

RESOLUTION NO. 13-02

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF HB 5 WHICH WILL IMPOSE UNFUNDED MANDATES UPON THE VILLAGE AND RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF LOCAL CONTROL AND INCOME TAX REVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, HB 5 presently pending in the Ohio House of Representatives will increase unfunded mandates upon this Village while at the same time reduce local control of income tax revenue.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Income Tax Ordinance is the largest source of Village revenue and must be preserved in order to allow this Village to continue to provide vital municipal services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF CRESTLINE, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby declare its strong opposition to any effort by the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation that creates "unfunded mandates" and a loss of revenue for municipalities.

SECTION 2. That Council urges its state legislators to reject HB 5, and any amendment to pending bills and opposes the introduction of new legislation that proposes to reduce municipal income tax revenue to municipalities in Ohio.

SECTION 3. That the Ohio General Assembly should request the drafting of legislation that would address the multitude of issues that were agreed upon as a result of the Interested Parties meetings, which will bring uniformity to areas including (but not limited to) due dates for estimated tax payments, due dates of withholding payments, due dates and procedures for extension request filings, due dates for annual Reconciliation of Returns, all of which will simplify the compliance process for businesses and individuals alike but will be revenue neutral.

SECTION 4. That the Ohio General Assembly should focus on restoring previous funding levels to the Ohio Business Gateway and focus on correcting its multitude of programming problems and customer service issues to make that tool less cumbersome, more useful and relevant to municipalities and businesses as simple, generic, one-stop method of filing local business income tax returns in one location.

SECTION 5. Those members of the Ohio House and Senate should engage in constructive dialogue with local officials to gain consensus on correction of the perceived issues of potential revenue-neutral commonality and uniformity in those few remaining differences in municipal income tax provisions.

SECTION 6. That the Clerk of this Council is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor John Kasich, Senator Dave Burke and Representative Jeffrey McClain.

SECTION 7. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that the Village must maintain revenue levels without threat of assault via legislation proposed by the Ohio General Assembly; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by Council.

DATE: _____

Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____

David Sharrock, Mayor

Attest:

Annette Johnston, Clerk of Council

Approved as to form: _____

Harry M. Welsh, Law Director