

RESOLUTION NO. R-14-39

A RESOLUTION STATING GENERAL SUPPORT FOR GOVERNOR NIXON'S VETO OF THE FOLLOWING BILLS: HOUSE BILLS 1296, 1865, 1455 AND SENATE BILLS 584, 612, 662, 693, 727, 829, 860; AND ENCOURAGE THE MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO NOT GRANT EXEMPTIONS TO LOCAL SALES TAXES.

WHEREAS, the Missouri General Assembly passed a number of bills on the last day of the 2014 Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, some of these bills were "omnibus" bills that had been loaded up with special interest tax exemptions; and

WHEREAS, many of these special interest tax exemption bills were never presented in a public hearing and City Council members and staff were not contacted to determine the fiscal impact of these bills; and

WHEREAS, some of these bills are written so broadly that interpretation could result in city and county revenue reductions being significantly more than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's office estimates the potential fiscal impact of these special interest tax exemptions on the City of Gladstone could be as much as a million dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, these tax revenues are used to provide public safety services, capital improvements, bond debt, and many other services that would be negatively impacted by any reduction of the City's revenue base; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, the Missouri Municipal League predicts that many, if not all, of these bills are likely to result in costly and lengthy litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Gladstone City Council supports Governor Nixon's veto of these bills. This support is not politically based or motivated, but is strictly a concern about the local fiscal impact of these bills and the massive citizen service and public safety reductions that would occur if these bills are enacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF GLADSTONE SUPPORTS GOVERNOR NIXON'S VETO OF THE VARIOUS SPECIAL INTEREST TAX EXEMPTION BILLS THAT WOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT REVENUE REDUCTIONS FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES THROUGHOUT MISSOURI, INCLUDING THE CITY OF GLADSTONE.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2014.



J. Brian Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk