

**CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY
RESOLUTION 2-2015**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCAL INVESTMENTS FOR
TRANSFORMATION LEGISLATION (HOUSE BILL 1) DURING THE 2015
LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

WHEREAS, Kentucky cities have been pre-empted by the Kentucky Constitution since 1891 from levying a local sales tax;

WHEREAS, House Bill 1, also known as the Local Investments for Transformation (LIFT) legislation, proposes an amendment to Kentucky's Constitution that would allow citizens to vote on a one-penny additional local sales tax dedicated to the funding of transformational local projects, which would be removed once the projects are paid for;

WHEREAS, thirty-eight other states allow at least one or more local governments the flexibility to assess a local option sales tax;

WHEREAS, all of Kentucky's neighboring states except Indiana permit local governments to assess a local option sales tax;

WHEREAS, municipalities provide drinking water, utilities, garbage collection, sewer, police and fire protection, maintenance of roads and many other essential services to local businesses and industries which provide jobs and employment to local citizens;

WHEREAS, federal and state revenues for infrastructure, capital projects and road maintenance has declined or remained stagnant due to budget constraints;

WHEREAS, limited revenue options at the local level have caused Kentucky cities to delay investments in infrastructure and other capital projects in order to meet the increased demands of other municipal services;

WHEREAS, economic development occurs where infrastructure and municipal services can be provided easily, efficiently, and at a reasonable cost;

WHEREAS, good infrastructure is essential to economic development and job creation;

WHEREAS, a temporary voter-approved one-cent local option sales tax would give citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky the ability to invest

local tax dollars to improve the quality of life and economic development
future of their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of
La Grange supports LIFT and urges passage of House Bill 1 during the 2015
legislative session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

Approved by the City Council of the City of La Grange, February 2, 2015

Joe Davenport, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Cooper, Clerk