

RESOLUTION NO. R2019-02

AN EMERGENCY 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 the Kasich 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, reductions in Local Government Funding alone have resulted in a loss of revenue to the City of Gallipolis of \$219,828; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to service existing debt, provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, access grant funds requiring local matches, and bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended in writing the passage of this Resolution as an emergency measure as it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property and in order to provide for the usual operations of the municipal departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Gallipolis, State of Ohio that:

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

SECTION 2: This Commission does hereby declare its opposition any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage as an emergency measure.

PASSED: June 4, 2019

ATTEST:

Annette M. Landers
Clerk of the City Commission
Annette M. Landers

Michael C. Fulks
President of the City Commission
Michael C. Fulks

The foregoing Resolution is hereby approved as to form.

Brynn S. Noe
Gallipolis City Solicitor
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