

RESOLUTION 2008 - 04

**RESOLUTION OF LAPORTE COUNTY ENCOURAGING
THE ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL TAX BILLS
AND/OR PAYMENT OF MONTHLY TAXES**

WHEREAS, the issuance of tax bills have been delayed due to issues within the property assessment process and modification of State Law; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of late tax bills have increased the cost of local government because of the occurrence of interest costs on temporary operating loans and/or the loss of interest revenue; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of a provisional tax bill and/or the encouragement of monthly payment of taxes would reduce the operational loss incurred by the local government; and

WHEREAS, LaPorte County for the year 2007 has incurred a financial loss of interest revenue due to the issuance of temporary loans to itself as a result of the late issuance of property tax bills due to the reassessment process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners that:

1. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance and all LaPorte County Legislators to encourage them to implement Standard Operating procedures for the automatic issuance of provisional tax bills whenever tax bills cannot be issued by the 1st of May of a given year as a result of any reassessment process.
2. That the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners will work with the LaPorte County Treasurer to encourage and initiate whatever action is

necessary to seek approval from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance for the issuance of provisional tax bills for any given year in which tax bills would not be issued by the 1st of May.

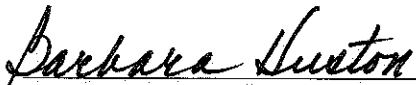
3. That the Board of Commissioners will work with the LaPorte County Treasurer to assist in the continuation of the program for the monthly payment of property taxes and any other steps necessary to allow for the timely and expeditious payment of property taxes without undue delay.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2008.

LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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