

RESOLUTION 99-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARKER SUPPORTING A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO REFORM THE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM AND THE MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund and the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program were created in 1971 and 1972, respectively, for the purpose of providing a minimum level of revenue parity, a reliable and bondable revenue source, and to reduce the need for increasing revenues at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned municipal revenue sharing programs have suffered from a substantial decline in revenues: and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned municipal revenue sharing programs rely heavily on net cigarette tax collections which account for approximately seventy (70.5%) percent or 157.4 million of municipal revenue sharing dollars; and

WHEREAS, net cigarette tax collections have declined: and

WHEREAS, the state government of Florida and the federal government of the United States of America are implementing policies to reduce the use of tobacco related products; and

WHEREAS, the decline in use of tobacco related products would improve the health of many Florida and U.S. citizens: and

WHEREAS, the decline in the sale of tobacco related products will result in the continuing decline in revenues for Florida's 401 municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is the only entity authorized by the Constitution of the State of Florida to replace such revenues.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PARKER: _____:

Section 1. That the City of Parker does hereby encourage the Florida Legislature to approve the following changes to the financial structure of the Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund and the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program:

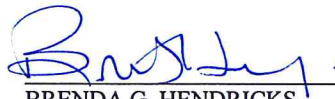
Replace the cigarette tax as a primary dedicated funding source with a reliable and stable revenue source providing adequate growth to enhance our municipal governments' ability to meet the needs of our community.

Provide a financial commitment to the Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund and the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program equivalent to the per capita funding level established in fiscal year 1989-90.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be made available to the Governor of the State of Florida, the Florida Legislature, the Florida League of Cities and interested parties.

PROPOSED, PRESENTED AND ADOPTED at the Regular Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Parker, Florida on this 5th day of October, 1999.

CITY OF PARKER, FLORIDA



BRENDA G. HENDRICKS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


DAVID LINGER, CITY CLERK