

RESOLUTION NO. 49-12  
CITY OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO

SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBER John Beals ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2012.

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF HB 601 BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH PROPOSES UNIFORMITY MEASURES FOR MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE FORM OF UNFUNDED MANDATES AND A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE.

**WHEREAS**, Cities in Ohio exist primarily as a tool of self-governance to provide high-quality services to their residents and to those who visit for work, entertainment, education, and other purposes; and

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

**WHEREAS**, HB 601, as drafted and introduced, contains language that is detrimental to the financial stability of municipalities, will reduce revenue for all municipalities in Ohio, and includes "unfunded mandates" which will limit the ability for municipalities to provide basic services to residents and resident businesses alike; and

**WHEREAS**, The recent reduction in the Local Government Fund, 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 Tax and the Public Utilities Tax will result in an annual loss of nearly \$2.5 million in revenue for the City of Centerville; and

**WHEREAS**, The proposals in HB 601 will result in an additional annual estimated loss of revenue of \$690,000 for the City of Centerville; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The City of Centerville has joined the efforts of thirty-two Dayton area communities which have developed a plan for tax uniformity that is truly revenue neutral and has passed municipal legislation in support of the plan; and

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Members of the Ohio House and Senate should engage in constructive dialogue with local officials to gain consensus on correction of the perceived issues of potential revenue-neutral commonality and uniformity in those few remaining differences in municipal income tax provisions.

**SECTION 2.** The Ohio General Assembly should further focus on restoring previous funding levels to the Ohio Business Gateway and focus on correcting its multitude of programming problems and customer service issues to make that tool less cumbersome, more useful, and relevant to municipalities and businesses as a simple, generic, one-stop method of filing local business income tax returns in one location.

**SECTION 3.** This Centerville City Council urges its State legislators to reject HB 601 and to adopt the provisions of the Miami Valley Tax Uniformity Coalition.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

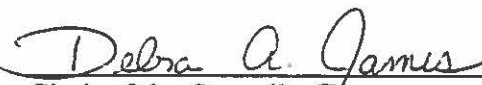
  
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Mayor of the City of Centerville, Ohio

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of Council  
City of Centerville, Ohio

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned, Clerk of Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio, hereby certifies the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 49-12, passed by the Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

  
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Clerk of the Council

Approved as to form, consistency  
with existing ordinances, the Charter  
and Constitutional Provisions.  
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