

COUNCIL PENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03
RESOLUTION NO. _____
AS AMENDED 2-15-2022
CERTIFICATION DATE _____
CERTIFIED BY _____
FAVORABLY _____
UNFAVORABLY _____

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION REGARDING THE BUSINESS
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

WHEREAS, the Indiana legislature proposed changes to the depreciation floor and other aspects of Indiana's business personal property tax as a priority in their 2022 legislative agenda; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gary opposes all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the personal property tax without permanent FULL replacement guaranteed by the state; and,

WHEREAS, any contemplated revenue replacement must be a source of revenue that continues to grow over time just as a property tax base would in order to allow growing communities to meet the demand for services; and,

WHEREAS, a permanent state tax credit applied to ALL proposed business personal property tax reductions, holidays, phase-outs, etc., could eliminate unnecessary burden on local government in order to continue building healthy Indiana communities; and,

WHEREAS, the personal property tax is a relied upon method for funding local government; and

WHEREAS, for communities like Gary, Indiana which are at the caps, any phase out of the business personal property tax means a loss in revenue for local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Business Personal Property Tax distributions to local units of government exceed \$1 Billion, and,

WHEREAS, for year 2021, the city of Gary, in Lake County collected approximately \$700,000 in tax revenues from the personal property tax; and,

WHEREAS, significantly reducing the business personal property tax will have a dramatic impact on Gary's ability to pay our first responders and provide governmental services to our constituents; and

WHEREAS, The Tax Foundation 2022 State Business Tax Climate Index lists Indiana as number one ranking for property tax; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana consistently ranks in the top states with an attractive business tax climate, yet a community's quality of life is an increasingly greater influencer of business relocation and growth decisions:

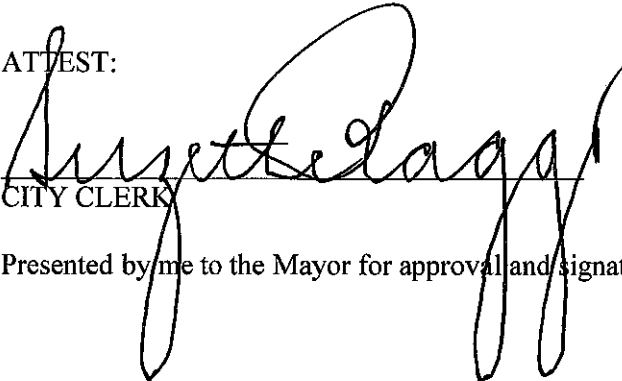
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the city of Gary, Indiana that we oppose all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the business personal property tax without full and permanent replacement guaranteed by the state.

This resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

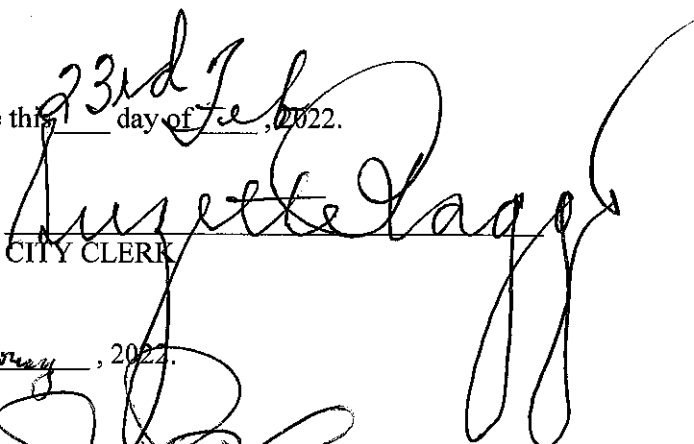
PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana, this 15th day of Feb., 2022.



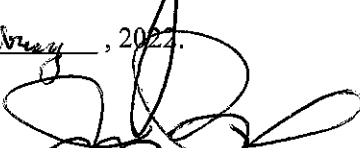
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Presented by me to the Mayor for approval and signature this 23rd day of Feb., 2022.


CITY CLERK

APPROVED and SIGNED by me this 15th day of February, 2022.


MAYOR, CITY OF GARY, INDIANA

PREPARED BY: Angela Lockett, Corporation Counsel
SPONSORED BY: Mayor Jerome A. Prince, Councilman William G. Godwin, 1st District; Councilman Cozey E. Weatherspoon 2nd District; Councilwoman Mary Brown, 3rd District; Councilwoman Tai A. Adkins, 4th District; Councilwoman Linda D. Barnes-Caldwell 5th District; Councilman Dwight Williams, 6th District; Councilman Ronald G. Brewer, Sr., at large; Councilman Michael A. Brown, at large; Councilman Clorius L. Lay, at large

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT		Reported-out/Date _____
1st Reading/Date <u>2/23/22</u>		Committee Hearing/Date _____
2nd Reading/Date _____		Public Hearing/Date _____
3rd Reading/Date _____		Final Reading/Date _____
Passed/Date _____	Defeated/Date _____	Deferred/Date _____
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