

RESOLUTION PC2026-01

Hart Planning Commission

City of Hart, Michigan

Oceana County

OPPOSE HOUSE BILLS 5529–5532 AND 5581–5585 THAT WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL ZONING AUTHORITY AND RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL TAKE SIMILAR ACTION

WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended) grants local governments the authority to plan and regulate land use in a manner that reflects the unique needs, infrastructure, and character of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hart Planning Commission is charged with guiding land use planning and zoning in a manner that balances housing needs with infrastructure capacity, public safety, environmental considerations, and long-term community development goals; and

WHEREAS, House Bills 5529–5532 and 5581–5585, currently under consideration in the Michigan Legislature, would impose statewide zoning mandates that preempt local authority on matters including, but not limited to, duplexes, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), minimum lot sizes, setbacks, and minimum dwelling sizes; and

WHEREAS, such legislation would limit the City’s ability to implement zoning standards tailored to local conditions, infrastructure capacity, and community-supported planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Hart supports efforts to address housing availability and affordability, effective solutions require collaboration with local governments and recognition of community-specific needs; and

WHEREAS, one-size-fits-all mandates risk undermining thoughtful local planning, infrastructure investments, and locally driven development strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Hart Planning Commission hereby expresses its opposition to House Bills 5529–5532 and 5581–5585, and any similar legislation that would preempt local zoning authority; and

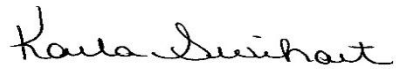
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Planning Commission recommends that the Hart City Council adopt a similar resolution formally opposing such legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Planning Commission encourages the Michigan Legislature to work collaboratively with local governments to develop housing solutions that respect local planning authority and infrastructure realities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon adoption by the City Council, a copy of such resolution be transmitted to the Governor, State Representative Curt VanderWall, State Senator Jon Bumstead, and the Michigan Municipal League.

Moved by Betty Root, supported by Jim Evans, and thereafter adopted by the Hart Planning Commission at a regular meeting held on May 7th, 2026

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karla Swihart".

Karla Swihart, City Clerk