

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-11-05**

<b>Introduced By</b>	<b>City Council</b>
<b>Date Introduced</b>	<b>October 11, 2010</b>
<b>Date Adopted</b>	<b>October 11, 2010</b>
<b>Date Effective</b>	<b>October 11, 2010</b>

**A RESOLUTION to**

**REINSTATE STATE SHARED REVENUES OF THE HIGHWAY USER FUND AND  
POLICE AID TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

**FOR** the purpose of petitioning the Administration and Maryland General Assembly to reinstate state shared revenues diverted from municipal governments to fund operations of the state and to provide more diverse revenue raising authority to municipalities.

**WHEREAS**, the State has slashed vital State-shared revenues historically provided to municipal governments, on average, by more than 75% for this current fiscal year and by more than 90% for many municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, future budgets approved by the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly continue these significant and untenable cuts to cities and towns; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal governments more than any other government form in Maryland rely on the property tax as their primary general fund revenue source; and

**WHEREAS**, increases in property tax rates, cutbacks in local service provision, elimination of local road projects, and reductions in workforce are the sole options left to municipalities to offset this devastating loss of general fund revenues, because the extremely narrow taxing authority available to incorporated municipalities prevents them from raising alternative funds to offset lost highway user revenues and police aid that the State has diverted to balance the State's general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, this issue is of significant importance to The City of Seat Pleasant and it is critical that the Administration and Maryland General Assembly take actions needed to rectify this serious problem; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Seat Pleasant supports the efforts of the Maryland Municipal League to reinstate lost State funding for municipal governments and to create alternative municipal funding mechanisms. Now, therefore,


**SECTION I. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT** that The City of Seat Pleasant convened on Monday, October 11, 2010 to urge the Administration, for this coming and future fiscal years, to submit a budget document to the General Assembly reinstating to municipal governments full funding for highway user revenues and state aid for police protection; and to further urge that the Maryland General Assembly enact and the Governor sign into law enabling legislation to significantly broaden the authority of incorporated municipalities to raise own-source revenues to reduce the reliance of cities and towns on the property tax to fund municipal government services.

**SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT** that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland, the Maryland General Assembly and the Maryland Municipal League.

Attest:

Signed:

  
Dashaun N. Lanham  
City Clerk

  
LaTasha C. Gatling  
City Council President