

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 19-50

INTRODUCED BY: Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky, Langshaw,
Marnecheck, Hannan, Kasaris, Mayor Stefanik

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING SUBSTITUTE H.B. 166 AND STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS

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 for the City of North Royalton of more than \$7 million since 2011; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

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 to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

Section 3. The Council Office shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Ohio General Assembly, Senator Dolan, Representative Patton, House Speaker Householder, Senate President Obhof, Senate Minority Leader Yuko, and House Minority Leader Sykes.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

THEREFORE, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Larry Antoskiewicz
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: May 21, 2019

DATE APPROVED: May 23, 2019

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading May 21, 2019

YEAS: Antoskiewicz, Petrusky, Langshaw,
Marnecheck, Hannan, Kasaris

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Nickell