

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 3

OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF HB 5 BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ENCOURAGE SUPPORT OF HOME RULE THAT DOESN'T CAUSE EXCESSIVE HARM TO THE CITY OF MASON AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES.

WHEREAS, State Representatives Grossman and Henne introduced HB5 in the 130th General Assembly to revise laws governing municipal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is supportive of creating a business-friendly environment in Mason and throughout the State of Ohio with consistent standards for tax withholding and net-profit reporting; and

Whereas, the City of Mason places top priority in attracting and maintaining business within the corporate limits and has been successful in adding 1,405 jobs from January 2011 through December 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is opposed to revisions on municipal tax collection that will create a significant loss of income tax revenue for the City of Mason or other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is opposed to revisions that discourage, restrict, and penalize a municipality to enforce income tax ordinances by imposing unfunded mandates and limiting enforcement options; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is opposed to additional requirements and unnecessary burdensome demands imposed to the benefit of special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is opposed to revisions imposing an additional layer of state bureaucracy that prescribes all forms, policies, instruction, enforcement action and publications for all municipal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is opposed to revisions that are in conflict with ballot issues approved by the people of Mason, Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason is opposed to all encroachment by the Ohio General Assembly and Ohio Tax Commissioner upon the City of Mason's rights of self-government conferred by the Ohio Constitution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City of Mason does hereby declare its strong opposition to HB 5 as introduced in the General Assembly.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Speaker Batchelder, Sponsors Representative Grossman and Representative Henne, Representative Peter Beck and all members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee plus Senator Shannon Jones.

Section 3. That the City of Mason through its elected and appointed officials will cooperate with other municipalities and the Ohio Municipal League to achieve municipal income tax uniformity that is business-friendly without causing excessive harm to the City of Mason and other municipalities.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 25th day of February, 2013.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Clerk of Council of the City of Mason, hereby certifies this to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2013-_____, adopted by the Council of the City of Mason on February ____, 2013.

Clerk of Council