

City of Dover

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PORTIONS OF HOUSE BILL 230, WHICH WOULD AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE BY INSERTING CHAPTER 24D - FAMILY FINANCIAL PROTECTION ACT

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2014, House Bill 230, referred to by title as the "Model Family Financial Protection Act," was introduced in the Delaware House of Representatives and assigned to the House Economic Development/Banking/Insurance/Commerce Committee for review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, this broadly-written and complex legislation may be intended to achieve valid and worthy goals of protecting consumers from unreasonable and wanton acts by creditors and collection agencies that result in financial burdens and hardships; however, certain provisions of House Bill 230, as written, may disrupt and/or prevent legitimate, reasonable, and well established debt collection processes; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Code, Title 9, Chapter 87, Subchapter II, in conjunction with the Charter of the City of Dover, establishes a monition method of sale to reasonably and equitably collect delinquent property taxes owed to the City of Dover, upon which the City Government depends to cover significant costs associated with the provision of general government services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover believe that House Bill 230, if enacted as written, may threaten, disrupt, or otherwise prevent the City Government from pursuing the collection of monies owed to the City of Dover.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover do not oppose House Bill 230 in its entirety but stand in opposition to those applications of House Bill 230, as introduced, which are adverse to municipal governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover respectfully request that any further consideration of House Bill 230 by the General Assembly include an Amendment that would have the effect of exempting municipal governments from any effects of the legislation.

ADOPTED: APRIL 28, 2014

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT/VICE-MAYOR ACTING

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