

Passed: November 14, 2011  
By: Hattenbach

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-22

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY ACTION BY THE OHIO GOVERNOR OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REMOVE CONTROL OF LOCAL INCOME TAX COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION FROM MUNICIPALITIES AND CENTRALIZE SUCH CONTROL WITHIN A STATE AGENCY OR THIRD-PARTY ENTITY

WHEREAS, the Ohio Governor and his staff are actively studying the feasibility of centralizing the collection of municipal income taxes, and whether such a plan would be beneficial for Ohio's businesses and residents, and

WHEREAS, a centralized tax collection system is contradictory to the idea of smaller government and would circumvent local control as guaranteed to Ohio citizens by Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution, and

WHEREAS, with the reductions in the Local Government Fund the state is demonstrating a willingness to withhold funds previously promised to municipalities, therefore Amberley Village is concerned that centralized collection of Amberley Village income tax dollars could lead to additional loss of revenue to the Village, and

WHEREAS, the overall impact of centralized collection would be less efficient use of revenue due to administrative and overhead costs at the state level and appears to be a plan to redistribute municipal revenue for non-municipal purposes, and

WHEREAS, Amberley Village income tax revenue is received and deposited on a daily basis and the increased timing and distribution of revenue from centralized collection would detrimentally impact the Village cash flow, and

WHEREAS, Amberley Village is best positioned to identify individuals and businesses as they move into or out of the Village and the personalized service Amberley Village provides to residents and businesses in the preparation of local tax returns, responses to taxpayer questions and quick resolution of compliance issues would be disrupted by centralized collection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF AMBERLEY VILLAGE, OHIO, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring,

SECTION 1: That the Council of Amberley Village does hereby declare its strong opposition to any effort by the State of Ohio to take over collection and administration of municipal income taxes in Ohio.

SECTION 2: That the Council of Amberley Village urges its state legislators to reject any amendment to pending bills and oppose the introduction of new legislation that proposes to

transfer collection and or control of municipal income taxes to the State of Ohio Department of Taxation or any third party central collection entity.

SECTION 3: The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor John Kasich, Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, all members of the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives and Ohio Tax Commissioner Joe Testa.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

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Mayor Merrie Stillpass

Attest:

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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Resolution Vote:

Moved: Hattenbach Second: Conway

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of November 2011, the forgoing Resolution was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Resolution at all of the places of public notice as designed by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council