

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 04

RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION REGARDING THE BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

WHEREAS, the Indiana legislature proposed changes to the depreciation floor and other aspects of Indiana's business personal property tax as a priority in their 2022 legislative agenda; and,

WHEREAS, the Ferdinand Town Council opposes all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the personal property tax without permanent FULL replacement guaranteed by the state; and,

WHEREAS, any contemplated revenue replacement must be a source of revenue that continues to grow over time just as a property tax base would in order to allow growing communities to meet the demand for services; and,

WHEREAS, a permanent state tax credit applied to ALL proposed business personal property tax reductions, holidays, phase-outs, etc., could eliminate unnecessary burden on local government in order to continue building health Indiana communities; and,

WHEREAS, the personal property tax is a relied upon method for funding local government; and

WHEREAS, for taxing units not at the caps, a reduction in the tax base could result in property owners paying more in residential property taxes. For those communities at the caps, any phase out of the business personal property tax means a loss in revenue for local units of government; and

WHEREAS, the Business Personal Property Tax distributed to the Town of Ferdinand was \$154,512 (20 pay in 21) out of a total certified levy of \$863,045 and the Town Council of the Town of Ferdinand in Dubois County does not want to lose all or part of those tax revenues; and,

WHEREAS, The Tax Foundation 2022 State Business Tax Climate Index lists Indiana as number one ranking for property tax; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana consistently ranks in the top states with an attractive business tax climate, yet a community's quality of life is an increasingly greater influencer of business relocation and growth decisions:

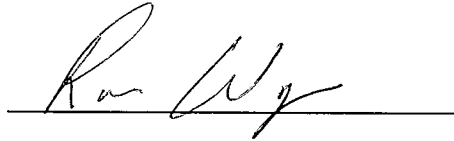
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Ferdinand Town Council that we oppose all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the business personal property tax without full and permanent replacement guaranteed by the state.

This resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

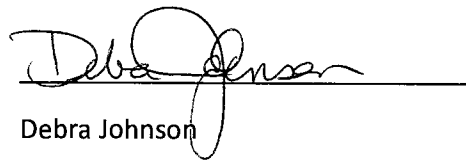
RESOLVED, THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.



Kenneth J. Sicard



Ron Weyer



Debra Johnson

ATTEST:



Tamara M. Miller