

RESOLUTION NO. 203

RESOLUTION ASKING KEN GIVENS, OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE , AND MIKE WILLIAMS, OUR STATE SENATOR, TO WORK TO ENSURE THAT CITY SERVICES CAN BE CONTINUED.

WHEREAS, residents of the Town of Mount Carmel deserve, demand, and depend upon essential town services; and the services provided by the Town of Mount Carmel have fostered and maintained a high quality of life for residents of Mount Carmel and surrounding areas; and the continued fiscal health and vitality of the Town of Mount Carmel, in its role as an educational and economic hub, is critically important to the entire region and to the State of Tennessee as a whole; and

WHEREAS, state-shared taxes distributed to the Town of Mount Carmel, when coupled with locally generated revenue, enable the Board of Mayor and Alderman to provide such deserved and demanded services; and to ensure the continued health, safety, and prosperity of its residents; and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Mount Carmel could not in good conscience cut the essential services that are now provided with the support of state-shared revenues, including the Hall Income Tax; and

WHEREAS, if the state takes away all state-shared revenues from localities, to solve the state's budget problem, the Town of Mount Carmel's municipal property tax rate would have to increase by approximately \$1.30 per \$100 of assessed valuation; and property owners of the Town of Mount Carmel would pay increased property taxes to Hawkins County since the county's property tax rate would have to be increased about \$0.55 per \$100 of assessed valuation; or, alternatively, vital Town and County services would have to be cut by a like amount; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly may consider, during the current session, taking away all long-standing state-shared revenues to solve the state's budget problem; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Carmel recognizes the seriousness and importance of the state's current budget problem, but also recognizes that shifting the state's budget problem to local governments would sabotage the vitality and continued prosperity of the State of Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Mount Carmel firmly oppose the use of local governments' state-shared revenue distributions to solve the state budget problem; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Mount Carmel appreciates the efforts of Ken Givens, our State Representative, and Mike Williams, our State Senator, as they work to ensure that existing city services can be continued without increasing our property tax rate by over 82%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Recorder send this Resolution to Ken Givens, Mike Williams, our neighboring Mayors, our County Executive, our County Commissioners, and the Tennessee Municipal League.

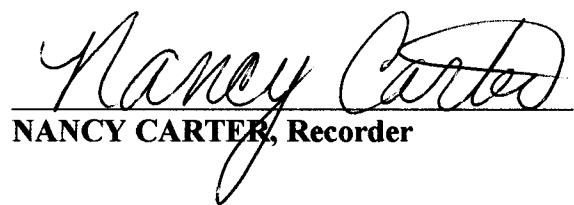
THIS Resolution shall become effective immediately, the public welfare demanding it.

A D O P T E D this the 24 day of Feb, 2000.



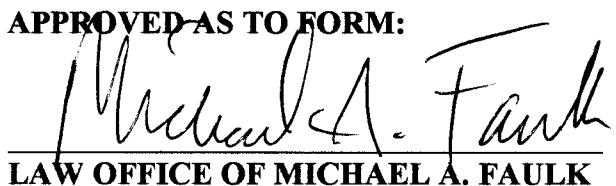
James L. Dean
JAMES L. DEAN, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nancy Carter
NANCY CARTER, Recorder

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