

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 23-90**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRUSTEES TO SIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE
BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' CHALLENGE OF THE STATE TAX
COMMISSIONER 2023 TRIENNIAL REAPPRAISAL.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, as follows;

SECTION 1: The Board hereby approves signing a letter of support for the Butler County Board of Commissioners' challenge of the state tax commissioner 2023 triennial reappraisal.

SECTION 2: The Board hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to RC 504.10, and authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 3 This Resolution is the subject of the general authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and not the specific authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited Home Rule Township.

SECTION 4: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5: This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: June 1, 2023

Board of Trustees

Vote of Trustees

Michael Berding: _____

yes

Shannon Hartkemeyer: _____

yes

Joe McAbee: _____

yes

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 1st day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

Shelly Schultz
Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

L.E. Barbieri

Lawrence E. Barbieri, Township Assistant Law Director



June 1, 2023

Patricia Harris
Tax Commissioner
State of Ohio Department of Taxation
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
CHALLENGE OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSIONER 2023 TRIENNIAL REAPPRAISAL

Dear Commissioner Harris:

The Fairfield Township Trustees support the Butler County Board of Commissioners' challenge of the Department of Taxation's evaluation and application of the appraisal assumptions for the 2023 triennial reappraisal of Butler County's property valuation.

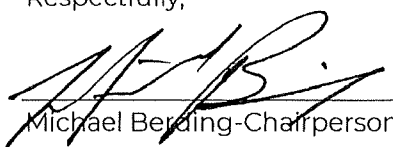
Although the residential and commercial development densities vary greatly, Butler County townships, collectively, comprise nearly half of the County's 400,000 resident population and nearly 80.0% of the geographical land mass of the County.

A 42.0% increase in property valuation is untenable and unaffordable for the residents and families in our communities. Maintaining affordable property is a priority for us, as elected officials, and imperative for the constituents we serve.

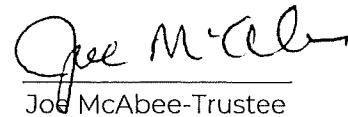
Earlier this month, the Board of Commissioners proclaimed a call to action and convened a summit with the State legislators, representing Butler County. Since the summit, all legislators attending have worked tirelessly to challenge this issue and propose solutions to the matter.

The Fairfield Township Trustees extends their unwavering support to the Butler County Board of Commissioners in this matter and the efforts of the State legislators to remedy the Ohio Department of Taxation's assumptions and approach to assigning property valuation for the 2023 triennial reappraisal process.

Respectfully,


Michael Berding-Chairperson


Shannon Hartkemeyer-Vice Chair


Joe McAbee-Trustee

cc: Honorable Governor Mike DeWine | Ohio State Senator 4th District George F. Lang |
Ohio State Senator 5th District Stephen A. Huffman | Ohio State Representative 40th
District Rodney Creech | Ohio State Representative 45th District Jennifer L. Gross | Ohio
State Representative 46th District Thomas Hall |
Ohio State Representative 47th District Sara Carruthers

Trustees: Michael Berding / Shannon Hartkemeyer / Joe McAbee • Fiscal Officer: Shelly Schultz

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