

RESOLUTION 01-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE ALFRED, FLORIDA IN OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION THAT MODIFIES, RESTRICTS, REPEALS OR ELIMINATES THE AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITIES TO LEVY, COLLECT AND/OR EXPEND THE LOCAL BUSINESS TAX.

WHEREAS Chapter 2006-152 (HB 1269, 2006 Session), Laws of Florida, made significant changes to Chapter 205, Florida Statutes, regulating the levy and collection of local business taxes and were enacted for the principal purpose of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the general public of the State of Florida from the dangers of consumer fraud, by clarifying that payment of a tax assessed for the privilege of engaging in an enterprise within the territorial boundaries of a local governing authority does not equate to professional licensure by any of the various State, County, and/or Local authorities regulating professional businesses including attorneys, accountants, and contractors; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2006-152, Laws of Florida became effective January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 760 and House Bill 4025 of the 2012 Legislative session, is proposing to repeal the authority for all municipalities to levy, collect or expend the local business tax; and

WHEREAS, the revenues from the local business tax are used to assist in funding services critical to business such as zoning, permitting, code enforcement, and police and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the local business tax is the most comprehensive way for the City of Lake Alfred to identify what businesses and what types of businesses are operating within its municipal boundaries; and

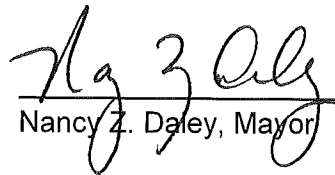
WHEREAS, the City of Lake Alfred will experience a significant economic and financial impact with the modification, restriction, or elimination of the authority to levy, collect and/or expend the local business tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Lake Alfred, Florida that the City of Lake Alfred strongly opposes the proposed legislation the would modify, restrict, repeal, or eliminate the authority of a local government to levy, collect or expend a local business tax on businesses and/or enterprises that operate within a local governments' territorial boundaries.

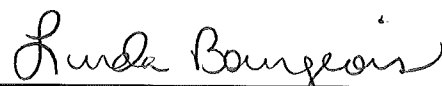
INTRODUCED AND PASSED at the regular meeting of the Lake Alfred City Commission held on this 17th day of January, 2012.

**CITY OF LAKE ALFRED, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION**

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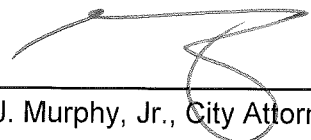


Nancy Z. Daley, Mayor



Linda Bourgeois, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Frederick J. Murphy, Jr., City Attorney