

## Sample City Resolution on Levy Limits

WHEREAS, the citizens of the city of \_\_\_\_\_ have elected the council and mayor to make budget and levy decisions related to the city of \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the city council, mayor, and city staff spend significant time understanding the unique needs of the residents and businesses of \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, local residents and businesses have input into budget and levy decisions of the city council.

WHEREAS, cities across Minnesota have less revenues per capita, counting inflation, to provide services to city residents and businesses than were available in 2002.

WHEREAS, levy limits undercut local control of city budgets and hamper a city's ability to meet the unique needs of their residents and businesses.

WHEREAS, levy limits are an ineffective means of providing property tax relief.

WHEREAS, the imposition of levy limits often results in cities levying more than they may need to any given year in order to protect its revenue base for future years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the city of \_\_\_\_\_ opposes the imposition of levy limits in any form on Minnesota cities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon passage, this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue, the Chairs of the House Committee on Taxes, the House Property Tax and Local Government Finance Division, the Senate Tax Committee, and the Senate Tax Reform Division, and to the members of the State Legislature representing the city of \_\_\_\_\_.