

RESOLUTION 2018 – 15

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS IN MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, Council of the City of Mason 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 of \$2.5 million annually; 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.

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

Section 1. That 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. That Council 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. That this Resolution shall be effective from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 20th day of August, 2018.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council