

RESOLUTION NO. 15-04

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROTECT FULL FUNDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND (LGDF) REVENUES

WHEREAS, the Village of Coal City provides essential services to citizens of the State and municipality including police, parks, public works personnel, infrastructure, water and sewer utility services, and snow removal; and

WHEREAS, the long-standing tradition of the State of Illinois being the sole source to collect tax revenues on behalf of both entities is a more efficient means of collecting a tax and the Village of Coal City utilizes this tax to provide essential services for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Coal City has a population less than 25,000 residents and is a non-homerule municipality possesses fewer options to raise significant revenue and is reliant on the full amount of revenue the State collects on its behalf in order to fund the essential quality-of-life services expected and relied upon by area residents; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly increased the State income tax without providing any of the new revenues to municipalities and this loss of revenue has left the municipal share at levels collected during the Great Recession; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rauner proposed a 50% reduction in the local share of the income tax during his FY2016 Budget Address, reducing local revenues by over \$600 million; and

WHEREAS, the loss of this state-shared income tax revenue represents 15% of the total budget for Coal City Police Department operations and would result in local tax increases, program and service cuts, and possibly increase debt burdens of Coal City residents; and

WHEREAS, the projected amount to be reduced from the Village of Coal City's revenues would be approximately \$272,255.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Coal City urges the Governor and the General Assembly to protect full funding of the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) and other revenue sources that allow local governments to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of their residents.

Passed this 9 day of March, 2015.

- AYES:
- NAYS:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

Approved this 9th day of MARCH, 2015


Neal E. Nelson, President

Attest:


Pamela M. Noffsinger, Clerk