

**CITY OF STRUTHERS**  
**Resolution**

NO. 19-044

***A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS,  
OHIO, 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 the Kasich Administration, from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level 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 approximately \$ 800,000.00 and

**WHEREAS**, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; 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.

**WHEREAS**, a reinvestment of 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 Struthers, Mahoning County, Ohio,  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1:** The Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that these local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

**SECTION 2:** This Council does hereby declare its opposition any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

**SECTION 3:** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace and the health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Struthers, Ohio. Said emergency exist by reason of the fact that and, as such this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2019.

Megan R. Shorthouse  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Henry D. Franceschelli, Sr.  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH THE MAYOR THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2019.

Megan R. Shorthouse  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2019.

Terry P. Stocker  
MAYOR

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Passed by the Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2019;  
7 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Effective Date: JUNE 26, 2019

AUTHENTICATION:

Megan R. Shorthouse  
Clerk of Council

Terry P. Stocker  
Mayor

06/26/2019  
Date

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Megan R. Shorthouse  
CLERK OF COUNCIL