

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 45-23

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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, from 2011 to 2022 these reductions have resulted in a total loss of revenue of approximately Nine Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$9,796,904.87) for the City of Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic 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 individuals by enabling municipalities to decrease the local tax burden; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO,

SECTION 1. That the Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that local communities 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 revenue from the Local Government Fund.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

Clerk: _____

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Finance Committee

President of Council

Mayor