

ORDINANCE 77-23

TO REQUIRE A FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT WITH LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington Common Council considers legislation which involves millions of dollars and affects the lives and economics of all Bloomington citizens, and

WHEREAS, it is the job of a Councilmember to make an informed decision on every piece of legislation introduced, and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact requirement will assure that every legislative proposal introduced before the Common Council would be examined for its fiscal implications,

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

SECTION 1. Any legislation that makes an appropriation, or that increases or decreases existing appropriations or City of Bloomington fiscal liability or revenues shall require a Fiscal Impact Statement. Said Fiscal Impact Statement shall determine the effect of the legislation on the financial condition of the City of Bloomington.

SECTION II. The Fiscal Impact Statement shall set forth all fiscal data relevant to the legislation, briefly explaining the effect on the costs and revenues of City government, the effect on other governmental units, the source of funds affected and factors apparent now which could lead to significant additional expenditures in the future.

SECTION III. The Fiscal Impact Statement shall be prepared by the City Agency proposing the legislation and shall carry the signature of the responsible agency official. The Impact Statement shall be submitted to the City Controller for review and forwarded to the Common Council staff with the legislation.

SECTION IV. In the event that a Fiscal Impact Statement is not included with the legislation or the City Agency feels that no fiscal impact exists, the Common Council Office or any member of the Bloomington Common Council may request a Fiscal Impact Statement before a vote is taken by the Common Council.

SECTION V. The Fiscal Impact Statement shall be made a part of the Legislative Synopsis and shall become part of the official record of the Legislation. The Council staff shall edit the Fiscal Impact Statement to clarify information, standardize format and assure accuracy and completeness.

SECTION VI. The Common Council may adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION VII. Severability. If any section, sentence or provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any 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 chapter are declared to be severable.

SECTION VII. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon the 7 day of April 1977.

Thomas O Middleton M.D.

Thomas O Middleton, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Karel Dolnick, City Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon the 12 day of April 1977, at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

Nora M. Connors
Nora M. Connors, Deputy City Clerk

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 13 day of April, 1977, at the hour of 2 o'clock, p.m.

Francis K. Mc Closkey

77-23 BACKUP

SYNOPSIS

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To Require a Fiscal Impact Statement

Many proposals introduced before the Bloomington Common Council, if enacted into law, affect the financial condition of the City of Bloomington and its residents. In many instances, the fiscal implications of a proposal may not be readily apparent, but a modern City government needs precise supporting information on which to base its decision making process.

This ordinance requires that a Fiscal Impact Statement be submitted with legislation that affects the finances of the City of Bloomington. A Fiscal Impact Statement will put a "price tag" on legislation showing the ^{TOTAL OVERALL} implications of the proposal in dollar terms.