

**CITY OF IMLAY CITY  
RESOLUTION 2026-05  
OPPOSING STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL ZONING  
AUTHORITY REGARDING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

At a regular meeting of the Imlay City Commission, held on April 07, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Imlay City Chambers, 150 N Main Street, Imlay City, Lapeer County, Michigan: the following resolution was offered by Commissioner Blount and seconded by Commissioner DeLuca.

***WHEREAS***, the City of Imlay 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***, while the City of Imlay 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***, Increasing residential density without adequate local review and mitigation planning may result in overburdened utilities, unsafe traffic conditions, strained public safety resources, unfunded service demands, and other unintended consequences that directly impact residents; 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 Imlay 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.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the foregoing resolution was voted with a roll call vote.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Blount, DeLuca, Ramirez, Stempien, Tanis, Davis, Yockey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

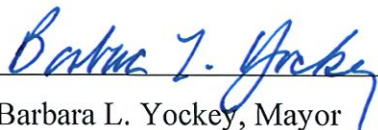
ABSTENTIONS: None

DATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED: April 07, 2026

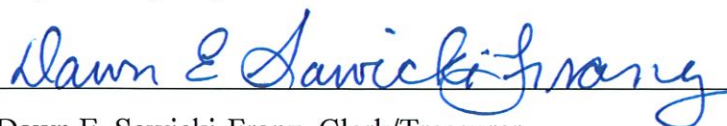
**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned Clerk of the City of Imlay City, hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by a vote of seven Ayes and zero Nays by the City Commission of the City of Imlay City, Lapeer County, Michigan at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 07, 2026. The original of which resolution is on file in my office and further certify that notice of said meeting was given in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

**Dated: April 07, 2026**



Barbara L. Yockey, Mayor  
City of Imlay City



Dawn E. Sawicki-Franz, Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Imlay City