

RESOLUTION NO. R39-2018

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OHIO CONSTITUTION KNOWN AS ISSUE 1.

WHEREAS, Ohio voters will decide on a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution known as Issue 1 on the November 6, 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1, if passed, said issue will have disastrous results for the residents of The City of Washington Court House, Fayette County and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, those results include exposing Ohioans to an increase in substance abuse activity and criminal behavior as there will be little to no consequence for engaging in such; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would impose a substantial unfunded mandate upon the City of Washington Court House and or Fayette County which would be obligated to pay for the treatment services mandated by its provisions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington Court House and or Fayette County would incur significant costs for the court proceedings necessary to comply with Issue 1's retroactive application that would require courts to re-sentence and/or release any individual convicted of an offense of possessing, obtaining or using drugs; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 mandates that the possession of Fentanyl, K2, Cocaine, LSD, Methamphetamines, Heroin, and other controlled substances be classified as a misdemeanor with mandatory probation; and

WHEREAS, the additional misdemeanor classifications will further financially burden the City of Washington Court House and or Fayette County and other communities and counties in Ohio already faced with significant funding reductions; and

WHEREAS, such lenient laws on lethal drugs will attract those with nefarious and criminal intentions to the City of Washington Court House, Fayette County and the great state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, constitutional mandates brought forth by Issue 1 will prevent the State Legislature from maintaining the needed flexibility to legislate the fight against crime and drugs in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 negatively and materially impacts the safety and well-being of the residents of City of Washington Court House and Fayette County.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, FAYETTE COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Washington Court House declares opposition to Issue 1 and encourages the voters of Fayette County, Ohio to vote **NO** on Issue 1.

ADOPTED: 10/26/18

Joni D. Thompson
CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL

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Kelley R. Ford
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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