

RESOLUTION 2022-2

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 Kouts 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 healthy 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 1, 2, or 3% caps, a reduction in the tax base could result in property owners paying more in residential property taxes, income producing residential taxes, and agricultural property taxes. For those communities at the caps, any phase out or reduction of business personal property assessed value means a loss in revenue for local units of government; and

WHEREAS, a business personal property tax reduction will shift the burden to workers and homeowners with property owners across the Town of Kouts who haven't yet reached the property tax cap to make up for major tax break the state is offering business owners; and

WHEREAS, it is nearly impossible to determine the exact impact of changes to the 30% depreciation floor to property tax revenue due the town without analyzing each businesses business personal property taxes returns; and

WHEREAS, reducing the business personal property tax will have a dramatic impact on taxing units such as schools and libraries because a significant portion of their revenue comes from personal property taxes; and

WHEREAS, growing jobs is about so much more than a tax menu and a company will choose a community with community parks, trails, well maintained roads, police and fire services, not a community with failing infrastructure and deteriorating amenities due to inadequate 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 Town Council of the Town of Kouts 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.

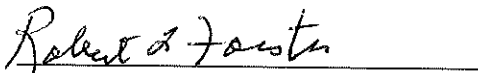
This resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Kouts, Porter County, Indiana this 14th day of February, 2022.

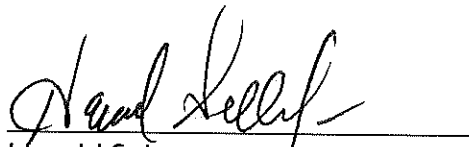
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PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA**



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