

RESOLUTION NO. 02-22 (Amended)

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION REGARDING THE BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

WHEREAS, the Indiana legislature proposed changes to the depreciation floor and other aspects of Indiana's business personal property tax as a priority in their 2022 legislative agenda; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette opposes all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the personal property tax without permanent FULL replacement guaranteed by the state; and,

WHEREAS, any contemplated revenue replacement must be a source of revenue that continues to grow over time just as a property tax base would in order to allow growing communities to meet the demand for services; and,

WHEREAS, the personal property tax is a relied upon method for funding local government; and

WHEREAS, for taxing units not at the caps, a reduction in the tax base could result in property owners paying more in residential property taxes. For those communities at the caps, any phase out of the business personal property tax means a loss in revenue for local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Business Personal Property Tax distributions to local units of government exceed \$1 billion, including an estimated \$6.7 million in Tippecanoe County and which represents about 19% of Tippecanoe County's property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette in Tippecanoe County would lose an estimated \$900,000 in tax revenues; and,

WHEREAS, significantly reducing the business personal property tax will have a dramatic impact on the ability of the City of West Lafayette to repay tax increment financing bonds because a significant portion of the revenue backing the bonds comes from personal property; and

WHEREAS, The Tax Foundation 2022 State Business Tax Climate Index lists Indiana as number one ranking for property tax; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana consistently ranks in the top states with an attractive business tax climate, yet a community's quality of life is an increasingly greater influencer of business relocation and growth decisions:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette that we oppose all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the business personal property tax without full and permanent replacement guaranteed by the state.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to each member of the Indiana General Assembly.


This resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST AND ONLY READING ON THE 7 DAY OF February, 2022.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR DeBoer, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR Thomas.

DULY RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 7 DAY OF February, 2022, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 9 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Blanco	✓			
Brown	✓			
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Kang	✓			
Leverenz	✓			
Parker	✓			
Sanders	✓			
Thomas	✓			



Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

Attest:


Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA ON THE 8 DAY OF February, 2022.

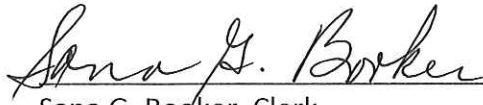

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THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 8 DAY OF February, 2022.



John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:



Sana G. Booker, Clerk

