



# City of Mishawaka

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Deborah S. Block, IAMC, CMO, MMC, City Clerk

## CERTIFICATE

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH  
CITY OF MISHAWAKA

I, Deborah S. Block, IAMC, CMO, MMC, Clerk of the City of Mishawaka, St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, hereby certify that the attached is a full, true, complete and correct copy of:

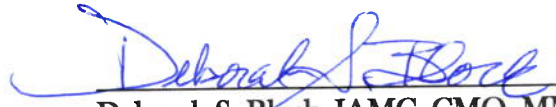
## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MISHAWAKA COMMON COUNCIL AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR STRONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CRITICAL ROLE OF PROPERTY TAXES IN FUNDING CORE SERVICES**

The original of which is now on file in the Office of the City Clerk  
of the City of Mishawaka, St. Joseph County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal  
of the City of Mishawaka, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025



  
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City Clerk

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Mishawaka is committed to providing high-quality, responsive services to its residents, including public safety, infrastructure maintenance, economic development, and neighborhood quality of life initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, local government is the most immediate and accessible level of government, responsible for approximately 85% of all direct government services and interactions with the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mishawaka relies heavily on property tax revenue—including real property and related levies—as a stable, fair, and predictable source of funding to support essential operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the delivery of core services—such as police and fire protection, road maintenance, sanitation, parks, and planning—requires consistent and adequate funding to meet growing community needs and expectations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mishawaka Common Council affirms that preserving a strong and sustainable property tax base is essential for the long-term health and vitality of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, policy decisions at the State level that affect the local tax base must be made in full collaboration with municipalities, with a focus on preserving local control, fiscal responsibility, and the ability to meet constitutional and statutory service obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mishawaka supports tax policy that is balanced, equitable, and designed to promote economic development *without compromising the essential funding needed to protect public safety, maintain infrastructure, and foster quality of life for all residents.*

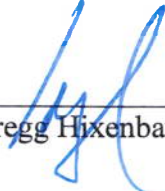
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA, THAT:**

1. The City of Mishawaka **affirms its strong support for local government** and the essential services it provides to residents and businesses on a daily basis.
2. The Council **recognizes the central role that property taxes play** in ensuring the City can continue to invest in public safety, infrastructure, and economic development.
3. The Council **calls upon the Indiana General Assembly and the Governor** to collaborate closely with local leaders when crafting legislation that may impact municipal revenues or service delivery.

4. The Council **supports responsible tax policy** that strengthens local communities, protects essential services, and ensures that municipalities like Mishawaka have the financial stability to grow, thrive, and serve their citizens effectively.
5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the **Governor of the State of Indiana, the Indiana House and Senate Leadership, Senator Ryan Mishler, Senator Linda Rogers, Senator David Niezgodski, Representative Dale DeVon, Representative Jake Teshka, Representative Bauer and Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM).**

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Mishawaka, Indiana  
on this 14 day of April, 2025 at 8:09 o'clock, P. M.

  
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Gregg Hixenbaugh, President

ATTEST:

  
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Deborah S. Block, IAMCA, MMC, City Clerk

PRESENTED BY ME to the Mayor of the City of Mishawaka, Indiana

on this 15 day of April, 2025 at 8:32 o'clock, A. M.

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Deborah S. Block, IAMCA, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025 at 10:02  
o'clock, A. M.

  
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David A. Wood, Mayor