

RESOLUTION NO. 15-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA REQUESTING MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF LOCAL CONTROL AND VOTE IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 2254, MUNICIPAL TAX EXEMPTION; RESIDENTIAL LEASE.

WHEREAS, Arizona law allows municipalities the option to levy a transaction privilege tax on business transactions within a city or town; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the City of Maricopa City Council exercised its local control and approved a two percent (2%) transaction privilege tax on the business of renting or leasing two or more residential properties within the City of Maricopa; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the City Council is to collect transaction privilege tax from the owners of rental and leased properties to offset the cost of increased city services, including police, fire and code enforcement, required by occupants of such properties or when the properties are vacant; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2254 would remove a municipalities authority to levy a transaction privilege tax on the business of renting or leasing property and would cause an estimated \$500,000 annual reduction in revenue phased in over four years for the City of Maricopa; and

WHEREAS, such annual reduction will result in either a loss of services or increased burden on the remaining taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maricopa desires to retain its local control to configure a tax structure based on what is best for the citizens of Maricopa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maricopa City Council hereby requests members of the Arizona State Legislature to support the concept of local control and vote in opposition to House Bill 2254 municipal tax exemption; residential lease.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa Arizona, this 17^h day of February, 2015.

APPROVED:

Christian Price
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Vanessa Bueras, CMC
City Clerk

Denis Fitzgibbons
City Attorney