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WHEREAS, Governor Michael R. Pence and other legislative leaders have proposed the elimination of the Business Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, proponents of the elimination have consistently affirmed that the Business Personal Property Tax is a hindrance to the business climate in Indiana, yet numerous publications consistently rank Indiana 1st in the Midwest in Business Climate and Top 10 in the Nation in Business Tax Climate as reported by the non-profit Tax Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pence stated in a January 10th jobs announcement, “Today’s announcement continues to prove why Indiana is the best state in the nation to start or grow a business”; and

WHEREAS, the Governor fails to realize eliminating Business Personal Property from the assessed valuation will cause a shift to real property tax for any property below the circuit breakers and could lead to increased personal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated the loss of revenue to the City of Auburn from this tax elimination would result in a significant reduction in revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn firmly believe that quality of life amenities and economic development go hand-in-hand as our residents require essential and community services that are paid for in part from Business Personal Property Taxes; and

WHEREAS, if the elimination were to take place, the City of Auburn would be forced to make significant cuts to city services that our residents expect and demand due to continuing population

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growth patterns and additional requests from residences, ultimately resulting in unfunded mandates from the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the statewide elimination of the Business Personal Property Tax would significantly harm economic development efforts locally; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has worked hard to grow the local economy and continues to be a leader in Northeast Indiana and elimination of the Business Personal Property tax will not help the City provide services or assist the growth of the local economy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Auburn that we stand firmly opposed to any attempts which would diminish the revenue collected from the Business Personal Property Tax without a stable and equal revenue stream to replace the lost dollars and urge our local legislators to vote against any attempt to do so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Auburn that municipal officials are independent elected representatives from the same citizens who elect our state legislators, and any attempt to further erode local control should be examined closely due to the commonly held belief that the government closest to the people is the best for the people.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Auburn, Indiana, this
18 day of February, 2014.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from the date of passage.



JAMES FINCHUM, Councilmember

ATTEST:

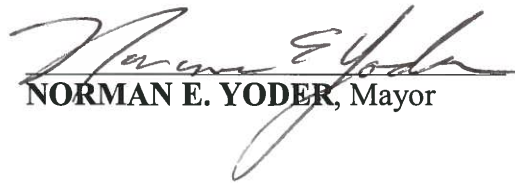


PATRICIA MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Auburn, Indiana, this 18 day of February, 2014.


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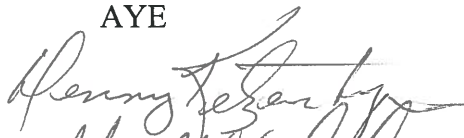
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NORMAN E. YODER, Mayor

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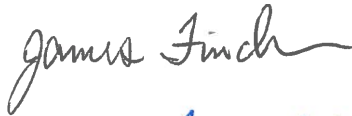
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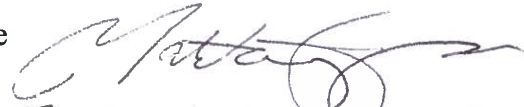
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