

The Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, County of Warren, Ohio, met at a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on March 19, 2025, at Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio, with the following Trustees present:

Joseph P. Rozzi – Trustee, *Chair*
Darryl Cordrey – Trustee, *Vice Chair*
Mark Sousa – Trustee

Mr. Rozzi introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY OHIO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-0319A**

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 56 WITH REGARDS TO THE
PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOW CANNABIS TAX REVENUE IS BEING DIRECTED
TO HOST COMMUNITIES AND ANY LEGISLATION WHICH REDIRECTS
REVENUE FROM THIS TAX THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO BE RECEIVED BY
LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, on November 7th, 2023 Ohio voters approved State Issue 2, the Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Initiative, to legalize adult use marijuana; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 2 was passed with support from voters statewide; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3780.23 states that 36% of the adult use cannabis tax be distributed to the Host Community Cannabis fund to benefit the municipal corporations or townships with adult use dispensaries; and

WHEREAS, the estimates that the adult use cannabis tax revenue to be distributed to local governments per the Ohio Revised Code is significant; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 56, introduced in the Ohio Senate in January 2025, contains a provision that repeals the Host Community Cannabis fund and directs all revenue from the adult use cannabis tax to the State's general revenue fund; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions rely on revenue from the host community cannabis fund to support their general funds and lessen the burden on tax paying residents when levying taxes; and
WHEREAS, taxpayers and local government officials who chose to allow dispensaries in their communities did so with the understanding that they would receive a portion of the tax dollars generated from marijuana sales; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the host community cannabis fund would negatively impact local jurisdictions with dispensaries and is inconsistent with the voter-approved ballot initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Township is a home-rule township whose elected officials believe that the decisions to spend tax revenue should be made at the local level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Hamilton Township Board of Trustees opposes Senate Bill 56 and encourages members of the Ohio General Assembly to respect the ballot language of State Issue 2 as passed.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Mr. Cordrey seconded the Resolution and the following being called upon the question of its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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| Joseph P. Rozzi - | Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nay _____ |
| Darryl Cordrey - | Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nay _____ |
| Mark Sousa - | Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nay _____ |

Resolution adopted this 19th day of March 2025.

Attest:

Leah Elliott

Leah M. Elliott, Fiscal Officer

Approved as to form:

Ben Yoder
Benjamin J. Yoder, Law Director

I, Leah M. Elliott, Fiscal Officer of Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, County of Warren, Ohio, at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 19th, 2025

Date: 3/19/25

Leah Elliott
Leah M. Elliott, Fiscal Officer