

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS, TO EXPRESS ITS OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATIVE INTERFERENCE WITH LOCAL SERVICES, LOCAL REVENUE, AND LOCAL CONTROL.

WHEREAS, the dramatic growth of jobs and population in Texas cities in recent decades is indisputable proof that the decisions Texans have made at the local level have produced the kinds of communities where people want to live, work, and do business; and

WHEREAS, local issues call for local solutions that reflect the uniqueness of each community; and

WHEREAS, the ability of Texans to create vibrant, livable cities is under assault from state officials who wish to dictate that every community and neighborhood conform to their agenda; and

WHEREAS, some in the Texas legislature have willfully disregarded the voice of the voters of Texas cities and pre-empted the will of Texans by seeking to overturn approved ballot propositions where citizens have sought to deal with issues affecting their communities and to improve conditions for their residents, utilized direct democracy tools to bring these decisions before the public – an offense to the American system of participatory democracy and the historic Texan spirit of independence; and

WHEREAS, state officials are attempting to put one-size-fits-all restriction on the annual budgets of all cities and counties through revenue caps and spending limits, under the guise of property tax relief.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS THAT:

1. All of the above are true and correct.
2. The unique charter of each city is shaped by the priorities and values of the people who live there.
3. Texans do not want to be told to conform to one way of thinking or one way of living.
4. The City of Mineola, Texas, is **OPPOSED** to any legislation that erodes the ability of Texans to have a voice in developing local solutions to local problems that affect their neighborhoods and their communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS, AND THIS 28 DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary

Kevin White, Mayor