

RESOLUTION NO. 105-2018

TITLE: STATE BUDGET

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS IN MUNICIPALITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised of Ohio Governor John Kasich's proposal to use the projected State of Ohio budget surplus of \$147 million at the end of the biennium to fund an income tax withholding reduction and bring the state's rainy-day fund to its maximum legal limit; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years by way of 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 a loss of revenue of 59.78% when comparing Fiscal Year 2001 to Fiscal Year 2017, which amounts to a reduction of \$1,147,779; and

WHEREAS, reductions following Fiscal Year 2011 have resulted in a loss of revenue of 49.78% when comparing Fiscal Year 2011 to Fiscal Year 2017, which amounts to a reduction of \$765,469; and

WHEREAS, the total loss of revenue from these reductions, if funding was maintained at Fiscal Year 2011 levels, amounts to \$8,370,911.43, and if funding was maintained at Fiscal Year 2011 levels, amounts to \$4,064,534; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Ohio General Assembly should distribute the budget surplus revenue to Ohio's municipalities at the end of the biennium, 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 to Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly depositing the state budget surplus into the rainy-day fund and an income tax withholding reduction.

SECTION 3. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, for the reason that time is of the essence, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ 2018

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2018

Mayor