

RESOLUTION NO. 12-12-03

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RESPONSIBLE
REFORM OR ELIMINATION OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Dyke and supported by Council Member Peltier.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Michigan is currently considering the reform or elimination of the personal property tax, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Almont supports a responsible reform or elimination of the personal property tax that simultaneously supports local units of government and cultivates economic development, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Almont believes that any plan to reform or eliminate the personal property tax must include a Constitutionally-protected guarantee that any revenue lost by the reform or elimination of the personal property tax will be fully and completely replaced, and

WHEREAS, the proposals to reform or eliminate the personal property tax that have currently been submitted to the public by various elected officials do not contain any such guarantee and are vulnerable to modification by future Legislatures and Governors, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Almont believes that such a guarantee is necessary due to the fact that the State of Michigan has repeatedly and historically cut revenue sharing payments to local units of governments, including a 24.96% (\$74,392) reduction in revenue sharing payments to the Village of Almont during the past eight fiscal years, and

WHEREAS, these repeated and consistent cuts to revenue sharing payments reveal a tendency by the State of Michigan to reduce statutory funding to local units of government in the absence of a Constitutional mandate, and

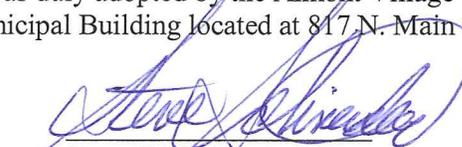
WHEREAS, the Village of Almont currently collects approximately 5.70% (\$40,440) of its general fund revenues through the personal property tax for critical public safety services and believes that these funds should not be susceptible to established practices through which the State of Michigan, over the course of several years, consistently reduces statutory revenues to local units of government,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Almont hereby urges the Governor and Legislature of the State of Michigan to require that any plan or proposal to reform or eliminate the personal property tax must include a Constitutionally-protected guarantee that any revenues lost by the Village of Almont and other local units of government through the reform or elimination of the personal property tax will be fully and completely replaced.

AYES: Lauer, Love, Peltier, Tobias, Umphenour, Dyke, Schneider
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THIS RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012. I, Kimberly J. Keesler, Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Almont, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the forgoing Resolution No. 12-12-03 was duly adopted by the Almont Village Council during its Regular Meeting held in the Municipal Building located at 817 N. Main within the Village of Almont on December 4, 2012.


Kimberly J. Keesler
Village Clerk/Treasurer


Steve Schneider
Village President