

RESOLUTION 02, 2021

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL HB 157
AMENDING THE LAW REGARDING WITHHOLDING
MUNICIPAL EARNED INCOME TAX FOR THOSE
WORKING VIRTUALLY AND/OR AT HOME, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Village of St. Bernard have been advised that on Wednesday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m., the Ohio House Ways and Means Committee held a second hearing for all testimony on HB 157, which would repeal the state's municipal income tax withholding policy during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Village of St. Bernard are informed that **HB 157** would repeal **Section 29 of HB 197**, which instructs municipalities to continue withholding income tax at a taxpayer's place of work, even if that taxpayer is currently working from home in another local jurisdiction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This provision extends until 30 days after the Governor's declaration of emergency is lifted; and

WHEREAS: If this bill were to become law, both municipalities and businesses would immediately experience substantial impacts. For many municipalities, the substantial revenue cuts would destabilize the budgets of the state's largest economic centers. Businesses would suffer the added administrative burden of tracking, reporting, and remitting municipal income tax based on employees' work-from-home locations, increasing the cost of doing business in Ohio municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, OHIO THAT:

Section 1: That the government of St. Bernard continuously incorporated for past 143 YEARS, urges the Ohio General Assembly not to support nor enact House Bill 157.

Section 2: That a duly executed and inscribed copy of this RESOLUTION shall be made a part of the official record of the COUNCIL and MAYOR OF ST. BERNARD in order that due notice of its adoption shall be given to the residents of this community, GOVERNOR HON. MIKE DEWINE, REPRESENTATIVE HON. STEVE CHABOT And SENATOR HON. SHERROD BROWN.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this RESOLUTION were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including §121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

Section 4: This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety. The reason for the emergency because time is of the essence to convey St. Bernard support to the Ohio Governor and Ohio General Assembly. Therefore, this resolution shall take effect immediately by and upon its passage, and the approval of two-thirds of the members of said Council. However, this resolution shall take effect on the earliest date provided by law if approved by no more than the majority of the members of Council and in that event the emergency provisions herein are set at naught.

Passed this 25th day of March, 2021.

Steve Asbrach

President of Council

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ATTEST:

Heidi Culberson, pro-temp
Clerk of Council

Approved this 25th day of March, 2021.


Mayor

I, M. SUE KATHMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL, CITY OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO: DO HEREBY testify that the publication of Resolution No. 02, 2021 was made by posting true copies of the same in the most public places designated by Council: St. Bernard Square Bus Stop; Vine Street and Washington Avenue; Bertus Street Park; Greenlee Avenue and Johnson Alley; Park on Heger Drive; each for a period of fifteen (15) days or more commencing 4-10, 2021.

Heidi Culberson, pro-temp Date 3-25, 2021
Clerk of Council

Shirley R. [Signature] Date 3-25, 2021
Director of Law