

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14-L&R See Resolution 2017-14a-L&R

OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF THE STATE OF OHIO'S PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET, WHICH PROPOSES CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF NET PROFIT TAX RETURNS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX CAUSING FINANCIAL HARM TO THE VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WHILE ENCROACHING UPON THE VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS' HOME RULE POWERS GRANTED BY THE OHIO CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, it is proposed in the State's 2017-2018 Budget to institute a State controlled program for the centralized collection of local municipal income tax; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenhills is supportive of creating a business-friendly environment in Greenhills and throughout the State of Ohio with consistent standards for net-profit reporting without added layers of State Bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenhills is opposed to all encroachment upon the Village's rights of local self-government conferred by the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio should partner with communities in growing the economy and access to high-paying jobs rather than taking local revenue to grow State government; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenhills is strongly opposed to revisions on municipal tax collection that decreases local control and flexibility while increasing the size of an overreaching centralized State government at the expense of local government; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenhills is opposed to revisions, reversed compromises and broken promises made by the State, such as the Local Government Fund, financially harming the Village of Greenhills and other local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenhills is opposed to additional requirements and unnecessary burdensome demands imposed to the benefit of special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenhills is opposed to revisions imposing an additional and growing layer of State bureaucracy that prescribes all forms, policies, instruction, enforcement action and publications for part of the municipal income taxes and ultimately motivated to centralize all aspects of municipal income tax collection and redistribution; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenhills understands the State's history of diminishing local control to increase centralized revenues and weaken local decision making; and

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WHEREAS, the proposal creates ongoing uncertainty of how much locally generated revenues will return to the community. This places the Village of Greenhills' financial integrity at risk and will result in declining services and higher taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio.

SECTION 1.

That the Village of Greenhills does hereby declare that the Ohio General Assembly should request the immediate removal of all language pertaining to municipal income tax collection and administration.

SECTION 2.

That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Speaker Rosenberger, Representative Zeltwanger, Governor Kasich and all members of the House of Representatives, Ohio State Senate and candidates for Governor.

SECTION 3.

That the Village of Greenhills through its elected and appointed officials will cooperate with other municipalities and the Ohio Municipal League to achieve municipal income tax administration that is business-friendly without causing excessive harm to the Village of Greenhills and other municipalities.

SECTION 4.

That this Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 28th day of March, 2017.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/