

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2019

A RESOLUTION 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% during the Kasich Administration, from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of approximately \$ 96,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well; and

WHEREAS, a reinvestment of Local Government Fund would aid the state in its goal of lowering taxes on the individual by enabling municipalities to decrease the local tax burden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Commercial Point, Ohio that:

Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that these local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

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

Vote on Passage of the Resolution:

Motion by: Tracy Joiner

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jason Thompson

Roll Call:

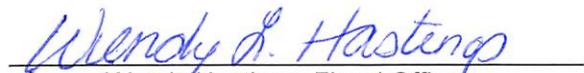
Yes Tracy Joiner  
Yes Laura Wolfe

Yes Aaron Grassel  
Yes Bruce Moore

Yes Ryan Mitchem  
Yes Jason Thompson

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020

  
Allan D. Goldhardt, Mayor

  
Wendy Hastings, Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Form:

  
Frost Brown-Todd LLC, Law Director