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Burrillville Town Council Resolution Proposed Repeal - Motor Vehicle Tax

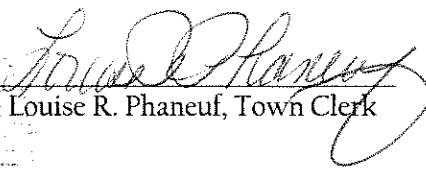
- Whereas, State Officials, including the Governor and the Speaker, have committed to the phase-out of Rhode Island's motor vehicle tax, an action that the Burrillville Town Council generally supports with reservations; and
- Whereas, a phase-out has been attempted in the past, with devastating impact on Rhode Island cities and towns when the program was abruptly terminated; and
- Whereas, it is critical to the smooth operation of the cities and towns to have predictable, reliable revenues; and
- Whereas, the taxpayers of the State of Rhode Island deserve fair and equitable taxes; and
- Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville is concerned about the risk to city and town revenues if the state abandons reimbursements; and
- Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville believes that if there are modifications or a phase-out of the motor vehicle tax, it must include state support, sustainability, consistency, ease of implementation and fairness; and
- Whereas, without full revenue reimbursement by the State, the elimination of motor vehicles taxes would impact the Town of Burrillville motor vehicle levy in the amount of \$4,740,000 - and increase of approximately eighteen percent (18%) to the average real estate tax payer in the town of Burrillville; or approximately \$711 on average; and
- Whereas, in the best interests of the taxpayers across the state, any modification, including complete phase-out of Rhode Island Motor vehicle taxes should include full reimbursement from the state to the municipalities resulting from the loss of revenue.

Now therefore be it resolved that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, respectfully request that the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Representatives Cale P. Keable, Brian C. Newberry and all members of the General Assembly guarantee full reimbursement to the Cities and Towns for any loss of revenue which may arise from the modification or repeal of the motor vehicle tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby entreat the various Rhode Island City and Town Councils to contact their legislative delegations, supporting the well-planned program that will result in the overall economic protection of the cities and towns and their taxpayers.

Adopted as a resolution this 8th day of March 2017

ATTEST:


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