

A RESOLUTION OF STOW CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING STATE ISSUE 1 ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, AND URGING ALL OHIO RESIDENTS OPPOSE THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised of State Issue 1 To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs, a proposed constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 will appear on the statewide ballot on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for consideration by Ohio voters; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would greatly alter the sentencing laws for obtaining, possessing, and using any drug such as a fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, LSD, and other controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 would shift the costs for drug treatment from the State to local governments; and

WHEREAS, local government entities are already struggling to fund the opioid crisis in their jurisdictions as a result of the drastic budget cuts they have experienced in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the projected savings of \$100 million annually applies to the State only, while local governments will see significant increases in costs for treatment, probation, courts, and local jails—costs that tax payers will be required to pay; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would require another statewide initiative and election, not just a legislative change, to amend if problems arise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOW, COUNTY OF SUMMIT AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. This Council urges Ohioans to oppose State Issue 1 on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

SECTION 2. This Council does hereby declare its opposition to State Issue 1.

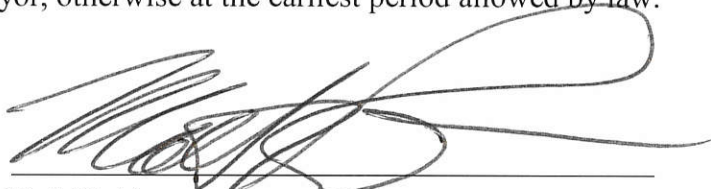
SECTION 3. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees or subcommittees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 4. That this resolution was adopted pursuant to Section 4.11 Charter, and is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety in order to express City Council’s position on Issue 1 sufficiently before the general election on November 6, 2018, and, pursuant to Section 4.13, Charter, shall take effect upon its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 9/27/18

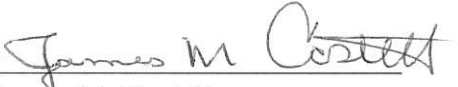
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Bonnie Emahiser
CLERK OF COUNCIL



Matt Riehl
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

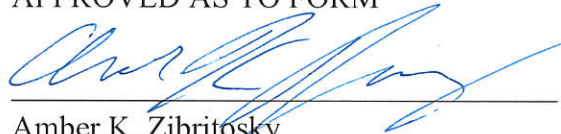
FILED WITH MAYOR 10/1/18

APPROVED 
James M. Costello
MAYOR

FILED WITH CLERK 10/1/18

APPROVED AS TO FORM

EFFECTIVE DATE 10/1/18


Amber K. Zibritsky
LAW DIRECTOR