

RESOLUTION NO. 15-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS RECEIPTS TAXES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS

WHEREAS, the City of Roswell is an incorporated municipality in Chaves County, New Mexico providing quality of life services to its fifty-thousand citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body are concerned that the potential for distributing gross receipts taxes on a per capita basis has been discussed by the Taxation and Revenue Department in an informal manner; and

WHEREAS, the concept of distributing municipal gross receipts taxes on a per capita basis was introduced in proposed legislation in about 1993 and was rejected; and

WHEREAS, the distribution of municipal gross receipts taxes would create a disincentive for municipalities to pursue economic development opportunities because the potential gross receipts generated will be distributed to another municipality; and

WHEREAS, distributing municipal gross receipts taxes on a per capita basis causes some municipalities to lose revenues and another gain revenues; and

WHEREAS, distributing municipal gross taxes on a per capita bases fail to recognize the unique circumstances of individual municipal economies; and

WHEREAS, municipalities that rely on tourism as their economic engine serve much larger populations than those that reside within the municipality as permanent residents; and

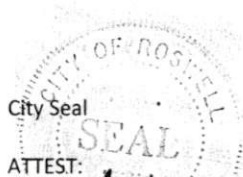
WHEREAS, municipalities that are located in areas that rely on the extractive industries for their economic engine are subject to fluctuations in prices for the commodities being extracted and experience "boom" and "bust" cycles.

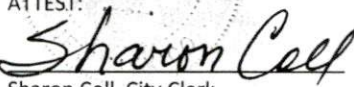
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that: The City of Roswell, New Mexico does not support any legislation that would change the way municipal gross receipts taxes are distributed to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of New Mexico and the Area Legislative Delegation representing the City of Roswell, New Mexico be encouraged to not support any legislation that would change the way municipal gross receipts taxes are distributed to municipalities.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED the 6th day of August, 2015


Dennis J. Kirtigh, Mayor



ATTEST:

Sharon Coll, City Clerk