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A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL ZONING AUTHORITY AND SUPPORTING THE MICHIGAN HOME PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Adair, seconded by Council Member Bielas,
WHEREAS, the City of Rogers City is committed to addressing housing needs in a manner that reflects the unique character, infrastructure capacity, and economic conditions of the community; and

WHEREAS, local governments are best positioned to make zoning and land use decisions that balance housing development with public safety, environmental stewardship, infrastructure limitations, and neighborhood integrity; and

WHEREAS, proposed state legislation to preempt local zoning authority would remove or significantly limit the ability of municipalities to make these locally informed decisions; and

WHEREAS, such preemption undermines the principles of local control and home rule long recognized in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, a one-size-fits-all, statewide zoning mandate fails to account for the diversity of Michigan communities, including rural, small-town, and waterfront municipalities such as Rogers City; and

WHEREAS, the City supports constructive, incentive-based solutions to increase housing availability rather than mandates that override local governance; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Home Program, as proposed in Michigan House Bills 5560 and 5561, provides a collaborative approach to addressing housing shortages by offering resources, incentives, and technical support to local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Home Program respects local decision-making while encouraging responsible housing growth tailored to each community's needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Rogers City strongly **opposes any state legislation that preempts or diminishes local zoning authority**, including measures that impose blanket zoning requirements or override local master plans and ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council urges members of the Michigan Legislature to reject such preemption proposals and instead pursue policies that uphold local control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council **supports the Michigan Home Program (HB 5560 and 5561)** as a preferred framework for addressing housing challenges through partnership, flexibility, and incentives rather than mandates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, State Senator Hoytenga and State Representative Cavitt, the Michigan Municipal League and other relevant stakeholders to advocate for preservation of local authority and advancement of collaborative housing solutions.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Adair, Bielas, VanderWall and McLennan.
Nays – Fuhrman, the motion carried.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Terri L. Koss, duly appointed and acting City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Rogers City, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Rogers City City Council at their regular meeting of April 7, 2026. Said meeting followed all provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

Dated: April 16, 2026


Terri L. Koss, City Clerk/Treasurer