

4. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS TO BE RECEIVED FOR FILING:

- a. City of Clearwater Notice of Public Hearings regarding Annexation, Land Use Plan, and Zoning Atlas amendments for proposed Ordinances Nos. 8395-13 through 8397-13 to be held June 6, 2013.
- b. City of Dunedin Notice of Public Hearing regarding proposed Ordinance No. 13-13 to be held June 6, 2013, annexing certain property.
- c. City of Largo Notice of Public Hearing regarding proposed Ordinance No. 2013-46 to be held June 4, 2013, annexing certain property.
- d. City of Oldsmar Notice of Public Hearing regarding proposed Ordinance No. 2013-12 to be held May 21, 2013, voluntarily annexing certain property.
- e. City of Oldsmar Resolution No. 2013-09 adopted April 16, 2013, urging the administration and Congress of the United States to preserve the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
- f. City of St. Pete Beach Resolution No. 2013-06 adopted April 23, 2013, requesting the Board of County Commissioners to proceed with funding the installation of permanent rock structures on Upham Beach in 2013.

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*If a copy of a report or CD is desired, please check the web page of the organization/municipality or contact Board Records at 464-3465.*



# City of Oldsmar

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April 24, 2013

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BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
PINELLAS COUNTY FLORIDA

Dear: President of the United States  
Florida members of the Senate of the United States  
Florida members of the House of Representatives of the United States  
Florida League of Cities  
Florida Association of Counties  
Florida City County Management Association  
Board of County Commissioners for Pinellas County  
Suncoast League of Cities  
Pinellas County municipalities

RE: City of Oldsmar Resolution 2013-09

Attached for review by all is a copy of the City of Oldsmar's Resolution 2013-09. City Council adopted the resolution on April 16, 2013.

The resolution urges the administration and Congress of the United States to preserve the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, and reject any proposal that would reduce or eliminate the federal tax exemption on interest earned from tax-exempt municipal bonds.

We thank you for your consideration of this resolution from Oldsmar, Florida.

Sincerely,

  
Ann E. Stephan, CMC

City Clerk  
City of Oldsmar, Florida  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLDSMAR, FLORIDA, URGING THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PRESERVE THE CURRENT TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF MUNICIPAL BONDS, AND REJECT ANY PROPOSAL THAT WOULD REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION ON INTEREST EARNED FROM TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS.**

**WHEREAS, First, several proposals are being discussed in the ongoing Federal budget negotiations that would either reduce or eliminate the current tax exemption on the interest earned from tax-exempt municipal bonds; and**

**WHEREAS, Second, the United States House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee is considering various changes to Federal tax provisions on reducing or eliminating the current tax exemption on the interest earned from tax-exempt municipal bonds, along with the ability of individual taxpayers who itemize to deduct their State and local income and property taxes when filing their Federal tax return and other tax related issues; and**

**WHEREAS, Third, for state and local governments, tax-exempt municipal bonds are the most important tool available for financing critical infrastructure projects such as primary and secondary schools, hospitals, water and sewer systems, roads, highways and streets, public power facilities, mass transit projects, airports, solid waste, sanitation and recycling, multi-family housing, police and fire stations and equipment, bridges, tunnels and other infrastructure projects; and**

**WHEREAS, Fourth, together, state and local governments are responsible for building and maintaining 75 percent of the nation's infrastructure, which is financed mostly by tax-exempt municipal bonds; and**

**WHEREAS, Fifth, on average, state and local governments save up to two percentage points on their borrowing rates through use of tax-exempt municipal bonds; and**

**WHEREAS, Sixth, these savings allow state and local governments to invest more in critical infrastructure and essential services while holding down the cost to taxpayers; and**

**WHEREAS, Seventh, approximately \$3.7 trillion in tax-exempt municipal bonds are currently outstanding; and**

**WHEREAS, Eighth, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, and the National Association of Counties, with assistance from the Government Finance Officers Association, issued a joint report (the "Report") in February 2013 titled "Protecting Bonds to Save Infrastructure and Jobs 2013" to determine the impact of the proposals to limit (by imposing a 28% cap) or fully eliminate the exemption on interest from municipal bonds; and**

