

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-4.8

A RESOLUTION URGING CAUTION REGARDING PROPERTY TAX CUTS BEING CONSIDERED DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, all property tax dollars collected from city residents and businesses go directly to town, county, township, library, and schools, providing police, fire, dispatch, street, park, educational, and other services; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana legislature has proposed drastic changes to Indiana's property tax system in their 2025 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Whitley supports targeted legislation that financially benefits seniors, veterans, and lower income individuals, while safeguarding the town's ability to provide basic services to residents; and

WHEREAS, any contemplated revenue decreases to municipalities should be replaced with a stable, sustainable source of revenue that continues to grow over time; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Whitley's sole goal is to provide high value, high impact, and low-cost services to residents and businesses. Drastic reduction in property tax revenue to the town, or zero-growth budgets (as currently proposed) would hamper the town's efforts and potentially force the town to cut certain non-critical services that residents desire; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation in the Indiana General Assembly would either cut thousands of dollars to the town's budget or would drastically limit any future increases to the budget; 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 local impact of the primary tax-related bills is estimated to be 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of South Whitley that it strongly urges legislators to resist wholesale changes to the property tax

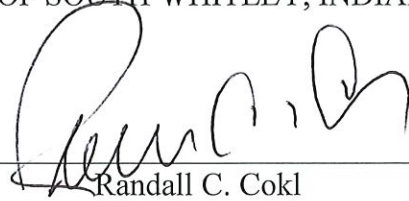
system. We encourage our legislators to focus on targeted relief, considering stable revenue replacement for municipalities, stand against arbitrary caps in budget growth, and ensure the town can financially provide services to its residents and business now and in the future.

PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH WHITLEY, INDIANA
THIS EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL 2025.

ATTEST:

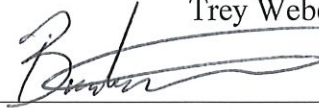


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