

RESOLUTION 2025-7 \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY TAX POLICY THAT IMPACTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHOUT REPLACEMENT OF REVENUE STREAM

WHEREAS, state leaders and lawmakers have advocated for and proposed multiple pieces of legislation in the 2025 legislative session that will cut residential and business personal property bills for homeowners and businesses and change how these tax liabilities are calculated; and

WHEREAS, a local income tax adoption could be a helpful tool for some units; however, it is not at all adequate to replace the revenue being eliminated, making it a necessity rather than an option; and

WHEREAS, with an essentially mandated income tax increase being the only alternative proposed by lawmakers, the homeowners who these tax measures endeavor to assist will be among the same individuals paying the income tax, making businesses the only recipient of the tax cuts; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed measures are adopted, the City of Winchester will be forced to make significant cuts to Police, Fire, Streets, Parks, Economic development, and quality of life initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these unprecedented cuts in government services are being proposed when, despite the success of Community Crossing, The City of Winchester is asking legislators to at least preserve the status quo in terms of road funding so as not to compound the well-documented, high percentage of our roads that continue to be in less satisfactory condition; and

WHEREAS, as of this date the statewide local impact of the primary tax-related bills estimated to be \$2 billion, a staggering figure, that would cause widespread negative effects, increase tax burdens on individuals, while offering additional relief to businesses in an already business tax-friendly state; and

WHEREAS, the impact to the City of Winchester of these significant real property and business personal property tax cuts as well as changes to how property taxes are calculated, the City of Winchester would lose an estimated \$2,000,000 in tax revenues which is 55% of our General fund budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Winchester that we oppose any tax policy that impacts local government that does not come with a corresponding replacement revenue stream implemented by the State of Indiana and does no harm to our ability to carry out the expectations of our citizens now and in the future.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER,  
INDIANA, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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Approved and signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, by Bob McCoy, Mayor of the City  
of Winchester.

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Bob McCoy, Mayor

Attest: Kerry Sayre  
Kerry Sayre, Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Winchester, Indiana