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RESOLUTION NO. 26-06

RESOLUTION OPPOSING MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 5529-5532, 5581, 5582-5585 AND RELATED ZONING PREEMPTION LEGISLATION

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Greenville, Montcalm County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 411 S. Lafayette Street, Greenville, Michigan, on the 7th day of April 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Scoby, Councilperson Seppala, Barrus, Johnson, and Mangus

ABSENT: Councilperson Moss and McBride

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Johnson and seconded by Barrus.

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 core feature of democratic local governance and 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, these bills propose significant statewide changes to local zoning and land use regulations that would preempt long-standing municipal authority to regulate development within local communities; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has historically recognized that zoning and land use decisions are best made at the local level, where elected officials and planning bodies have the greatest understanding of the community character, infrastructure capacity and long-term development goals; and

The mission of the City of Greenville, as a part of the Coalition of Greater Greenville, is to serve through leadership and action, to assure all citizens a collaborative, planned and visionary community.

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would impose additional requirements for studies, documentation, and administrative processes related to site plan review, which may create unnecessary delays, increase costs for applicants and municipalities, and function as unfunded mandates on local governments; and

WHEREAS, the legislation would limit the authority of the municipalities to establish and enforce zoning standards related to residential density, minimum home square footage, building spacing, parking requirements, and other development regulations that have been carefully adopted through local planning processes; and

WHEREAS, municipalities must retain the ability to plan for responsible growth while ensuring that infrastructure systems—including water, sewer, roads, public safety services, and drainage—are capable of supporting additional development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville recognizes the importance of addressing housing availability and affordability, but believes that housing policy solutions should preserve meaningful local input and flexibility so that communities can respond to their unique needs and conditions; and

WHEREAS, broad state preemption of local zoning authority risks undermining decades of community planning, infrastructure investment, and neighborhood stability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the City Council of the City of Greenville strongly opposes the passage of Michigan House Bills 5529 through 5532 and 5581 through 5585, as these bills would significantly restrict the ability of local governments to responsibly plan for growth, manage infrastructure capacity, and protect the character and stability of their neighborhoods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council urges the Michigan Legislature to preserve local zoning authority and work collaboratively with municipalities to address housing needs and development policy in a manner that respects local planning processes and avoids unfunded mandates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, members of the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate representing residents of Greenville, and to other appropriate state officials and municipal organizations.

AYES: (5) Mayor Scoby, Councilperson Seppala, Barrus, Johnson, and Mangus

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Councilperson Moss and McBride

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kristina Brott, Clerk of the City of Greenville, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City of Greenville held April 7, 2026.



Kristina Brott
City Clerk