

RESOLUTION NO. 14

WHEREAS, safe and dependable streets, and an adequate street system, is of the highest importance to the citizens of the City of Mount Carmel; and

WHEREAS, it is highly unfair for property taxpayers to bear the burden of building and repairing city streets, when these costs should be borne to a great extent by highway user taxes; and

WHEREAS, in excess of \$50 million yearly of state highway user taxes are now diverted to the general fund and sinking fund for non-highway purposes, thereby depriving municipal transportation facilities of needed funds; and

WHEREAS, this trend of the state government discriminating against city streets is causing Tennessee property taxpayers in municipalities to bear an unfair burden of 60% of the cost of building and repairing streets; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Tax Reform and Modernization Commission recommended that equity requires an increased allocation from the general fund for municipal streets of an amount equivalent to 1¢ per gallon share of the gasoline fuel taxes - an increase of some \$25 million per annum; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Municipal League is now sponsoring a bill to right this inequity and provide an amount estimated at \$ 12 1/2 million for fiscal 1974-75 for increased street and transit aid to towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Carmel would realize \$ 15,500 in new monies for street aid under this proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this city deserve these monies so that the quality of their life can be improved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE:

That the 'Municipal Street Assistance and Property Tax Relief Bill' (SB1516/HB1684) be supported in this session of the Tennessee General Assembly by those Senators and Representatives elected to represent the citizens of the City of Mount Carmel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senators and Representatives who signed the bill be commended for joining in the sponsorship of this bill, and that the Senators and Representatives who have not signed the bill be and are hereby urged to join in support of this much needed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage Governor Winfield Dunn to sign this bill into law once it has been passed the Tennessee General Assembly.

PASSED this 2-14-74 day of February, 1974.

C. Sidney Snodgrass
MAYOR