

THE CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KY

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY, OPPOSING ANY BILLS BROUGHT FORTH DURING THE 2025 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION BY ANY MEMBER OF THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE, IN FULL OR IN PART, THAT PROVIDES FOR THE CENTRALIZED COLLECTION OF LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL BUSINESS FEES/TAXES BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky does not impose or require a state-wide Occupational Business License Fee/Tax; and

WHEREAS, many local municipalities and counties across the Commonwealth of Kentucky do have local Occupational Business License requirements; and

WHEREAS, the receipts affiliated with these funds typically are recorded into the General Fund of the Local Government and allocated towards ongoing day to day operational expenses often affiliated with the provision of Police Services, Fire and EMS Services, and Public Infrastructure Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wright generates approximately \$2.3 million dollars annually from the collection of Occupational Business Licensing Fees/Taxes as part of our General Fund Revenue stream in order to provide the highest quality of public services and public infrastructure to those who live, work, and visit within our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wright wishes to provide easy and efficient payment/reporting services to those impacted by Occupational Business Licensing Fees/Taxes and that this is best accomplished at the local level by individuals who have local experience and local knowledge of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wright currently works collaboratively with the Kenton County Fiscal Court to streamline these processes for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wright believes it would be detrimental and adversely affect the fiscal condition to all Local Government Entities should the Commonwealth of Kentucky have the authority to centralize the collection of local business taxes and fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fort Wright strongly opposes the adoption of any bills into law, in whole or in part, by the Kentucky Legislature that provide for the centralized collection of local Occupational Business License Fees/Taxes.

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 18th day of December, 2024.

Mayor David Hatter

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

Attest:

Kerrie Holland, City Clerk