

**CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL**  
**RESOLUTION 4-2025**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY REDUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS  
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES WITHOUT SUSTAINABLE, STATE-INITIATED  
REPLACEMENT.**

**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**, homeowners deserve affordable tax bills and adequate public services in exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposals garnering the most attention would have an impact on municipal taxing units exceeding \$2 Billion; and

**WHEREAS**, a local income tax adoption option could be a helpful tool for some units; however, it is not at all adequate to replace the magnitude of what is 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**, those individuals who do not own their own home would see a tax increase; and

**WHEREAS**, if the proposed measures are adopted, across the City of Peru will be forced to make significant cuts to Police, Fire, Parks, Streets and Sanitation services; and

**WHEREAS**, with the stress the measures being considered will put on the city budgets, bonding or saving money for new development will be nearly impossible, sending Indiana several steps back in our efforts to attract and retain a talented workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, these unprecedented cuts in government services are being proposed when, despite the success of Community Crossings, municipalities are imploring legislators to at least preserve the status quo in terms of road funding so as not to compound the well-documented, high percentage of Hoosier roads that continue to be in less than satisfactory condition; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the impact to Peru of these significant real property and business personal property tax cuts, as well as changes to how property taxes are calculated, the city would lose an estimated \$718,000 to \$2,300,000 in tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, eliminating funding on top of Peru's loss of \$ 1,390,000 in annual losses to local government units associated with constitutional property tax caps,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved by the City of Peru that we oppose any tax policy that impacts local units of 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 Hoosiers now and into the future.

**PASSED AND ENACTED** on first and final reading this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025 by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 in opposition.



M. Don Sturch  
President of the Common Council

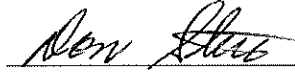
**ATTEST:**



Andrea Newnum  
Clerk-Treasurer, City of Peru

**MAYOR'S APPROVAL:**

Approved by me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.



M. Don Sturch  
Mayor, City of Peru