VILLAGE OF KINGSLEY
RESOLUTION 10-2014

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION
AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM WITHOUT RAISING
TAXES

At a regular meeting of the Kingsley Village Council held in the Village of Kingsley,
on the 12th day of May, at 6:00pm in the Kingsley Village Hall

PRESENT: Bogart, Smith, King, Pierce, McPherson Wooters

ABSENT: AIger

The following resolution was offered by McPherson and seconded by Pierce:

WHEREAS, local governments in Michigan have struggled with unstable funding
needed to provide services; and

WHEREAS, Michigan businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on
business; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and manufacturers power our economy and are the
largest contributor to job growth in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, no other state in our region taxes business equipment the way
Michigan does – and most of those states don’t tax it at all, which makes Michigan
significantly less competitive when it comes to job creation and business
investment; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have struggled for years to pay for essential
services like police, fire, ambulances, schools and jails; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have relied on this shrinking source of
Personal Property Tax revenue to provide other community services as well,
including roads, transportation and libraries; and

WHEREAS, with bipartisan support the Michigan Legislature has voted to reform
the antiquated personal property tax to help increase Michigan’s competitiveness
with other states and remove an onerous tax that will allow more business
investment and create more jobs while providing a stable revenue source for local
communities; and

WHEREAS, this is not a constitutional amendment but the state constitution
requires Michigan voters to approve certain changes in local taxes; and
WHEREAS, local governments have struggled with unstable funding needed to
provide services and business have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on
equipment for years; and
WHEREAS, the proposal will make Michigan more competitive, which will help local communities to attract more businesses and talent and create local jobs; and

WHEREAS, the proposal is supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Police Organizations, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan Sheriffs Association, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Independent Businesses and the Michigan Manufacturers Association, among others; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Kingsley hereby expresses its strong support for the proposal to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge our [residents to vote YES on this proposal on August 5, 2014.

DATE

Rodney M. Bogart  Village President

Resolution 10-14

Adopted the 12th day of May, 2014, by the Village Council of the Village of Kingsley by the following vote:

AYES: Smith, Bogart, Wooters, McPherson, Pierce, King

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alger

Karen Lee Send, Village Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
 ) ss.

COUNTY OF GRAND TRAVERSE )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Kingsley, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete and compared copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 11th day of November, 2013, the original of which resolution is a part of the proceedings of said meeting and is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting notice by publication or posting at least eighteen hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 12th day of May, 2014.

Karen Send, Clerk, Village of Kingsley