

GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 22-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL 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;

WHEREAS, the Greenwood Common Council opposes all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the personal property tax without FULL replacement guaranteed by the state;

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;

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;

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

WHEREAS, for taxing units not at the caps, a reduction in the tax base could result in property owners playing more in residential property taxes. For those communities at the caps, any phase out of the business personal property tax means a loss in revenue for local units of government;

WHEREAS, Business Personal Property Tax distributions to local units of government exceed \$1 Billion, including \$21,508,310 in Johnson County and which represents about 12% of Johnson County's total property tax revenue;

WHEREAS, the City of Greenwood in Johnson County would lose an estimated \$1,875,866 in tax revenues, which represents approximately 12% of Greenwood's property tax revenue;

WHEREAS, significantly reducing the business personal property tax will have a dramatic impact on taxing units in the City of Greenwood such as schools and libraries because a significant portion of their revenue comes from personal property;

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

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 GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Greenwood Common Council opposes all legislation that contemplates eliminating any portion of the business personal property tax without full and permanent replacement guaranteed by the state.

Section 2. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases and words of this Resolution are separable, and if any word, phrases, clauses, sentence, paragraph or section of this Resolution shall be declared unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable by the valid judgment of decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor of the City of Greenwood, Indiana.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, this 19th day of January, 2022.

Michael Campbell
Michael Campbell, President
Greenwood Common Council President

FOR:

AGAINST:

<u>Linda S. Gibson</u>	Linda S. Gibson	_____
<u>Ezra J. Hill</u>	Ezra J. Hill	_____
<u>Michael Williams</u>	Michael Williams	_____
<u>Ronald Bates</u>	Ronald Bates	_____
<u>J. David Hopper</u>	J. David Hopper	_____
<u>David Lekse</u>	David Lekse	_____
<u>Michael Campbell</u>	Michael Campbell	_____
<u>Bradley Pendleton</u>	Bradley Pendleton	_____
<u>(Vacant)</u>	(Vacant)	_____

ATTEST:

Jeannine Myers
Jeannine Myers, Clerk-Treasurer

The foregoing within and attached Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, on the 19th day of January, 2022, is presented by me this 1st day of February, 2022, at 12:00 o'clock P.m. to the Mayor of the City of Greenwood, Indiana.

Jeannine Myers
Jeannine Myers, Clerk-Treasurer

The foregoing within and attached Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Greenwood, Indiana, on the 19th day of February, 2022, is approved by me this 1st day of February, 2022, at 3:00 o'clock P.m.

Mark W. Myers
Mark W. Myers, Mayor
City of Greenwood, Indiana