

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Adequate municipal services such as police protection, fire protection, pure water, sewage and solid waste disposal, health and many other municipal services are vital to the protection of the lives and property of all Arkansas citizens with most municipal services performed on a 24 hour day - 365 days a year basis; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas cities and towns have less per capita revenues to render these vital municipal services than municipalities in any other state; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas citizens and taxpayers are forced to pay inequitable and unjust property taxes which inadequately support their local governments because the property tax is a product of the 18th and 19th centuries and is inadequate for Arkansas cities and towns in the 20th century,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY (OR TOWN) COUNCIL OF THE CITY (OR TOWN) OF COTTER, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. That the governing body of COTTER, Arkansas does endorse and support "The Local Government Property Tax Relief and Gross Receipts Tax Exchange Act" sponsored by the Arkansas Municipal League.

Section 2. Passage of this proposed Act will enable the city of COTTER to increase the salary of its police and firefighters and its other municipal employees by \$100.00 per month beginning August 1, 1979 and another \$100.00 per month on August 1, 1980, and to make many other improvements in municipal services to the citizens of our community.

Section 3. This proposed Act would reduce property taxes on property within cities and towns by ten (10) mills and would reduce property taxes on rural property by five (5) mills; a much needed tax relief for Arkansas property owners.

Section 4. This proposed Act would permit Arkansas municipal governments to be financed by an elastic tax that is paid-as-you-buy, will expand with inflation, will be paid by everyone (including tourists and transients who are visiting or passing through our state) and is much more fair and equitable than a property tax.

Section 5. The clerk (or recorder) is hereby instructed to transmit signed copies of this resolution to our State Senator, State Representative, to the local news media and to the Arkansas Municipal League.

Adopted at Council Meeting on 17th day of JANUARY, 1979.

Signed

Rex J. B. Ayler
Mayor

Attest

Sharon X. Gammitt
Clerk or Recorder

Copies to : Vada Shind
Rep. Smithson
Rep. Gilbert
Municipal League

Tom Garrett
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