**WHEREAS, Ninth, the Report shows that state and local governments issued 57,754 tax-exempt bonds for more than \$1.65 trillion of infrastructure investment over the last decade, with over 6,600 tax-exempt bonds financing over \$173 billion in infrastructure projects in 2012 alone; and**

**WHEREAS, Tenth, of those totals, 1,250 tax exempt state and local tax-exempt bonds financing over \$103 billion in infrastructure improvements were issued over the last decade in the State of Florida; and**

**WHEREAS, Eleventh, the Report shows that if the 28% cap on interest earned from tax-exempt municipal bonds was in effect over the last decade, it would have cost state and local governments an additional \$173 billion in interest expense over the last decade; and**

**WHEREAS, Twelfth, the Report shows that if the tax-exemption had been fully eliminated, it would have cost state and local governments an additional \$495 billion in interest expense over the last decade; and**

**WHEREAS, Thirteenth, while on first appearance it might seem that the 28 percent cap on interest earned from tax-exempt bonds may only affect high-income taxpayers, in effect the increased cost would be borne almost exclusively by state and local governments, and therefore all taxpayers within those respective jurisdictions, in the form of higher interest rates on their borrowing; and**

**WHEREAS, Fourteenth, it is being proposed that the 28 percent cap be applied retroactively, meaning that it would be applied to all tax-exempt bonds already outstanding in addition to bonds issued in the future, and in the nearly 200 year history**

of the tax-exemption Congress has never applied a retroactive tax to bonds already held by investors; and

**WHEREAS, Fifteenth,** this would hurt middle-class taxpayers as state and local governments would be forced to increase property and sales taxes on local taxpayers to offset higher borrowing rates on infrastructure investments; and

**WHEREAS, Sixteenth,** if state and local governments choose not to increase property and sales taxes on local taxpayers to offset higher borrowing rates on infrastructure investments, the alternate option would be to decrease investment in infrastructure, negatively impacting jobs and resulting in needed infrastructure improvements being postponed and resulting in a more deteriorated infrastructure base; and

**WHEREAS, Seventeenth,** 2010 IRS data show that 57 percent of municipal bond interest is paid to individuals 65 years of age and older who largely live on fixed incomes, and 52 percent of municipal bond interest is paid to individuals who earn less than \$250,000 annually; and

**WHEREAS, Eighteenth,** the Federal government should not adversely effect, by limiting or providing obstacles to needed infrastructure financing, the right of state and local governments to borrow and decide what infrastructure and services to provide to their citizens.

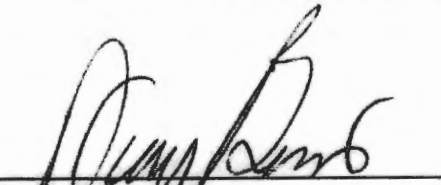
**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Oldsmar, Florida:

- Section 1:** The foregoing recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are incorporated by reference herein.
- Section 2:** The City Council urges the Administration and Congress of the United States to preserve the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds which has successfully provided trillions of dollars in low-cost financing for critical infrastructure investments that serve citizens in all states and local communities.
- Section 3:** The City Council urges the Administration and Congress of the United States to reject any proposal that would reduce or eliminate the federal tax exemption on interest earned from tax-exempt municipal bonds.

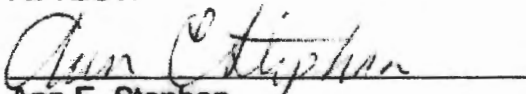
**Section 4:** The City Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to the President of the United States, the Florida members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida City County Management Association, The Board of County Commissioners for Pinellas County, the Suncoast League of Cities, and each of the municipalities in Pinellas County.

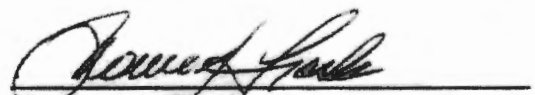
**Section 5:** This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Oldsmar, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

  
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Doug Bevis, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ann E. Stephan  
City Clerk, City of Oldsmar, Florida

  
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Thomas J. Trask  
City Attorney, City of Oldsmar, Florida