

RESOLUTION # 2, 2022

Resolution #2, 2022, is a Resolution to be sent to the Indiana State Legislature to let them know the City Council of the City of Beech Grove opposes legislation regarding a reduction in business personal property taxes.

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 City of Beech Grove 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 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 governments in order to continue building healthy Indiana communities; 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 Tax Foundation 2022 State Business Tax Climate Index list Indiana as number one in 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 FURTHER AFFIRMED, the City of Beech Grove, Indiana opposes all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the business personal tax without full and permanent replacement guaranteed by the state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER AFFIRMED this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage by the City Council, signed by the President Pro-Tem, attested by the Clerk Treasurer and Signed by the Mayor.

