

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2012

Expressing the Opposition to the State of Ohio
Seeking to Assume Control Over the Collection of
Municipal Income Taxes.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has recently proposed that the State Department of Taxation assume control over the collection of municipal income taxes; and,

WHEREAS, although the current pending legislation does not contain any provision for the State to take control of municipal income taxes, the legislation may be amended before final consideration; and,

WHEREAS, income tax is the largest source of revenue for most municipalities and any disruption or interference with the current collection process will be harmful to the financial operations; and,

WHEREAS, in the wake of sweeping reductions in the Local Government Fund municipalities cannot afford another potential loss in revenue; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington is home to approximately 14,000 residents and the City of Worthington is best positioned to respond to the local needs of its citizens and collect municipal income taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the possibility that the State of Ohio will assume control over the collection of municipal income taxes presents many administrative issues including, but not limited to: the enforcement of local income tax ordinances, pursuit of delinquent taxpayers, collection and distribution of tax revenue to municipalities, retention of tax records, recording and reporting tax collections to municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, if the State of Ohio assumes control over the collection of municipal income taxes any such system would circumvent the intent of the Ohio Constitution and likely result in a less efficient and more costly tax reporting and collection system, in addition to an undesirable downgrade in residential service.

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

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Worthington does hereby declare its opposition to any proposal by the State of Ohio which seeks to assume control over the collection of municipal income taxes, and urges its state legislators to reject and oppose any amendment to pending bills or introduction of new legislation that proposes to transfer collection and/or control of municipal income taxes to the State of Ohio Department of Taxation.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2011

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is directed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted March 5, 2012

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President of Council

Attest:

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Clerk of Council