

RESOLUTION R-2021-

A Resolution Supporting Restoration of LGDF Revenue

WHEREAS, municipalities across the State of Illinois provide essential services to their residents that include public safety support, transportation and storm/wastewater infrastructure and community health services along with many others; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has maintained a long-held agreement with municipalities to support and invest in these local services through the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), which includes the collection and distribution of tax revenues on behalf of municipalities; and

WHEREAS, since the state income tax was adopted in 1969, state government has shared a percentage of total income tax collections through the LGDF with municipalities on a per capita basis in lieu of a local income tax; and

WHEREAS, these shared revenues have been significantly reduced by the State since 2011 from 10% to now 6.06%; and

WHEREAS, municipalities depend on LGDF dollars, which can account between 10 and 20% of a municipality’s operating budget, to lessen the burden on taxpayers and reduce the reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Governor JB Pritzker has proposed that the Fiscal Year 2022 state budget include a further 10% reduction in the amount of LGDF revenue distributed to local governments; and

WHEREAS, this revenue reduction has been proposed at a time when municipalities are continuing to spend additional funds on the COVID-19 emergency response; and

WHEREAS, in addition to LGDF cuts over the years, the State has also reduced municipalities’ share of the personal property replacement tax and increased sales tax collection fees while cities and villages have had to fund skyrocketing pension costs, which account for substantial budget increases each year; and

WHEREAS, those municipalities with fewer revenue sources, such as retail businesses with higher equalized assessed values on property, suffer the most and will be forced to explore increasing property taxes or cutting services amid further LDGF reductions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Wheaton urges the General Assembly and the Governor to restore LGDF payments to the promised 10% rate so municipalities across Illinois may provide basic levels of service and lessen the reliance on property taxes.

DATED this 17th day of May 2021.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent: