

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION CM-17-05

Ordinance No.

Passed March 14, 2017

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET. WHICH PROPOSES CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES AND FURTHER ERODING HOME RULE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Governor Kasich has proposed a 2018-2019 biennial budget which institutes a state-operated program for the centralized collection of Ohio Municipal Income Tax, a clear attack on the home rule powers granted to municipal corporations, such as the Village of West Milton, by the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Village of West Milton, strenuously objects to this latest attack on municipal home rule under consideration by the State of Ohio and urges all municipal corporations to make it clear to the Governor and General Assembly that this proposed usurpation of constitutionally-granted local municipal power shall not take place without a vigorous legal challenge by affected municipal corporations; and

WHEREAS, this budget proposal is a continuation of siphoning of local government revenues which in the past few years include the elimination of estate taxes, repeal of the Tangible Personal Property Tax, and severe reductions in Local Government Fund allocations; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have the ability to provide the most cost effective and most personal services to their residents and businesses including the preparation and assistance of local tax returns; and

WHEREAS, it is the expectations of the citizens of each municipality that the locally elected officials be responsible for managing all local services, including local tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, it is very apparent that there is an effort to reduce the municipal governing authority and centralize it into a stronger State operation by continuous attacks on home rule powers, and

WHEREAS, the government which governs least governs best.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of West Milton, Ohio that:

SECTION I:

The Council of the Village of West Milton, Ohio does hereby declare its strong opposition to any effort by the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation which attacks and reduces the Home Rule Authority granted by Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution.

SECTION II:

The Council of the Village of West Milton, Ohio urges its state legislators to reject any legislation, such as the aforementioned provisions of the Governor's budget, which simply attempts to reduce the local authority of municipalities in Ohio.

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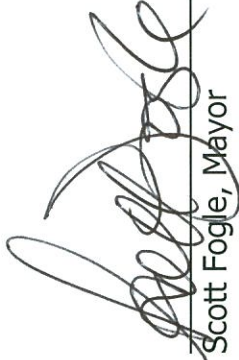
SECTION III:

The Council of the Village of West Milton, Ohio asks the Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to Senator Bill Beagle, Speaker of the House Clifford A. Rosenbarger, Senate President Larry Obhof and Miami County State Representative Stephen A. Huffman.

SECTION IV:


This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its immediate passage.

Passed this 14th day of March 2017.




Scott Fogle, Mayor

Attest:



Linda L. Cantrell, CSP/OM
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leneé M. Brosh
Law Director