

TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD

RESOLUTION NUMBER 008 OF THE YEAR 2004

Councilman David Ogborn offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

TITLE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RESTORATION OF TRAFFIC FINE REVENUE.

WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Subsection 1803 governs the disposition of fines and penalties collected in connection with convictions pursuant to the Vehicle and Traffic Law; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2004, effective August 20, 2004, changed the distribution of the fines taking them away from municipalities and placing them in the State Treasury; and

WHEREAS, this change in the fine and penalties distribution formula will result in a loss to local taxpayers of more than \$20 million in fine monies -- monies which have historically been used to fund justice court operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Harpersfield will likely lose \$9,065.00 in anticipated fine revenues; and

WHEREAS, this State Budget provision with its immediate effective date will result in significant 2004 deficits and will negatively impact town property tax rates for 2005.

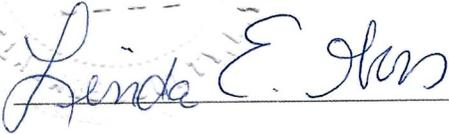
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Harpersfield calls for the restoration of the original fine distribution formula in order to provide towns with necessary revenues to fund justice court operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Harpersfield urges the passage of legislation introduced by Senator Bonacic (S.7757) and Assemblyman Cahill which amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law to restore this source of revenue to local governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor George E. Pataki; Joseph L. Bruno, Majority Leader of the Senate; Sheldon Silver Speaker of the Assembly; Senator Elizabeth Little, Chair of the Local Government Committee; Assemblyman Robert Sweeney, Chair of the Local Government Committee; Senator Owen Johnson, Chair of the Finance Committee; Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell Jr., Chair of the Ways and Means Committee; Senator John A. DeFrancisco, Chair of Judiciary Committee; Assemblywoman Helen E. Weinstein, Chair Judiciary Committee; Senator John J. Bonacic and Assemblyman Daniel L. Hooker.

Seconded by Councilwoman Catherine Straus with a roll call vote as follows:

Adopted:	Supervisor	James Eisel Sr.	Aye.
	Councilman	Harold Bedford	Aye.
	Councilman	Morris Riddell Jr.	Aye.
	Councilman	David Ogborn	Aye.
	Councilwoman	Catherine Straus	Aye.



Linda E. Goss

Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk  
Town of Harpersfield

Date: October 4, 2004