

**CITY OF HARRINGTON**  
**RESOLUTION 14-R-03**  
**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 230**

**WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2014, House Bill 230, referred to by title as the "Family Financial Protection Act," was introduced in the Delaware House of Representatives and assigned to the House Economic Development/Banking/Insurance/Commerce Committee for review and recommendation; and

**WHEREAS**, this broadly-written and complex legislation may be intended to achieve valid and worthy goals of protecting consumers from unreasonable and wanton acts by creditors and collection agencies that result in financial burdens and hardships, certain provisions of House Bill 230 as written may disrupt and/or prevent legitimate, reasonable, and well established debt collection processes; and

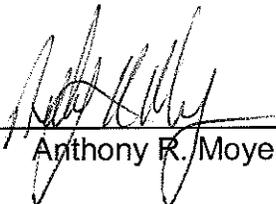
**WHEREAS**, Delaware Code, Title 9, Chapter 87, Subchapter II, in conjunction with the Charter of the City of Harrington, establishes a monition method of sale for the collection of delinquent property taxes owed to the City of Harrington, and upon which the City Government depends to cover significant costs associated with the provision of general government services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Harrington relies upon the monition method to reasonably and equitably collect monies owed to the City Government and believes that House Bill 230, if enacted as written, may threaten, disrupt or otherwise prevent the City Government from pursuing the collection of monies owed to it.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that City Council of the City of Harrington stands in opposition to House Bill 230 as introduced; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** City Council of the City of Harrington respectfully requests that any further consideration of House Bill 230 by the General Assembly include an Amendment that would have the effect of exempting municipal governments from the any effects of the legislation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2014, and is hereby incorporated into the official minutes of the City of Harrington.

  
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Anthony R. Moyer, Mayor

Attest:   
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Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council

April 21, 2014  
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Date