

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-13  
CITY OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO

SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBER Brooks Compton ON THE  
18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2013.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF HB 5 BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY AND NEGATIVELY REDUCE THE CITY OF CENTERVILLE'S MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX REVENUE AND ABILITY TO FAIRLY AND EQUITABLY ADMINISTER ITS MUNICIPAL TAX ORDINANCE, CREATING UNFUNDED MANDATES, SPECIAL TAX BREAKS, ADDITIONAL BARRIERS AND STATE BUREAUCRACY IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION TO THE STATED GOAL OF TAX UNIFORMITY AND SIMPLIFICATION IN THE NAME OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

WHEREAS, Municipalities in Ohio exist primarily as a tool of self-governance to provide vital, high-quality services to their citizenry and to those who visit for work, entertainment, and educational or economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities agree that true, revenue-neutral uniformity on issues that will ease compliance burdens for businesses within and potentially locating in Ohio would be of great benefit to all; and

WHEREAS, HB 5 as drafted and introduced contains language that is detrimental to the financial stability of municipalities; will reduce revenue for municipalities throughout Ohio; includes "unfunded mandates" which will further limit the ability for municipalities to provide essential basic services to their residents, businesses, and visitors; creates special tax breaks; and, creates additional state-level bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, The recent severe reduction of Local Government Funds, elimination of the Estate Tax, and the elimination of promised reimbursement for the loss of revenues due to the repeal of the Tangible Personal Property and Public Utilities Taxes has resulted in a loss of over \$2 million per year in revenue for the City of Centerville; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposals as set forth in HB 5 will result in significant additional annual revenue loss to the City of Centerville estimated in excess of \$700,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipalities have been responsive to past efforts to streamline rules and regulations and create uniformity in the overwhelming majority of local tax codes creating a streamlined process for all taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, The Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association and the Dayton Area Tax Administrators, in cooperation with the Ohio Municipal League, have brought together thirty-two area communities which have, by official legislative action, adopted the "Proposal for Municipal Tax Uniformity," a plan that identifies areas of non-uniformity and recommends truly revenue-neutral solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipalities must fight to protect their single-largest remaining revenue source, which provides essential municipal services, promoting a positive quality of life that residents and businesses alike rely upon, and any forced reduction of this revenue will have a negative impact on residents and businesses, creating an environment detrimental to retaining and attracting quality business in Ohio.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTERVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**SECTION I:** Members of the Ohio House and Senate are urged to reject HB5 while continuing to engage in constructive dialogue with municipal officials to gain consensus on issues of revenue-neutrality and tax code uniformity among Ohio's municipalities.


**SECTION II:** The Ohio General Assembly should focus on restoring previous funding levels to the Ohio Business Gateway and focus on correcting its documented operational and customer service deficiencies in order to make its usage less cumbersome and more relevant to municipalities and businesses as a simple, generic, one-stop method of filing local business, income tax returns in one location.

**SECTION III:** This Council urges its state legislators to reject HB 5 and to adopt the provisions of the "Proposal for Municipal Tax Uniformity" as overwhelmingly supported by municipalities throughout this State.

PASSED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

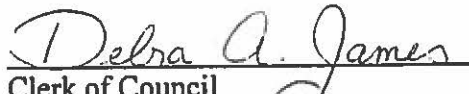
  
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Mayor of the City of Centerville, Ohio

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the Council  
City of Centerville, Ohio

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned, Clerk of the Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution Number 18-13, passed by the Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

  
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Clerk of Council

Approved as to form, consistency  
with existing ordinances, the  
charter and constitutional provisions.

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