

**RESOLUTION NO. R05-08 CMS**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONTINUE ITS HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP WITH OHIO'S LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RETAIN FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS AT THE PERMANENT LAW FORMULA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS, the Local Government Funds represent an extensive history of partnership between Ohio's state and local governments that has existed for over seven decades with the establishment of the Local Government Fund (LGF) in 1934, the Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF) in 1985, and the Local Government Revenue Assistance Fund (LGRAF) in 1989; and**

**WHEREAS, the Local Government Funds provide a revenue-sharing mechanism by which all local governments and libraries share fairly in the cumulative resources of the state; and**

**WHEREAS, the Local Government Funds received in 2004 by the City of Oberlin totaled \$527,052, which represents 8.4% of the City's General Fund receipts, and would require an increase of 22% in the City's income tax to replace; and**

**WHEREAS, the Local Government Funds, if lost, would require the City of Oberlin to consider substantial cuts in basic services; and**

**WHEREAS, cuts in Local Government Funds would not only hurt the citizens through fiscal issues in local government, but also in our libraries, parks, etc; and**

**WHEREAS, it would be detrimental to the City of Oberlin, Lorain County and the State of Ohio to engage in tax increases, any of the forgoing cuts or any combination thereof.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:**

**SECTION 1. That this Council declares the Local Government Funds to be a vital partnership between the State of Ohio and our community, and without which the City of Oberlin's ability to meet its obligations to provide for the health, safety, security, and welfare of its residents would be severely jeopardized.**

**SECTION 2.** That this Council urges the Ohio General Assembly, while recognizing the tremendous challenges before it and the magnitude of the policy decisions it will face, to make the continued support to its local government partners the highest of priorities during its deliberations on the State's Fiscal Years 2006/2007 Biennial Budget and return the Local Government Funds to the permanent law funding formula.

**SECTION 3.** That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to state Representative Joseph Koziura and State Senator Jeffry Armbruster together with a letter requesting that they meet with officials of the City of Oberlin as soon as possible to discuss the potential negative effects on the City of Oberlin if the City of Oberlin loses Local Government Funds.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, to wit:

"to pass a resolution opposing the proposed cuts in Local Government Funds in order to bring it to the attention of the State Legislature in a timely manner", and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**PASSED:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – March 7, 2005 (E)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading –  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading –

**ATTEST:**

  
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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

  
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**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

**POSTED: 3/8/2005**  
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