

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2019

Strongly Urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to Restore the Local Government Fund to Pre-Recession Levels.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50%, from 3.68% of State of Ohio General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of State of Ohio General Revenue Funds; and,

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue to local governments by 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 an annual loss of revenue to the City of Worthington since 2008 of approximately \$1,100,000; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington's Local Government Fund receipts were alone once over \$1 million dollars in the early 2000's and now are less than \$400,000 annually; and,

WHEREAS, this loss of revenue to the City of Worthington has resulted in less diversity of revenue and increased dependence on local income taxes, which are more susceptible to economic volatility, and now represent 74% of the City's revenues; and,

WHEREAS, reductions in positions and service capacity were necessary to deal with the State's cuts to local governments; and,

WHEREAS, financially stable, economically successful cities who invest in infrastructure, economic development and quality services are vital to Ohio's success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels.

SECTION 2. This Council does hereby declare its opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted June 3, 2019

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
President of Council

Attest:

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council