

**RILEY TOWNSHIP  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION #2026 - 17**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL ZONING  
AUTHORITY THROUGH THE PROPOSED HOUSING READINESS PACKAGE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Riley is granted zoning and land use authority pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act;

AND WHEREAS, Michigan has historically recognized land use and zoning regulations are matters of local concern best addressed by local officials who understand their community and ensure public participation and consistency;

AND WHEREAS, the proposed "Housing Readiness" legislative package preempts and limits local zoning authority and diminishes ability of local governments to respond to specific needs and development decisions;

AND WHEREAS, preemption of local zoning authority circumvents the roll of local officials and reduces the ability of local control to balance growth, infrastructure capacity, public safety services, environmental protections, fiscal responsibility, and long-term planning goals of their communities;

AND WHEREAS, preservation of local planning and zoning authority is essential, and many municipalities are actively addressing housing supply and affordability through master planning, zoning updates, and other efforts which require local discretions;

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

AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Riley Board of Trustees formally opposes House Bills 5529 through 5532, as well as House Bills 5581 through 5585, and along with related proposed legislation, that preempts or limits local zoning and land use authority;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Riley Board of Trustees urges the Michigan Legislature to vote in opposition, to instead support local control and work collaboratively with municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of Michigan, members of the Michigan Senate and members of the Michigan House of Representatives, the Michigan Municipal League, and appropriate legislative committees considering this legislation.

This Resolution is deemed severable. Should any provision, clause, word or sentence be determined to be unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

Motion made by Cook, seconded by Baranowski to adopt the foregoing resolution.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE, the following voted:

Patricia Gondert	<u>  Y  </u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay
Susan Hudema-Evans	<u>  Y  </u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay
Martin Cook	<u>  Y  </u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay
Mark Baranowski	<u>  Y  </u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay
Duane Hagle	<u>  Y  </u> Aye	<u>      </u> Nay

Total Aye's:   5   Total Nay's:   0  

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted on the **14th** day of **April, 2026**.

#### **CERTIFICATE**

I, Patricia Gondert, the duly elected, qualified, clerk of Riley Township, St. Clair County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the of the Township of Riley Board of Trustees held on **April 14, 2026** and is a true and corrected copy of the original resolution on file and of record.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand this **14th** day of **April, 2026**.

Patricia Gondert  
Patricia Gondert, Township of Riley Clerk