

**RESOLUTION #26-04-059
CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT
LOCAL ZONING AUTHORITY REGARDING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Garden City is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan and is charged with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan House of Representatives recently introduced a package of bills that would preempt local authority over zoning and land use decisions related to housing development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden City supports efforts to increase housing affordability and expand housing opportunities within the State of Michigan, the legislation as introduced would significantly limit the authority of locally elected governing bodies and appointed planning commissions and zoning boards to make decisions that reflect the unique character, infrastructure capacity, and priorities of their communities; and

WHEREAS, local zoning and housing standards are carefully developed to align with the capacity of roads, stormwater systems, water and sewer infrastructure, and police and fire services, and are integrated with long-range master plans, capital improvement plans, and municipal budget forecasting; and

WHEREAS, local planning processes are transparent and participatory, providing residents with direct access to public meetings, hearings, and elected officials, thereby ensuring accountability and community engagement in land use decisions; and

WHEREAS, State preemption of local zoning authority diminishes local accountability and may not adequately account for the varied infrastructure constraints, geographic conditions, and community needs that differ significantly across Michigan municipalities; and

WHEREAS, responsible housing growth should occur through collaboration between the State of Michigan and local governments to ensure that affordability goals are balanced with infrastructure capacity, public safety considerations, and sound fiscal management;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Garden City hereby formally opposes the Michigan House housing preemption package as currently introduced.
2. The city urges members of the Michigan Legislature to vote against the bills in their current form and to engage collaboratively with local governments to develop housing policies that promote affordability while preserving local planning authority and protecting public infrastructure systems.
3. The city supports constructive dialogue and partnership with the State to identify meaningful solutions that increase housing opportunities without creating unfunded mandates or infrastructure burdens on local communities.

4. The Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, members of the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate representing this community, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Association of Counties, and any other interested parties.

RESOLVED BY: Councilmember King

SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Dold

AYES: Unanimous

ABSENT: None

Motion Passes 7-0

ADOPTION DATE: Monday, April 6, 2026