

City of Oberlin, Ohio

RESOLUTION No. R11-03 CMS

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL NO. 3 INTRODUCED IN THE 129TH OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO END THE ESTATE TAX IN OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ohio must maintain steady streams of revenue and repealing or eliminating taxes must be done in a responsible way ensuring maximum benefits to all Ohioans; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the State of Ohio faces an estimated \$8 billion budget shortfall in the next biennial budget and cities, villages and townships across Ohio are facing their own budget challenges; and,

WHEREAS, 80 cents of every \$1 Ohio collects in estate tax is returned to the city, village or township where the deceased resident lived; and,

WHEREAS, there is no plan to replace the revenue that cities, villages, townships and the State will lose if the estate tax is ended; and

WHEREAS, there is little evidence to support the argument that Ohioans are leaving the state to avoid paying the estate tax; and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence showing that repealing the estate tax would have any economic benefit to Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, approximately 46% of property in the City of Oberlin is tax exempt; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Oberlin, the estate tax accounted for 13 percent of General Fund revenue in 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin General Fund supports vital operations that benefit all residents and businesses in our community, including police, fire, parks and recreation, street maintenance, cemetery, storm water management, local para-transit for seniors & disabled, and code enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin will need to raise local taxes to replace revenues lost if the estate tax is ended, and additional cuts within the general fund are not feasible in that they will reduce funding for critical basic services.

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 hereby opposes Ohio House Bill 3 which, if passed, would end the Ohio Estate Tax.

SECTION 2. 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 this Resolution is hereby determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of Oberlin, Ohio, or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit:

“to provide input into the State’s legislative and appropriation process as soon as possible in order to ensure members of the General Assembly receive this recommendation in a timely manner,”

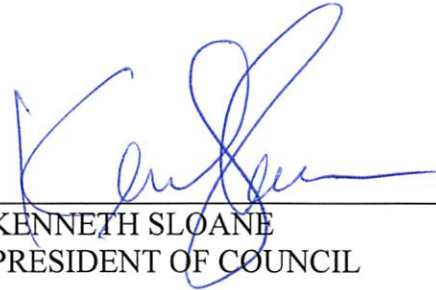
and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1st Reading – February 7, 2011(S,E)
2nd Reading –
3rd Reading –

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



KENNETH SLOANE
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 02/08/11

EFFECTIVE DATE: 02/07/11