

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2011

Offered by: All of Council

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO FROM SEEKING TO TAKE CONTROL OF MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTION.

WHEREAS, during recent discussion regarding the State Biennial Budget Bill (HB 153) it was suggested that the State Department of Taxation take over the collection of municipal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, although the current pending legislation does not contain any provision for the State to take control of municipal income taxes, the legislation may be amended before final consideration in June; and

WHEREAS, income tax is the largest source of revenue for most municipalities and any disruption or interference with the current collection process will be harmful to the financial operations; and

WHEREAS, the prospect of State control of municipal income tax collection presents numerous administrative difficulties including, but not limited to: how the State will administer local tax ordinances; how retention of and access to tax records will be handled; the timing and frequency of distribution of collected revenues to municipalities; the reporting of tax collections to municipalities; and the impact of planned budget and staffing cuts on the Ohio Department of Taxation's ability to undertake and properly perform such significant new responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of sweeping reductions in the Local Government Fund, municipalities cannot afford another potential loss in revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That this Council does hereby declare its strong opposition to any effort by the State of Ohio to take over the collection of municipal income taxes in Ohio; and urges its state legislators to reject and oppose any amendment to pending bills or introduction of new legislation that proposes to transfer collection and/or control of municipal income taxes to the State of Ohio Department of Taxation.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to State Senator Frank LaRose, State Representative Lynn Slaby, and Ohio Governor John Kasich.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 5-17-11

Paulette Roslana
President of Council

Michael D'Amico
Mayor

Dated: 5/17/2011

ATTEST:

Carolyn E. Sullivan
Clerk of Council