

CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO

Resolution No. 2024- **27**

Introduced By: Mr. Ali Co-Sponsors: Mr. Bortolotto,
Mr. Sage, Mr. Meany, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Ference, Mr. Zakel

**A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING STATE LEGISLATION
TO CONTROL INCREASES IN PROPERTY VALUES FOR TAX PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, property tax assessments play a pivotal role in the fiscal outlook of a region, shaping not only government revenues but also the economic well-being of property owners; and

WHEREAS, fluctuations in property tax assessments directly impact property owners, high valuations lead to increased tax burdens; and

WHEREAS, these increased tax burdens directly affect senior citizens, families with children, those on fixed incomes, and those with mortgage tax escrow accounts; and

WHEREAS, a common trend with property taxes is that the more populated the county, the higher the property tax is likely to be. With a population of over 1.2 million residents, Cuyahoga County stands as one of the most populous counties in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Homeowners Relief Act, or HB 187, is a response to historic taxable property value hikes, initially upward of 40% in some counties, expected in counties undergoing reappraisals in the wake of pandemic-induced skyrocketing property values; and

WHEREAS, HB 187 would have empowered local elected officials when it comes to property tax assessments and would have taken effect for tax year 2023, as several counties brace for sizeable property tax increases; and

WHEREAS, HB 187 passed out of the House of Representatives 58-26, and was amended in the Senate to an expanded homestead exemption which passed 31-0; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives chose not to take any action on HB 187 during the last session of 2023; and has taken no action in 2024.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Council of the City of Middleburg Heights hereby supports and urges the Ohio Legislature to move HB 187 forward making changes to the law governing real property valuation.

Section 2: That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to State Representative Thomas Patton and State Senator Matt Dolan.

Section 3: 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 actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 107 of the Middleburg Heights Code and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

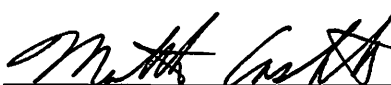
Passed: 4/23/24


President of Council

Attest: M. Meala
Clerk of Council

Approved On: 4-24-24

Presented to Mayor: 4/24/24


Mayor

	Yea	Nay
Bortolotto	<u>X</u>	_____
Ali	<u>X</u>	_____
Sage	<u>X</u>	_____
Meany	<u>X</u>	_____
McGregor	<u>X</u>	_____
Ference	<u>X</u>	_____
Zakel	<u>ABSENT</u>	_____

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary Ann Meala, Clerk of Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Res 2024-27 passed on the 23rd day of April 2024 by said Council.

Mary Ann Meala
Clerk of Council

I, Mary Ann Meala Clerk of the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., Ohio, hereby certify that Res 2024-27 adopted by the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., on 4/23/24 was posted for a period of fifteen days, beginning 4/25/24 and remained so posted for fifteen days at the two posting places as designated by Charter.

Mary Ann Meala
Clerk