

RESOLUTION 18-R-21

**A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH A STATEMENT
OF POLICY RELATIVE TO HOME RULE AUTHORITY
AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, the City of Zion is a non-home rule municipality under the laws and Constitution of the State of Illinois;

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City recently approved a “Resolution Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Whether the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois, Shall Become a Home Rule Unit to the Voters of said City at the General Election to be Held on the 6th day of November, 2018”;

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City desire to advise the voters that if the referendum is approved, the City Council will not use home rule authority to raise real property taxes beyond the limits of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, commonly known as the “Tax Cap” law, 35 ILCS 200/18-185, et seq., and not to issue debt solely pursuant to its home rule powers and to conduct public hearings before any existing taxes are increased or new taxes are approved;

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City believe it is in the best interests of the City to provide the voters with this statement of policy so that the intentions of the City Council are clear to comply with the Tax Cap law and not extend real property taxes greater than the Consumer Price Index and as otherwise provided in the Tax Cap law and not to issue debt solely pursuant to its home rule powers and to conduct public hearings before any existing taxes are increased or new taxes are approved;

WHEREAS, this Resolution sets forth the policy of the current City Council.

Now, Therefore, It Is Hereby Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The above stated recitals are incorporated by this reference.

Section 2: It is the current policy of the City Council of the City of Zion that if the voters approve the referendum which grants home rule authority to the City, the City Council will not use home rule power to raise real estate taxes beyond the limits of the Tax Cap law and to not issue debt solely pursuant to its home rule powers and to conduct public hearings before any existing taxes are increased or new taxes are approved.

Section 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and shall remain in full force and effect until it is repealed or superseded.

Section 4: If any provision of this Resolution is found to be invalid, the invalid portion shall be stricken here from and the remainder shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018

AYES	Comms. McDowell, Fischer, McKinney, DeTienne, Mayor Hill
NAYS	None
ABSENT	None
ABSTAIN	None



AL HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:



SHERYL SPOONER, City Clerk