

RESOLUTION NO. R2018-08
AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR
AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE
BUDGET SURPLUS IN MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Gallipolis City Commission have been advised of Ohio Governor John Kasich's proposal to use the projected State of Ohio budget surplus of \$147 million at the end of the biennium to fund an income tax withholding reduction and bring the state's rainy day fund to its maximum legal limit; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years by way of significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, eliminating the Estate Tax, and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue to our Municipality of \$200,000 - \$500,000 annually (depending on estate tax revenues); and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, 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 Commission of the City of Gallipolis, Ohio that:

Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly should distribute the budget surplus revenue to Ohio's municipalities at the end of the biennium, 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 to Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly depositing the state budget surplus into the rainy day fund and an income tax withholding reduction.

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

PASSED: August 21, 2018
ATTEST:

Annette M. Landon
Clerk of the City Commission

Michael C. White
President of City Commission

The foregoing Resolution is hereby approved as to form.

[Signature]
Gallipolis City Solicitor