

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 23-26

INTRODUCED BY: Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci,
Dietrich, Wos, Mayor Antoskiewicz

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 Gov. Kasich's 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 \$3.3 Million for the City of North Royalton; 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 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 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. 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.

Section 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to restore the local government fund to pre-recession levels to ensure that the City of North Royalton is able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

THEREFORE, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Paul F. Marnecheck
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Larry Antoskiewicz
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: March 7, 2023

DATE APPROVED: March 8, 2023

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading March 7, 2023

YEAS: Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci,
Dietrich, Wos

NAYS: none