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## **OBJECTING PETITION IN OPPOSITION TO**

- 1. The 2008 City of Muncie, Indiana Budget and the associated Tax Rates and Tax Levies without effectively acting upon the following objections:
  - A. On September 10, 2007, the City of Muncie, Indiana held a Public Hearing on the 2008 City of Muncie, Indiana Budget. On September 14, 2007, certain citizens of Muncie, Indiana filed with the City of Muncie Clerk an Objecting Petition consisting of seventeen (17) separate Counterparts to said Budget. At the 2008 City of Muncie, Indiana Budget Adoption (Fixing) Hearing of September 24, 2007, the City of Muncie, Indiana responded to the citizens' Objecting Petition to wit: ".....the City of Muncie, Indiana 2008 Budget appropriations, provisions and corresponding tax rate and tax levy are within permissible limits under Indiana Law." The City of Muncie, Indiana, has made no reasonable attempt to effectively respond to the citizens Objecting Petition as required by IC 6-1.1-17-5 (c).
  - B. The 2008 City of Muncie tax rate associated with the City of Muncie General Fund has increased from 1.0165 to 1.15100 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, an increase of 13.23%. This increase should not be allowed. (See Objecting Petition Addendum 1B)
  - C. The 2008 City of Muncie tax rate associated with the City of Muncie Park Fund has increased from 0.04810 to 0.06010 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, an increase of 24.95%. This increase should not be allowed. (See Objecting Petition Addendum 1C)
  - D. The 2008 City of Muncie tax rate associated with the City of Muncie Cemetery Fund has increased from 0.01690 to 0.01870 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, an increase of 10.65%. This increase should not be allowed. (See Objecting Petition Addendum 1D)
  - E. The 2008 City of Muncie tax rate associated with the City of Muncie Police Pension Fund has increased from 0.15580 to 0.22280 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, an increase of 43.00%. This increase should not be allowed. (See Objecting Petition Addendum 1E)
  - F. The 2008 City of Muncie tax rate associated with the City of Muncie Fireman's Pension Fund has increased from 0.12370 to 0.21080 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, an increase of 70.41%. This increase should not be allowed. (See Objecting Petition Addendum 1F)
  - G. The 2008 City of Muncie tax rate associated with the City of Muncie Building & Sinking Fund has increased from 0.00190 to 0.00320 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, an increase of 68.42%. This increase should not be allowed. (See Objecting Petition Addendum 1G)
  - H. The 2008 City of Muncie overall tax rate has increased from 1.36290 to 1.66660 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, an increase of 22.28%. This increase should not be allowed. (See Objecting Petition Addendum 1H)

