

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

URGING the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Department of Taxation to accept the recommendations of the Cincinnati Property Tax Task Force to address the drastic increase in property taxes in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Property Tax Task Force ("Task Force") was created in March 2024 to develop short and long-term recommendations for providing relief to Cincinnati property owners who have been adversely impacted by the significant rise in property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force's recommendations focus on actions Cincinnati could take in support of struggling property owners and changes for which Cincinnati could advocate at other levels of government to positively impact Cincinnati residents' property tax bills; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force received testimony from impacted residents and held public meetings and Town Halls at which public comment was offered; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Task Force's six-month endeavor, the City's HomeSafe Property Tax Relief Program, reports from Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), Town Hall public comment, and meetings with State Representative Dani Isaacsohn and State Senator Louis Blessing, the Task Force offered recommendations in the attached Report, which include:

- Allow more approaches to assessment estimations and make public the exact variables that go into assessment algorithms;
- Give county auditors and treasurers the ability to suspend the assessment and accumulation of late fees on unpaid property taxes;
- Pass Senate Bill 271 and its companion House Bill 645, aka the "Circuit Breaker" bills;
- Increase the income threshold for those eligible to receive the homestead exemption and increase the amount able to be exempted to \$50,000 indexed for inflation;
- Match demographic data with income data to identify homeowners who are eligible for the homestead exemption and automatically enroll them in the program; and
- Pass Senate Bill 192 to protect homeowners from predatory wholesale homebuyers;

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That this Council hereby calls upon the Ohio General Assembly and Ohio Department of Taxation to accept the recommendations of the Cincinnati Property Tax Task Force

as explained in the attached Report to address the drastic increase in property taxes in the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution and the attached Report be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be provided to Governor Mike DeWine; Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted; all members of the Ohio General Assembly; and the Ohio Department of Taxation, Patricia Harris, Tax Commissioner, 4485 Northland Ridge Blvd., Columbus, Ohio, 43229.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys