

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

RESOLUTION No. R18- 17 CMS

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT OHIO KILOWATT-HOUR TAX

WHEREAS, Ohio SB 3 established the Kilowatt-Hour Tax in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Ohio SB 3 restructured the taxes on utilities creating a state share/local share plan which ensured that taxes for local electric utility customers within a municipality remain local; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's municipal electric communities provide reliable, low-cost electricity necessary for economic development and a quality standard of living. Fairness dictates that Municipalities that establish public power systems in the future deserve equal rights and benefits commensurate with existing public power communities.

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin serves 2800 electric customers and a population of 8,300; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin collects approximately \$300,000 annually from the Kilowatt-Hour Tax which funds critical safety services including police and fire protection; and,

WHEREAS, in eliminating the inheritance tax, personal property tax, and cutting in half the local government fund, the Ohio legislature has inflicted significant financial difficulty on municipalities and has resulted in annual losses to the City of Oberlin in excess of \$1.2 million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, some members of the Ohio legislature are discussing potential changes to the Kilowatt-Hour Tax legislation that would eliminate the remittance of kilowatt hour taxes to Ohio municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. We members of Oberlin City Council urge the Ohio Legislature and Governor John Kasich to support Ohio's Kilowatt-Hour Tax in its current form and to maintain this critical source of funding to Ohio's municipal electric communities.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted 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 in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Ohio Senator Gayle Manning, Ohio Representative Dan Ramos, and Ohio Governor John Kasich.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin and “to convey a timely message of urgency to the legislature in support of the Kilowatt-Hour Tax prior to the conclusion of the current legislative session” and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1st Reading: December 3, 2018 (E)

2nd Reading: _____

3rd Reading: _____

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



BRYAN BURGESS
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 12/04/2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/03/2018