

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04-F

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO TAKING CONTROL
OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS**

- WHEREAS,** it has recently been proposed that the State of Ohio take over the collection of all municipal income tax, and
- WHEREAS,** municipal income tax is the largest source of revenue for most of the cities and villages in the State of Ohio, and
- WHEREAS,** any disruption or interference with the current process or any charges which may be made by the State for providing such a “service” will be harmful to the cities and villages, and
- WHEREAS,** the prospect of State control of municipal income tax collections presents numerous administrative difficulties,, including but not limited to how the State will administer local tax ordinances, how access to tax records will be handled, the timing and frequency of distribution of collected revenues to municipalities, the reporting of tax collections to municipalities, and the impact of planned budget and staffing cuts on the Ohio Department of Taxation’s ability to undertake and properly perform such significant new responsibility, and
- WHEREAS,** in the wake of sweeping reductions in the Local Government Fund, municipalities cannot afford another potential loss in revenue, and
- WHEREAS,** taking over a basic local government service, such as the administration of local municipal tax ordinances, runs counter to the Ohio Constitutional provisions recognizing the home rule powers of municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio.

SECTION 1.

That the Council of the Village of Greenhills hereby declares its strong opposition to any effort by the State of Ohio to take over collection of municipal income taxes and urges the legislature of the State of Ohio, particularly those legislators who represent the Village of Greenhills Ohio, to oppose now or in the future any amendments to pending bills or introduction of new legislation that proposes to transfer collection and/or control of municipal income taxes to the State of Ohio Department of Taxation.

SECTION 2.

That the Council of the Village of Greenhills hereby authorizes and directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor John Kasich and the members of the Ohio Legislature representing the Village of Greenhills.

SECTION 3.

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed this 7th day of February, 2012.

Fred Murrell, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/