

CITY OF SAUGATUCK
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 260309-A

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 5529-5532 AND RELATED
ZONING PREEMPTION LEGISLATION

Council Member Muncey, offered the following resolution and moved
for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Stanton:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has introduced House Bills 5529, 5530, 5531, and 5532, along with anticipated companion legislation, that would significantly preempt local zoning authority by imposing statewide requirements related to minimum lot sizes, duplex housing, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), parking requirements, dwelling unit sizes, setback standards, and development review processes; and

WHEREAS, local zoning authority is a critical tool used by municipalities to responsibly plan for growth, coordinate development with infrastructure capacity, protect environmental resources, and preserve community character; and

WHEREAS, statewide zoning mandates risk creating development patterns that conflict with locally adopted master plans, infrastructure capacity, and long-term capital planning, including systems such as water, sewer, stormwater, transportation networks, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saugatuck recognizes the importance of addressing housing availability and affordability and supports thoughtful strategies that expand housing opportunities within Michigan communities; and

WHEREAS, the City has already taken proactive steps to support housing diversity and flexibility through its zoning ordinance, including permitting accessory dwelling units (ADUs), allowing smaller dwelling unit sizes, and encouraging denser housing in appropriate locations such as downtown commercial districts where minimum parking requirements have been reduced; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently undertaking a community-wide Master Plan update that includes extensive public engagement and will guide future housing strategies and zoning updates tailored to the needs of the Saugatuck community; and

WHEREAS, the City believes housing policy should be developed collaboratively between the State and local governments and that one-size-fits-all statewide mandates are not the best approach for addressing the diverse needs of Michigan communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of

Saugatuck hereby expresses its opposition to Michigan House Bills 5529, 5530, 5531, and 5532, along with any related legislation that would preempt local zoning authority or impose statewide land use mandates on Michigan municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council urges the Michigan Legislature to work collaboratively with local governments to develop housing solutions that respect local planning authority and the unique needs of Michigan communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of Michigan, the City's State Senator and State Representative, the Michigan Municipal League, and other appropriate legislative leadership.

YEAS: Council Members: Anderson, Clark, Dean, Gardner, Mincey, Peterson, Stanton

NAYS: Council Members: None

ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

ABSENT: Council Members: None

ADOPTED this 9th day of March 2026

CITY OF SAUGATUCK

BY: [Signature]
Holly Anderson, Mayor

BY: [Signature]
Jamie Wolters, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Jamie Wolters, the duly appointed clerk of the City of Saugatuck do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held 3-9, 2026.

Signed: [Signature]
Jamie Wolters, City Clerk