

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-08

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW MEXICO HOUSE BILL 191 AND SENATE BILL 154 FREEZING THE PHASE-OUT OF HOLD HARMLESS FUNDING AT EIGHTY-TWO PERCENT (82%) AND EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ALL FURTHER DIMINUTION OF CURRENT HOLD HARMLESS PAYMENTS

Sponsored by Councilor Cynthia Ann Bettison.

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City, New Mexico, has been detrimentally affected by the annual percentage decrease of hold harmless reimbursements from the State of New Mexico, which currently represents a decrease of eighteen-percent (18%) of former revenues; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the public harm that would be attendant to imposing the three-eighths percent (3/8ths%) gross receipts tax increase authorized by the State Legislature, the Town Council has refrained from such tax increase; and

WHEREAS, even if the Town Council did increase the taxation on its inhabitants, there would still be a continued shortfall in revenue which will continue to require severe budget restraints, which in turn, negatively affects governmental operations and services provided to the public by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the continued phase-out of hold harmless reimbursements will lead to a degradation of public safety, senior citizens assistance, public employment, and necessary maintenance and repair of the Town's water, sewer, roads, parks, trails and other Town-owned property; and

WHEREAS, the services mentioned above are not only provided to the inhabitants of the Town, but also to a significant population within the Town's extra-territorial limits who will also suffer as a result of a continuation of contemplated annual revenue decreases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY:

1. Affirms its strong support for New Mexico House Bill 191 and Senate Bill 154 freezing the percentage of hold harmless reimbursement at its current rate of eighty-two percent (82%).

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 13th day of February, 2018.

(Seal)

/s/

Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk