

RESOLUTION NO. R15-628

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 170; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation located within Henry County, Georgia duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced in the Georgia General Assembly known as House Bill 170, the "Transportation Funding Act of 2015";

WHEREAS, proponents of House Bill 170 allege that it will raise an additional \$1 billion per year in transportation funding without raising taxes;

WHEREAS, House Bill 170 merely shifts revenue currently collected at the local level to the State of Georgia;

WHEREAS, House Bill 170 would remove all state and local sales taxes (4% state and up to 3% local) on the sale of motor fuel and would raise the state's current 7.5¢ per gallon excise tax to 29.2¢ per gallon;

WHEREAS, Henry County, the Henry County School System and the municipalities therein will lose over \$11 million in annual revenues if House Bill 170 is adopted;

WHEREAS, House Bill 170 would create substantial funding shortfalls for cities, counties and schools, and would require local officials to raise taxes to in order to maintain current levels of service;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a resolution is necessary and beneficial to its citizens and to the proper use of City funds.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS;

Section 1. Opposition to House Bill 170. – The City is opposed to House Bill 170 in its current form. The Georgia General Assembly, specifically the members of the Henry County Delegation, is hereby urged to reject House Bill 170 and all other measures which would impose new taxation burdens on local governments.

Section 2. Approval of Execution - The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents and to perform all other acts necessary to effectuate this Resolution on behalf of the City of Stockbridge. The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any document

which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. **Severability** - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 4. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

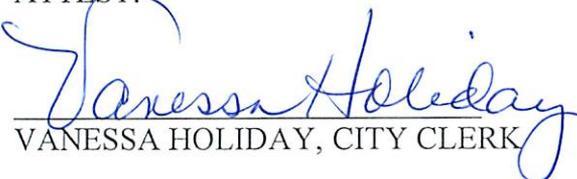
SO RESOLVED, this the 9th day of February, 2015.

CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA



TIM THOMPSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA HOLIDAY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MICHAEL WILLIAMS, CITY ATTORNEY

