

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02-010R

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING THE GASOLINE TAX

WHEREAS, the state and federal gasoline taxes have remained constant in cents per gallon for decades while the cost of constructing roads and bridges has significantly increased; and

WHEREAS, the failure of state and federal funding to adequately keep up with the cost for construction and maintenance of roads and bridges is a serious impediment to public safety and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the gasoline tax is needed to provide adequate funding; and

WHEREAS, the cost to consumers for gasoline has gone down due to increased fuel efficiency and lower gasoline prices; and

WHEREAS, improved funding for roads and bridges is a proven way to increase jobs and economic development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

1. We request that the Illinois legislature carefully consider the costs and benefits of increasing the gasoline tax at the state level, and
2. That the Illinois legislature request that the Illinois Congressional delegation ask the United States Congress to carefully consider the costs and benefits of increasing the federal gasoline tax.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor