(1) of this section unless the 636  
board has adopted a resolution under that section waiving its 637  
right to receive that notice. 638

(4) Not later than fourteen days before adopting an 639  
amendment authorized by division (L)(1) of this section, the 640  
legislative authority of the municipal corporation shall deliver 641  
a notice identical to a notice required under section 5709.83 of 642  
the Revised Code to the board of county commissioners of each 643  
county in which the incentive district is located. 644

**Section 2.** That existing section 5709.40 of the Revised 645  
Code is hereby repealed. 646