

**RESOLUTION 03-24**

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS  
FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL,  
TENNESSEE**

**WHEREAS**, this great nation is built on the solid foundation of Government being of the people, by the people and for the people; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become too commonplace for Governments, at all levels, to solve financial problems by creating new taxes and/or increasing existing taxes with little or no regard for the abilities of people to pay those taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, the authority granted to a Government to levy taxes carries with it the responsibility to operate that government in an efficient, cost effective manner, devoid of Pork Barrell projects and Political Favoritisms; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility of Government is also extended to the provision of needed services to the people and to ensure that those services meet the test of what a needed Governmental service is; and

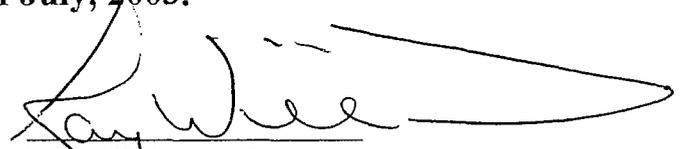
**WHEREAS**, now comes the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, with a strong desire to reestablish the rights of the people in having a say in how much money a Government can take from them in order to operate as a Government, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, that there is hereby established a Taxpayer Bill of Rights defined as follows;

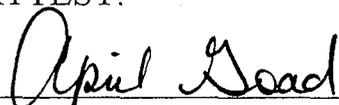
1. Any Property Tax rate increase shall be placed before the taxpayers by means of a Public Referendum.
2. Any Budget surpluses created by excess revenues in the General Fund shall be returned to the Taxpayers in the next fiscal year by means of a property tax rate reduction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Taxpayer Bill of Rights shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

**Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, on the 21st day of July, 2003.**

  
Ray Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
April Goad, City Recorder

Approved As To Form:  
  
Andrew Hoover, City Attorney