

RESOLUTION NO. 25-23
CITY OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO

SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBER JoAnne Ray ON THE 20th
DAY OF March, 2023.

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50% during Gov. Kasich's Administration from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of \$15,600,000 for the City of Centerville; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well.

WHEREAS, a reinvestment in the Local Government Fund would aid the state in its goal of lowering taxes on the individual by enabling municipalities to decrease the local tax burden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTERVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

Section 2. That this Council does hereby declare its opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.


Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED THIS 20th day of March, 2023.



Mayor of the City of Centerville, Ohio

ATTEST:



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. 25-23, passed by the Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio on the 20th day of March, 2023.



Clerk of the Council

Approved as to form, consistency
with existing ordinances, the
charter & constitutional provisions
Department of Law
Scott A. Liberman
Municipal Attorney