

RESOLUTION 2018-01 OF THE MUNCIE BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, members of the Muncie Bar Association (“MBA”) have been advised that the Commissioners of Delaware County (“Commissioners”) are considering a new location for the Delaware County Jail outside of downtown Muncie;

WHEREAS, members of the MBA have also been advised that the Commissioners may be considering moving the Delaware County Courts and Court personnel (the “Courts”) to the location of the jail;

WHEREAS, the Courts have always been located in downtown Muncie, which has been a central and convenient location, served by public transportation and readily accessible to the general public;

WHEREAS, the Court personnel and ancillary services (County offices, bail bondsmen, attorney offices, etc.) are all located in downtown Muncie;

WHEREAS, a significant majority of offices owned or rented by attorneys have always been located in downtown Muncie, where clients and staff can easily access the Courts;

WHEREAS, significant efforts have been made, and continue to be made, to enhance the economic vitality of downtown Muncie, which is generally believed to be beneficial for all residents of Delaware County;

WHEREAS, downtown Muncie has always been the seat of government for Delaware County, and has always been the location of the County Court system.

WHEREAS, moving the Courts and Court personnel from downtown would cause a significant reduction in the downtown work population, and would significantly and negatively impact the economic progress that has been made in downtown Muncie in recent years.

WHEREAS, moving the Courts and Court personnel from downtown would likely cause a reduction in property taxes paid for downtown properties, as Court-related offices would close, and there would likely be a significant loss of economic development incentives and tax revenue for downtown Muncie.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Muncie Bar Association that it opposes the relocation of the Delaware County Court system from downtown Muncie, and requests that the Commissioners commit to keeping the Courts and Court personnel downtown.

Dated this 27 day of May, 2018.


Thomas R. Malapit, Jr., President

ATTEST:

Sara Shade, Secretary