

15-R-98

A RESOLUTION

**Opposing Cox-Wyden Internet Tax Legislation and  
Recommending a Substitute Bill**

WHEREAS, there is a bill pending before both the United States Senate and House of Representatives titled the "Internet Tax Freedom Act"; and

WHEREAS, such bill would preempt the ability of state and local governments to collect existing, as well as future, taxes in Internet transactions and on-line services; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would create a tax haven for some of the nation's largest, fastest growing and wealthiest corporations at the expense of main street businesses, local governments, and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would place main street businesses attempting to serve the same customers as mail order and Internet providers at a significant disadvantage, and would severely limit their ability to compete in that kind of environment; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would significantly hurt sales tax revenues which Evanston depends on to support General Fund operations, including a wide range of crucial public services, such as police and fire protection, human services and public works activities; and

WHEREAS, both the Senate and the House of Representatives have indicated that this bill is a priority over the next two months; and

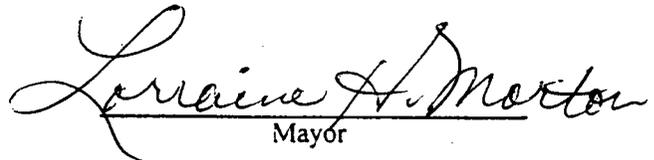
WHEREAS, the President has endorsed the Cox-Wyden preemption legislation and called on Congress to act immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That the City of Evanston opposes all efforts to adopt the Cox-Wyden Internet Tax legislation in its current form and urges Congress to adopt the National League of Cities/National Governors' Association proposal that would offer tax simplification to industry and consumers and, at the same time, protect local tax revenues for Evanston.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be sent to the Congressional legislators representing Evanston residents.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

  
Lorraine H. Morton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Mary P. Morris  
City Clerk

Adopted: March 23, 1998

