

ORDINANCE # O-83-2014

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE VILLAGE FROM HELPING ANY RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT FILE A TAX RETURN; ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village Council has become aware that the Village Clerk and Tax Administrator, in years past, have done the tax returns of individuals and businesses who bring their tax returns into the Village Office;

WHEREAS, the Village Council notes that nobody in the Village Office is a Certified Public Accountant, that the risk of potential liability to the Village a result of these actions is great, and that doing the tax returns take Village officials and employees away from doing their work which is necessary to keep the Village running;

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Bolivar, Ohio, believes that this practice of doing individual and business tax returns should be stopped immediately due to the risks it poses to the Village.

Now, therefore be it ordained by the Village Council the Village of Bolivar, Ohio, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village Council for the Village of Bolivar hereby prohibits any Village employee or official from filling out or doing any person's tax return in the course of their duties as employee or official for the Village of Bolivar, including business tax returns.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and its passage is immediately necessary in order to preserve, protect, and maintain health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Bolivar, Ohio, to eliminate the potential liability to the Village during the tax season which is currently going on, and therefore the same shall be in full force and effect immediately.

PASSED: February 3, 2014

REBECCA HUBBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIA APP, CLERK/TREASURER