

RESOLUTION 2005-09
Passed February 15, 2005

A RESOLUTION TO INFORM STATE LEGISLATORS AND STATE EXECUTIVE LEADERS OF OPPOSITION TO REDUCTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO MUNICIPALITIES.

Whereas, the 126th Assembly will be preparing the Biennial Budget for the State of Ohio; and

Whereas, the potential exists for the 126th Assembly to cut Local Government Funds to municipalities in the State of Ohio; and

Whereas, the Local Government Fund provides monies essential for the continued provision of governmental services by the City of Powell; and

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 (LGRAAF) in 1989; and

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

Whereas, the City receives approximately \$303,000 which is equivalent to 7% of the City's general fund revenues from the Local Government Fund; and

Whereas, the \$303k received from the local government fund is the equivalent of 21% of the entire police department's annual budget, which equals the funds required for approximately 4 of the city's 17 police officers.

Whereas, if such funding were eliminated it would require an increase in the property tax of over 1 mills, or an increase in the income tax by .05 %, or alternately, approximately 1,200 new jobs in the City to provide the replacement of the tax revenues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWELL, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

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

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Powell hereby expresses its adamant opposition to any reduction of Local Government Funds to municipalities.

Section 3: That the Clerk of the City of Powell is hereby instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, our state senator, our state representatives and to the chairpersons of such legislative committees.

Section 4: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of the decision making bodies of the Municipality of Powell which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings so open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the Municipality of Powell, Delaware County, Ohio.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.