

CITY OF MONROE
RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe 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, House Bills 5529, 5530, 5351, 5532, 5581, 5582, 5583, 5584 and HB 5585, as introduced, would preempt local land use decision making authority and impose statewide standard land use mandates on municipalities across the state; and

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2025, the City of Monroe received support from the Michigan State Housing Development Administration to conduct a thorough review of the zoning

ordinance and amended the ordinance to provide for more flexible standards for the purposes of addressing the housing needs of our community; and

WHEREAS, in 2026 the City of Monroe will be initiating a thorough review and update of the comprehensive land use master plan with a strong community engagement and input component with a focus on housing needs and demands and unique strategies to address the same; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe values the empowerment of citizens in local decision-making functions through legislative bodies such as the Citizens Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and City Council to best determine orderly development planning and implementation that preserves the unique characteristics that make our community special; and

WHEREAS, the City believes housing policy should be developed collaboratively between state and local governments and a one-size-fits-all statewide mandate is not the best approach for addressing the diverse needs and preserve neighborhood identities and character of the City of Monroe and all Michigan communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The City Council of the City of Monroe vehemently oppose the Michigan House housing preemption package as currently introduced and calls upon the Michigan Legislature to vote against the bills in their current form and engage collaboratively with local governments to develop housing policies that promote affordability while preserving local land use planning and zoning authority and protecting public infrastructure systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

A copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Joseph Bellino, Representative William Bruck, Representative James DeSana, the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Association of Planning.

Motion: Staelgraeve

Seconded by: Hayter

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I, Michelle J. LaVoy, City Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Monroe, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is an exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of said City, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 6th day of April, 2026.




Michelle J. LaVoy
City Clerk-Treasurer