

TO: Chairman Eric D. Coleman
CC: Chairman Brendan Sharkey
FROM: Emanuel Cambra, CCMC / Town of Monroe
Date: February 25, 2010

Dear Chairmen of the Planning and Development Committee,

I, as Tax Collector have used the Jeopardy Collection Statute for the Town of Monroe on several occasions. The Jeopardy Collection Statute has proven to be a very effective collection tool used by municipal tax collectors in situations where the business is suddenly closing and moving out of Town with little or no notice. Three recent examples of note are as follows:

Stevenson Lumber – A Tax Collectors Demand was served 4/30/2008, due and payable July 1, 2008. The personal property was sold at a private auction on 6/24-25/08. Without a jeopardy collection the Town would not have able to collect over \$45,000. The jeopardy was paid. A State Marshal was not used. The real estate is in the name of Fifteen Eighty Five LLC.

Vishay – A Tax Collectors Demand was served 2/8/2010, due and payable July 1, 2010. The personal property is being shipped to Israel during the month April 2010. The check for \$98,000 is being mailed as I type this letter. A State Marshal was not used. The real estate is in the name of Vitramon, Inc.

Martin and Parson – A Tax Collectors Demand was served 6/14/2008 due and payable July 1, 2008. The owner of the personal property was under indictment for fraud. The check for \$9,000 was collected through the efforts of a State Marshal and an Alias Tax Warrant. The real estate is in the name of Martin Family.

I believe that without the use of a Jeopardy Collection Statute I would not have been able to collect the funds on behalf of the Town-of-Monroe.

Please do not support H.B. No. 5254, An Act Repealing the Municipal Jeopardy Tax.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tax Collector – Town of Monroe