

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA OPPOSING STATE LEGISLATION SB330/HB487 LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF LOCAL BUSINESS TAX TO \$25.00 FOR ANY TAXPAYER AND PROHIBITING CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM LEVYING THE LOCAL BUSINESS TAX IF THE TAX WAS NOT ADOPTED BY JANUARY 1, 2017 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, State Legislation SB330/HB487 provides a maximum amount of business tax and transfer fees that may be imposed and removes authority for municipalities to increase business tax rates and to impose additional business taxes; and

WHEREAS, local revenues, like the Local Business Tax, are essential to providing municipal services, such as public safety, constructing and maintaining transportation infrastructure, and providing for public parks and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, a diversified revenue base is necessary for the fiscal stability of local governments and improves their ability to serve citizens and businesses and these revenues are used in funding municipal services to citizens and businesses such as zoning, permitting, code enforcement, and police and fire services and reducing this source of general revenue would require municipalities to increase taxes, fees and millage, or cut services to make up for the financial loss.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA IN SESSION DULY AND REGULARLY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of New Port Richey strongly opposes SB330/HB487.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effect immediately upon adoption.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read and adopted at a duly convened meeting of the New Port Richey City Council, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Marlowe, Mayor-Council Member

(seal) APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE SOLE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA:

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Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney