



City of Fort Wright

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CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY

RESOLUTION NO. 05-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO HB75 RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO EXEMPT PROPERTY FROM TAXATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wright relies upon property tax revenues to fund essential municipal services including police protection, public safety operations, infrastructure maintenance, and general governmental services for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 75 proposes to amend Section 1 of the Constitution of Kentucky to provide citizens of the Commonwealth the right to exempt from property taxation a property owned and maintained solely as their primary residence and a motor vehicle owned and maintained solely as their primary vehicle after calendar year 2028, subject to voter ratification; and

WHEREAS, while the City supports efforts to provide tax relief to residents, constitutional amendments affecting local revenue sources must be carefully evaluated for long-term impacts on municipal services and fiscal stability; and

WHEREAS, analysis indicates that implementation of House Bill 75 would result in an estimated loss of **\$1,065,755.00** in annual property tax revenue to the City of Fort Wright; and

WHEREAS, to recover this revenue loss and maintain current service levels, the City would be required to increase its property tax rate by approximately **328%**, creating significant financial burdens and uncertainty for property owners and local government operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wright is concerned that the proposed constitutional amendment would substantially limit local fiscal flexibility, undermine municipal home rule authority, and establish a precedent restricting the ability of local governments to responsibly fund essential public services; and

WHEREAS, reductions of this magnitude could negatively impact public safety, infrastructure investment, and the City's ability to provide reliable and effective services to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fort Wright respectfully request the members of the Kentucky General Assembly oppose HB75, and hereby directs the Fort Wright City Administrator to transmit a copy of this resolution to all Kentucky Senators & Representatives on their behalf.

This resolution shall have the full effect and force of the law upon passage according to the Laws and Ordinances of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and under my signature this 4th day of March, 2026.

Mayor David Hatter

This Resolution passed by a vote of the Council 5 in favor, and 0 against.

Attest:

Kerrie Holland, City Clerk