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Veto of Bill No. 2674, Ordinance 2648

Members of the Board of Aldermen,

I am returning herewith **BILL NO. 2674, ORDINANCE 2648** entitled **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI,** WHICH THE Board of Aldermen passed with five (5 affirmative votes and two (2) negative votes at the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, which was held via zoom on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.



Dinah Tatman Mayor

In accordance with my authority as Mayor of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, I hereby notify you that I <u>decline</u> to sign **BILL NO. 2674, ORDINANCE 2648** and hereby veto the same and return it to you for further consideration as provided by law.

I firmly believe that adopting this Bill is not in the best interest of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors' citizens, employees, and the executive body. It lacks funds for community events, essential employees, and adequate monies for police recruitment and community engagement. Also, whereas the **Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri 79.120** and the **City's Ordinance 2418, Section 2-47 and Section 2-48** give the executive branch specific powers and duties free from the interference of the legislative branch, the Bill seeks to usurp that authority.

For reasons stated herein, I hereby return BILL NO. 2674, ORDINANCE 2648 unexecuted and hereby refuse to approve the same.

Dinah Tatman

Mayor Dinah Tatman

September 5, 2023 Date