Resolution 1963-03

"RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Meade, Tennessee has, since its incorporation provided for the construction, maintenance and repair of public roads and streets within its boundaries, and has levied a tax upon real and personal property within the City to provide funds therefor; and

WHEREAS, it has been the policy and the practice of the Quarterly County Court of Davidson County, to fix the tax rate for those areas outside the City of Nashville, but within other incorporated municipalities of the County so as to recognize that the governmental function of construction and repair of public roads and streets, and the provision of funds therefor by property taxes, would be performed by the aforesaid municipalities outside the City of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, there is no provision in the Charter of Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, or elsewhere in the laws of Tennessee, to forbid or prevent the continuation of the aforesaid policy of fixing tax rates by the Metropolitan Council, which is the successor to the authority of the Quarterly County Court in such matters; and

WHEREAS, the laws of Tennessee provide for distribution of a portion of the tax collected on the sale of gasoline by the State to municipalities for use in the construction "and maintenance of roads and streets by such municipalities, and no provision of this law has been changed by the adoption of the said Charter of Metropolitan Government; and

WHEREAS, in the Charter providing for the consolidation of the governmental and corporate functions of Nashville, and Davidson County, Tennessee, it is provided in Section 18.15 thereof, in part, as follows:

'Any City in Davidson County not abolished by this Charter shall continue to exist and to function the same as prior to the adoption of this Charter, except that no such City shall extend its boundaries by annexation of any area of the Metropolitan Government;'

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade, Tennessee, that it is the declared purpose of the people of the City of Belle Meade to continue to provide for the construction and maintenance of the roads and streets of said City, and to levy a tax sufficient to provide funds therefor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the people of the City of Belle Meade, do respectfully request that the Metropolitan Mayor propose, and that the Metropolitan Council adopt, a tax ordinance fixing a rate for property inside the City of Belle Meade, and other cities within the General Services District lower than the rate outside said municipality but within the General Services District by the amount in said tax ordinance allocated to provide roads and streets within the General Services District of Nashville, and Davidson County, Tennessee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contents of this resolution be communicated to the Metropolitan Mayor and Vice Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Director of Public Works, the Divisional Director of Public Roads of the Department of Public Works, and to the Metropolitan Councilmen representing the District or Districts within which the said City of Belle Meade is

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands this 24th day of May, 1963.

/s/ S. D. Bell, Mayor

/s/ Marion G. Smith, Commissioner

/s/ J. H. Teas, Vice Mayor

/s/ H. B. Clarke, City Recorder."

Date of Adoption:

May 24, 1963

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