

PASSED: March 13, 2017
BY: Hattenbach

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07

RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE OHIO GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL WHICH PROVIDES FOR CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF NET PROFIT RETURNS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

WHEREAS, Council has been advised of a proposal by Ohio Governor Kasich and his administration to institute a state-operated program for the centralized collection of Municipal income Tax;

WHEREAS, Amberley Village has always been willing to provide assistance to its taxpayers in the preparation of their tax reports and filings;

WHEREAS, only municipalities can ensure the prompt and proper auditing of local tax returns to ensure all applicable deductions and declarations are reported, thus also ensuring that all taxpayers pay their fair share without causing higher costs of compliance for all, and must be able to do so without burdensome and costly restrictions included in the Governor's budget proposal created with the sole purpose of restricting municipalities from correcting or auditing business return filings or making assessments;

WHEREAS, the municipal income tax is the single largest revenue source for Amberley Village and allows the Village to provide critical and timely municipal services to our residents and businesses and any reduction following on from other recent reductions instituted by the State will have a negative impact on our residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the proposal for a centralized collection of municipal income taxes is a clear attack on the home rule powers granted to municipal corporations by the Ohio Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Council of Amberley Village, State of Ohio, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: The Ohio General Assembly should request the immediate removal of all language from the Governor's proposed budget pertaining to municipal income tax collection and administration, and should promote upcoming changes to the Ohio Business Gateway as a solution for businesses to file municipal income tax returns in a more simple and efficient manner, with the Ohio Business Gateway continuing to act only as a portal to remit payments and filing information directly to municipalities, and not to the Ohio Department of Taxation for processing.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 13th day of March 2017.

Mayor Thomas C. Muething

Attest:

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Resolution Vote:

Moved: Hattenbach Second: Kamine

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the ____ day of March 2017, 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 designated by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council