

**Village of Mantua, Ohio  
RESOLUTION 2023-08**

**A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF  
THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**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**, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of over \$500,000.00 for the Village of Mantua; 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 the individual by enabling municipalities to decrease the local tax burden.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Mantua, Portage County, Ohio, two thirds or more of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

**SECTION 1:** 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:** This Council does hereby declare its opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

**SECTION 3:** The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the offices of Governor Mike DeWine, State Senator Vernon Sykes and State Representative Gail Pavliga.

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

**SECTION 5:** This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure, in order to permit this Resolution to be forwarded to the office of the Governor and the Village's

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representatives in the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives at the earliest possible time, and shall become immediately effective upon its proper passage by two thirds or more of the members elected to this Council.

**PASSED AS EMERGENCY**, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Linda Clark, Mayor

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Maryann Fabian, Fiscal Officer

I hereby certify that this Resolution was duly published by public posting at five pre-designated posting places in the Village of Mantua on the \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2023.

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Maryann Fabian, Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:

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Michele Stuck, Solicitor