

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-23

**A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND
MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50% during Gov. Kasich's Administration from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue for the City of Avon; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it necessary for the City to utilize more local funding mechanisms to provide services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well; and

WHEREAS, a reinvestment in the Local Government Fund would aid the state in its goal of lowering taxes on the individual by enabling municipalities to decrease the local tax burden; and

WHEREAS, Council, having reviewed the Administration's support, urges the Ohio Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels as it will greatly benefit the community and further promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Avon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, COUNTY OF LORAIN AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1 – That the Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that local communities throughout the State are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

Section 2 – That this Council does hereby declare its opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

Section 3 - That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the City of Avon concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open

meeting of the Council of the City of Avon and that all deliberations of this City's Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4 - That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to strongly urge the Ohio Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director
City of Avon, Ohio

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
Electronically and at City Hall
As Provided by Council

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