

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WAKEMAN, OHIO  
RESOLUTION NO.: 2023-R-11

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND

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% 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, after a review of the official certificate from the County Auditor, the Village Administrator reports that these reductions have resulted in an estimated loss of revenue of \$380,000.00 for the Village of Wakeman; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services; 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 in the 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 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE VILLAGE OF WAKEMAN, STATE OF OHIO: (RC 731.18)

SECTION 1. That Council strongly urges the Ohio Governor and the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

SECTION 2. That 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 upon passage, the Council Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Ohio Governor, the local State Representative, State Senator, and the Ohio Municipal League (OML).

SECTION 4. PUBLIC MEETING. That it is found and determined that all formal action of this public body concerning or relating to the passage of this Resolution/Ordinance were adopted in a public meeting open to the public at all times, and that all deliberations of the public

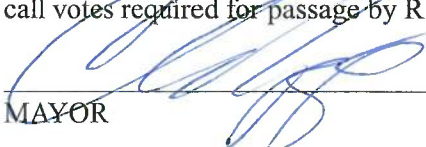
body and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in public meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including all lawful ordinances and any applicable provisions of section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


WHEREFORE, this legislation shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 13 day of March, 2023.

ATTESTATION  
(RC 731.20)

We hereby attest and affirm that the foregoing Ordinance/Resolution received the necessary affirmative roll call votes required for passage by R.C. 731.17.

  
MAYOR

  
FISCAL OFFICER

Vote on the passage was taken by yeas and nays and entered upon the journal as follows R.C. 731.17(A)(3):

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

First Reading: March 13, 2023  
Second Reading: dispensed (may be dispensed by a vote of at least three-fourths of members. R.C. 731.17(A)(2))  
Third Reading: dispensed (may be dispensed by a vote of at least three-fourths of members. R.C. 731.17(A)(2))

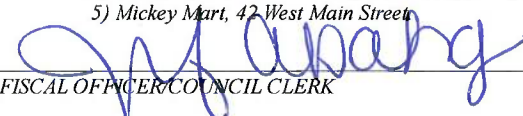
APPROVED AS TO FORM [See also RC 731.21(B)]:

  
VILLAGE SOLICITOR, Steve Palmer

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING  
(RC 731.25)

I hereby certify that pursuant to R.C. 731.25, a succinct summary of the above legislation was posted in not less than five of the most public places in the municipal corporation as determined by the legislative authority [see Wakeman Code 123.01] for a period of not less than fifteen days prior to the effective date at the following locations:

- 1) Wakeman Public Library, 18 East Abbott Street; and
- 2) Electronically online at official Village website; and
- 3) Wakeman Post Office, 17 West Main Street; and
- 4) Village of Wakeman Municipal Building, 59 Hyde Street; and
- 5) Mickey Mart, 42 West Main Street

  
FISCAL OFFICER/COUNCIL CLERK