

Protest Letter

If you own property in the Indian Hill School District, include this Protest Letter with your January 2015 Hamilton County Real Estate Tax payment.

As you may recall, in 2010, the Indian Hill School District Board of Education raised your school tax without allowing you to vote on the increase via the normal levy process.

The *Committee for Responsible School Spending* believes the Board of Education's action is illegal and filed a lawsuit with the Ohio Supreme Court in 2010, which is pending.

If you pay your current Hamilton County Real Estate Tax Bill without including this Protest Letter, it is unclear whether you will be eligible to recover the excess school tax you've paid, if the Ohio Supreme Court rules against the Indian Hill Board of Education.

To preserve your right to obtain a refund of the excess school tax, sign this letter, enclose it with your payment, and mail it to:

*Robert A. Goering, Hamilton County Treasurer
County Administration Building
138 East Court Street, Room 402
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202*

Date

I am tendering the enclosed check in payment of taxes alleged to be due by the January 2015 tax bill. However, this payment is made under protest, pursuant to R.C. Chapter 2723.

The amount of the tax alleged to be owed that is attributable to the tax increase caused by the Indian Hill School District's Move of 1.25 Inside Mills in 2010, is unlawful. The tax increase is not necessary to produce the revenue needed by the Indian Hill School District for the ensuing fiscal year, in violation of R.C. 5705.341. The tax increase is also unlawful because it creates a surplus in excess of five percent of the previous year's General Fund revenue, in violation of R.C. 5705.13(A).

Because the amount of tax specified above is unlawful, it is my/our intent to recover the unlawful portion, pursuant to R.C. Sections 2723.01 to 2723.05.

Your signature

Book Plat Parcel Number (from your tax bill)

Your name (written legibly!)

Your mailing address (written legibly!)

If your property tax was paid by a third party (for example, by your bank from an escrow account), write the payer's name here and mail this protest letter directly to Mr. Goering at the above address.

(Do NOT mail this Protest Letter to the Committee!)
Committee for Responsible School Spending

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