

RESOLUTION NO. R97-8 CMS

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PROPOSED LAW IN THE OHIO LEGISLATURE (S.B. 72 AND H.B. 274) WHICH WOULD REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PERMIT THE LOWEST GRADE OF CONSTRUCTION QUALITY IN ANY MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING CONSTRUCTED IN THE STATE OF OHIO

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio classified multi-family building construction by five major categories from Type 1 being the most safe from spreading fires to Type V being the least safe from spreading fires, and

WHEREAS, the law presently allows municipalities to adopt the type of multi-family construction which will ensure the safety of the building's occupants given the local conditions, and

WHEREAS, the less fire resistant the multi-family buildings are in a community, the more taxpayer dollars the local community must spend for fire protection, and

WHEREAS, a proposed law (S.B. 72 and H.B. 274) now pending in the Ohio Legislature would ensure that Type V, the lowest and least fire protective grade of construction would be dictated on local communities everywhere in Ohio, and

WHEREAS, from a business point of view the relatively small cost, if any, of making the building safe by using fire resistant construction material is completely offset by lower insurance and maintenance costs, and

WHEREAS, the Oberlin City Council believes S.B. 72 and H.B. 274 erode the "Home Rule" status of a municipality and preclude a municipality from having the option of requiring higher building standards where such has been determined to be necessary for the health and welfare of the community:

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. That the Council of the City of Oberlin urges the Ohio Legislature to allow communities to maintain local control by rejecting S.B. 72 and H.B. 274.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 this Resolution shall be in effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1ST Reading - October 6, 1997 (E)
2ND Reading -
3RD Reading -

ATTEST:


CLERK OF COUNCIL


CHAIR OF COUNCIL

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