

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 8

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50% during Governor Kasich's Administration from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current levels 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, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of over five million dollars for the City of Parma Heights; 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 Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1: The Ohio General Assembly should 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: 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: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4: This Council declares this Resolution to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, and safety of this Municipality, and for the further reason that said Resolution is necessary to highlight the benefit of the Local Government

Fund to the City and its residents while the General Assembly contemplates the state budget; wherefore, it shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED: 2-27-23

Thomas Rounds
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Barbara S. Allen
CLERK OF COUNCIL

2-27-23
APPROVED

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: 2-27-23

Marie Gallo
MAYOR MARIE GALLO