

RESOLUTION 777

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLINTON TO SUPPORT THE RETURN ONE-HALF CENT (1/2 CENT) OF THE STATE SALES TAX TO CITIES AND TOWNS TO INVEST IN ROAD, BRIDGE, AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, eighty-eight percent (88%) of STATE sales tax is generated from sales within town and city boundaries.

WHEREAS, municipalities spend local funds to provide for public safety, water, sewer, roads, bridges, stop lights, tax incentives and more as well as to develop business within their respective communities, counties, and Oklahoma in general, and

WHEREAS, the State has a diversified revenue base which causes it to rely on sales tax for less than one-fourth of total revenues; while in contrast towns and cities do not have a diversified revenue base causing cities to rely on sales tax for one-half or more of their general fund revenues; and

WHEREAS, the proposal would extend county road dollars by providing small communities with new funds to help with local roads, and

WHEREAS, good roads and streets reduce injuries and death, decrease damage to vehicles, and attract increased economic development, all of which benefit the state, schools, counties, cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the State has allocated additional funds to build state and county roads but has not allocated funds to help towns and cities, therefore,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clinton, Custer County, Oklahoma supports the return of one-half cent (1/2 cent) of the current state sales tax to cities and towns for road, transportation, and maintenance improvements.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Lynn E. Norman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Anders, City Clerk