

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1875 THAT WOULD REDUCE THE OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION RETENTION FEES CHARGED TO MUNICIPALITIES TO ONE-HALF PERCENT (0.5%) OF A MUNICIPALITY'S TAX COLLECTIONS.

- § 1. WHEREAS, under current law, the Oklahoma Tax Commission collects municipal sales and use taxes; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Tax Commission charges a retention fee from those collected taxes ranging from one percent (1%) to one and three-quarters percent (1 ¾%); and
- § 3. WHEREAS, over time, an imbalance has occurred resulting in municipalities bearing a much larger fee than the actual costs of collection; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, House Bill 1875 was developed after extensive work and review of costs associated with state and municipal collections of sales and use taxes; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, House Bill 1875 proposes to reduce the retention fees charges to municipalities by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to one-half percent (0.5%) of sales tax collections made of behalf of municipalities; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, House Bill 1875 is the result of collaborative and diligent work with the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the Oklahoma Municipal League, State Legislators, and others to provide a solution to this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 7. That the City of Norman estimates that adoption of House Bill 1875 could result in an annual savings of approximately \$300,000 in retention fee costs thus resulting in a corresponding amount of tax revenue being remitted to the City of Norman.
- § 8. That the City of Norman respectfully requests the Oklahoma Legislature support the passage of House Bill 1875.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th day of January, 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