Real Property Owner	One Real Property Owner Per Number	
Real Pro	Name	Address of Real Property or Registered Voter
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	2. Signature:	Printed Address:
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	4. Signature:	Printed Address:
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- 1B: The City of Muncie has progressively lost both jobs as well as taxable infrastructure which translate directly to lower total Assessed Valuation of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. As a result of job loss, the City of Muncie has suffered and continues to suffer a decline in population base of approximately 3% per year which translates directly to a reduced number of taxpayers available to bear the tax burden of the City of Muncie. The City of Muncie's refusal to acknowledge these basic facts and effectively reduce their services, staffing and overall operating costs relevant and proportional to reduced total Assessed Valuation of taxable property as well as the population (taxpayer) base within the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision, will cause undue economic hardship upon already overburdened taxpayers of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. The tax rate associated with the 2008 City of Muncie Budget's General Fund should not allowed to be increased, but rather be decreased from previous amounts to accurately reflect these aggravating circumstances.
- 1C: The City of Muncie has progressively lost both jobs as well as taxable infrastructure which translate directly to lower total Assessed Valuation of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. As a result of job loss, the City of Muncie has suffered and continues to suffer a decline in population base of approximately 3% per year which translates directly to a reduced number of taxpayers available to bear the tax burden of the City of Muncie. The City of Muncie's refusal to acknowledge these basic facts and effectively reduce their services, staffing and overall operating costs relevant and proportional to reduced total Assessed Valuation of taxable property as well as the population (taxpayer) base within the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision, will cause undue economic hardship upon already overburdened taxpayers of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. The tax rate associated with the 2008 City of Muncie Budget's Park Fund should not be allowed to be increased, but rather be decreased from previous amounts to accurately reflect these aggravating circumstances.
- 1D: The City of Muncie has progressively lost both jobs as well as taxable infrastructure which translate directly to lower total Assessed Valuation of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. As a result of job loss, the City of Muncie has suffered and continues to suffer a decline in population base of approximately 3% per year which translates directly to a reduced number of taxpayers available to bear the tax burden of the City of Muncie. The City of Muncie's refusal to acknowledge these basic facts and effectively reduce their services, staffing and overall operating costs relevant and proportional to reduced total Assessed Valuation of taxable property as well as the population (taxpayer) base within the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision, will cause undue economic hardship upon already overburdened taxpayers of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. The tax rate associated with the 2008 City of Muncie Budget's Cemetery Fund should not be allowed to be increased, but rather be decreased from previous amounts to accurately reflect these aggravating circumstances.
- 1E: The City of Muncie has progressively lost both jobs as well as taxable infrastructure which translate directly to lower total Assessed Valuation of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. As a result of job loss, the City of Muncie has suffered and continues to suffer a decline in population base of approximately 3% per year which translates directly to a reduced number of taxpayers available to bear the tax burden of the City of Muncie. The City of Muncie's refusal to acknowledge these basic facts and effectively reduce their services, staffing and overall operating costs relevant and proportional to reduced total Assessed Valuation of taxable property as well as the population (taxpayer) base within the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision, will cause undue economic hardship upon already overburdened taxpayers of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. The tax rate associated with the 2008 City of Muncie Budget's Police Pension Fund should not be allowed to be increased, but rather be decreased from previous amounts to accurately reflect these aggravating circumstances.
- 1F: The City of Muncie has progressively lost both jobs as well as taxable infrastructure which translate directly to lower total Assessed Valuation of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. As a result of job loss, the City of Muncie has suffered and continues to suffer a decline in population base of approximately 3% per year which translates directly to a reduced number of taxpayers available to bear the tax burden of the City of Muncie. The City of Muncie's refusal to acknowledge these basic facts and effectively reduce their services, staffing and overall operating costs relevant and proportional to reduced total Assessed Valuation of taxable property as well as the population (taxpayer) base within the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision, will cause undue economic hardship upon already overburdened taxpayers of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. The tax rate associated with the 2008 City of Muncie Budget's Fireman's Pension Fund should not be allowed to be increased, but rather be decreased from previous amounts to accurately reflect these aggravating circumstances.
- 1G: The City of Muncie has progressively lost both jobs as well as taxable infrastructure which translate directly to lower total Assessed Valuation of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. As a result of job loss, the City of Muncie has suffered and continues to suffer a decline in population base of approximately 3% per year which translates directly to a reduced number of taxpayers available to bear the tax burden of the City of Muncie. The City of Muncie's refusal to acknowledge these basic facts and effectively reduce their services, staffing and overall operating costs relevant and proportional to

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reduced total Assessed Valuation of taxable property as well as the population (taxpayer) base within the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision, will cause an undue economic hardship upon already overburdened taxpayers of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. The tax rate associated with the 2008 City of Muncie Budget's Building & Sinking Fund should not be allowed to be increased, but rather be decreased from previous amounts to accurately reflect these aggravating circumstances.

1H: The City of Muncie has progressively lost both jobs as well as taxable infrastructure which translate directly to lower total Assessed Valuation of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. As a result of job loss, the City of Muncie has suffered and continues to suffer a decline in population base of approximately 3% per year which translates directly to a reduced number of taxpayers available to bear the tax burden of the City of Muncie. The City of Muncie's refusal to acknowledge these basic facts and effectively reduce their services, staffing and overall operating costs relevant and proportional to reduced total Assessed Valuation of taxable property as well as the population (taxpayer) base within the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision, will cause undue economic hardship upon already overburdened taxpayers of the Taxing Unit Political Subdivision. The tax rate associated with the 2008 City of Muncie Budget's Overall Tax Rate should not be allowed to be increased, but rather be decreased from previous amounts to accurately reflect these aggravating circumstances.