RESOLUTION 89-2

TO PROPOSE AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX

WHEREAS, since 1973 the City of Bloomington, the Towns of Ellettsville and Stinesville, and the County of Monroe have existed under a property tax control program; and

WHEREAS, City, Town and County officials are forced to budget for increased costs which are beyond local control; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Indiana General Assembly passed enabling legislation allowing local governments to adopt a County Option Income Tax (COIT); and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 1984, the Common Council of the City of Bloomington approved Resolution 84-11, which proposed Ordinance 84-22, imposing the County Option Income Tax in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Monroe County Income Tax Council, in a public hearing, also adopted the County Option Income Tax; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the County Option Income Tax has improved the financial condition of the City of Bloomington, the Towns of Ellettsville and Stinesville, and the County of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the County Option Income Tax was also a significant factor in the upgrading of the bond ratings for bonds issued by the City of Bloomington and the County of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance 84-22, the County Option Income Tax rate was initially imposed at .2% and an annual increase was established at a rate of .1% per year; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that the Monroe County Income Tax Council take additional action to continue the .1% per year increase; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to maintain and improve the financial condition and bond rating of the City, and to fund the police and fire pension liabilities; and

WHEREAS, local officials are elected by the constituents to conduct local affairs in a responsive, responsible and prudent fashion, and home rule should include a local government financing plan which will allow those officials the flexibility to meet the needs of their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

The Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana casts its fifty two (52) votes for the proposed Ordinance 89-9, attached hereto and made a part hereof, of the Monroe County Income Tax Council, which reads as follows:

ORDINANCE 89-9

AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND THE MONROE COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION I. The Monroe County Income Tax Council imposes an increase of the County Option Income Tax on the county taxpayers of Monroe County. The County Option Income Tax is increased at a rate of one tenth of one percent (.1%) per year on resident county taxpayers of the county and at a rate of twenty-five thousandths of one percent (.025%) on all other county taxpayers. This tax increase takes effect July 1 of this year.

SECTION II. The tax rate for subsequent years is as follows:

	Resident County Taxpayers	Other County Taxpayers
July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990	0.7%	0.175%
July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991	0.8%	0.2%
July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992	0.9%	0.225%
July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993	1.0%	0.25%

SECTION III. Pursuant to I.C. 6-3.5-6-12, after June 30, 1993, the level of tax established at the July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993 level shall remain in effect until duly rescinded by the Monroe County Income Tax Council.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

SECTION V. Severability. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 15 day of February, 1989.

JAMES C. REGESTER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 16 day of February, 1989.

Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 16 day of February, 1989.

Tomilea Allison
TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution proposes Ordinance 89-9 to continue the annual increase in the County Option Income Tax.

signed copies: 2/17/89
auditor (certified)
controller
file