

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2016-17**

**Resolution Authorizing Transmittal of Legislative Action Requests  
To the Maryland Municipal League for Consideration**

- WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council is charged with setting policy and pursuing legislative changes in the best interests of the Takoma Park community; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park is an active member of the Maryland Municipal League; and
- WHEREAS, the Maryland Municipal League pursues legislative changes to benefit Maryland municipalities; and
- WHEREAS, the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to pursue the creation of an Innovation Fund from which municipalities could receive grant funding to undertake innovative efforts to advance one or more high priority goals of the State of Maryland; and
- WHEREAS, the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to pursue legislation that would mandate coordination of construction and repairs by utilities and the State Highway Administration, and localities, provide notice to municipalities and residents, and mandate time frames in which final repaving and repairs are made to residents' property; and
- WHEREAS, the Council urges the Maryland Municipal League to request an evaluation of the collection and distribution of business personal tax by the State of Maryland. Collection of the tax relies heavily on self reporting, there is very little education or enforcement of the requirements, the forms can be confusing resulting in inconsistent information being presented, and filing based on postal addresses may not necessarily reflect the corporate boundaries of a municipality thus creating the potential that revenues are being applied to the wrong jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park authorizes the City Manager to transmit to the Maryland Municipal League the Legislative Action Request forms concerning Creation of an Innovation Fund, Municipal Infrastructure Communication and Coordination, and Evaluation of the Collection and Distribution of Business Personal Property Tax by the State of Maryland.

Adopted this 6th day of July, 2016.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk