RESOLUTION NO. ___-06

By: Matthew Lampke

A Resolution opposing the proposed Tax Expenditure Limitation Proposal "TEL" constitutional amendment scheduled to be on the statewide November ballot in 2006.

WHEREAS, there will be a proposed initiated Constitutional Amendment (Art. XII, Sec. 14) on the statewide November ballot in 2006 to institute tax and expenditure limitations at the state and local levels of government which is opposed by the Ohio Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would require a majority of those registered to vote, not just those voting, to approve all increases in expenditures which exceed the calculation of the rate of inflation plus the rate of population change over the prior fiscal year, and new levies; and

WHEREAS, this proposal places arbitrary spending limitations on all local governments and would severely limit this City's ability to provide adequate safety and other vital services to our citizenry; and

WHEREAS, this proposal ties the hands of local leaders in times of crisis and other unpredictable circumstances, circumventing the City's thoughtful consideration of policy decisions by requiring special elections to approve these increases in expenditures; and

WHEREAS, this proposal may affect, and places in limbo, the City's share and ability to receive monies from the local government fund which comprises twelve percent of its budget. **NOW THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1.   That the Council of the City of Bexley hereby opposes the passage of the TEL and encourages the voters of our City to reject the proposal for the foregoing reasons.

Section 2.   That the City of Bexley will work to defeat the proposed amendment by allowing its name to be used in a list of coalition members of the Coalition for Ohio's Future, which organization is working towards the defeat of this amendment.

Passed: _____, 2006

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President of Council

Attest: _____
        Clerk of Council

Approved: _____ ____, 2006

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David H. Madison, Mayor