

RESOLUTION RECORD
VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, OHIO
RESOLUTION: 23-10

Introduced by: Council Member Dorene Kray

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

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. This included eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions currently do not affect Newburgh Heights since the General Assembly enacted Ohio Revised Code Sections 4511.093 et seq., calling for the reduction in local government funding on a dollar-for-dollar basis for every dollar collected by the municipality relating to automated traffic enforcement cameras;

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss of traffic income 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 VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:

Section 1. 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, and should remove the reduction in local government funding mandated in R.C. Sections 4511.093 et seq.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council were in meetings open to the public and in full compliance with

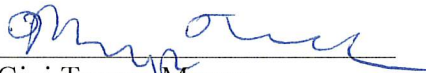
Section 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Village, and for the further reason that the Village wishes to hereby immediately declare its opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund, whereby this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

Therefore, this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

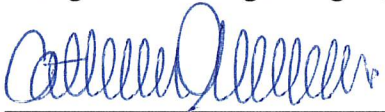
PASSED: March 7, 2023

Approved as to Form

Solicitor



Gigi Traore, Mayor
Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio



Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer
Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio

1ST Reading: 3-7-2023
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