

CITY OF VANDALIA
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-101

A RESOLUTION TO CALL UPON THE STATE OF OHIO TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM ENACTING LAWS AND POLICIES THAT FURTHER ERODE LOCAL CONTROL FOR MUNICIPALITIES, TOWNSHIPS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Whereas, Article VI of the Ohio Constitution requires the State of Ohio to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state: and,

Whereas, Section 3313.21 of the Ohio Revised code states in part that: "The board of education of each school district shall be the sole Authority in determining and selecting academic curriculum"; and

Whereas, in 1959 the citizens of the City of Vandalia adopted a charter "In order to secure and exercise all the powers and benefits of local self-government under the Constitution of the State of Ohio"; and,

Whereas, the State has continued a decade long assault on constitutionally protected municipal Home Rule through the enactment of laws that erode the rights of local elected officials to determine local policy; and,

Whereas, Butler Township was formed in 1817 as a political subdivision of the state, it is incumbent upon the Legislature to grant townships additional authority in order for the local government to keep pace with citizen's changing needs and demands; and,

Whereas, the actions of the State government have reduced funding, implemented costly unfunded mandates, and eliminated opportunities for necessary capital improvements that could have benefitted local citizens; thereby placing an increased tax burden on residents

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANDALIA, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO THAT:

Section 1: That We Call Upon The State To Cease And Desist From Enacting Laws And Policies That Further Erode Local Control For municipalities, townships, and school districts; and

Section 2: That we ask that the State honor their commitment to local control by restoring promised funding to local governments; and

Section 3: That we call upon all citizens of Ohio to engage their local officials and assist them in educating State leaders regarding the necessity of local control; and

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were taken in meetings open to the public and in conformance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed this 30th day of November 2015.

APPROVED:

Arlene J. Setzer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jon Crusey
Clerk of Council