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1977 Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Agreement

RESOLUTION

At a Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Farnham Board, Erie County, New York, held at the Farnham Village Hall, 526 Commercial St., Farnham, NY, in said Village on the 17th day of November 2015 there were present: Mayor Gibbons, Trustee Hoisington, Trustee Heller & Trustee Cordia.

Mayor Gibbons made a motion; second by Trustee Heller to approve the adoption of this resolution;

WHEREAS, on December 30, 1977, the County of Erie, the City of Buffalo, the City of Lackawanna and the City of Tonawanda entered into an Agreement in regard to the sales tax revenues distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provided a disposition of 25.6858 percent to the cities and the areas outside the cities in proportion to their respective populations as determined in accordance with the latest decennial federal census; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provided an additional disposition of 10.0087 percent to the cities, but no additional disposition to the areas outside of the cities; and

WHEREAS, having not been updated for almost four decades, this formula now results in the cities in Erie County receiving more than twice as much sales tax revenue as the villages of Erie County on a per capita basis; and

WHEREAS, the largest component of property taxes are school district taxes; and

WHEREAS, the combination of the property tax cap and state mandates have lead to services and programs being cut by both villages and school districts; and

WHEREAS, the more equitable formula would allow villages, towns and school districts to reduce property taxes and to increase services and programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Agreement dated December 30, 1977, provides that any time subsequent to November 30, 1982, each party to the agreement shall have the right to terminate said Agreement by giving one (1) year's prior written notice, served upon each of the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Farnham supports the terminating of the current 1977 Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Farnham further supports that a new formula for sales tax revenue distribution be put into place, which provides for a more fair and equitable distribution of sales tax to the cities and the areas outside the cities in proportion to their respective populations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Farnham further supports that any new formula for sales tax revenue distribution provides additional funds to school districts in order to allow school districts to provide more opportunities for their students and to reduce property taxes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the Erie County Legislature, The Erie County Executive, the Town Supervisors and Village Mayors of Erie County.

Roll Call Vote as follows

Mayor Gibbons-AYE

Trustee Heller-AYE

Trustee Hoisington-AYE

Trustee Cordia-AYE

Trustee Rovnak-Excused

So moved

I, JACQUELINE M HOISINGTON, Village Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Farnham, do hereby certify that I have compared the forgoing with the original resolution adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Farnham meeting of said board on the 17th day of November, 2015 and that the forgoing is a true and correct transcript of the original resolution and of the whole thereof and said original resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE Village of Farnham, this 17th day of November, 2015.

Jacqueline M. Hoisington

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Clerk-Treasurer

Village of Farnham, New York