

RESOLUTION #14-2026
OPPOSING STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL ZONING
AUTHORITY REGARDING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

City of Ishpeming
County of Marquette, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council (“City Council”) of the City of Ishpeming, County of Marquette, State of Michigan (the “City”), held on June 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Mayor Pat Scanlon, Councilmembers: Brett Argall, Jason Chapman, Claudia Demarest, and Kurt Kipling (5)

ABSENT: none (0)

WHEREAS, the City of Ishpeming 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 Legislature has introduced and may continue to consider legislation that would preempt local authority over zoning and land use decisions related to housing development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ishpeming supports efforts to increase housing affordability and expand housing opportunities throughout the State of Michigan, but believes such legislation could significantly limit the authority of locally elected governing bodies, 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, emergency services, and municipal resources, and are integrated with long-range master plans, capital improvement plans, and municipal budget forecasting; 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 may diminish local accountability and fail to adequately account for the varied infrastructure constraints, geographic conditions, economic realities, 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 housing affordability goals are balanced with infrastructure capacity, public safety considerations, environmental protections, and sound fiscal management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

The City of Ishpeming hereby formally opposes any Michigan legislation that would broadly preempt local zoning authority related to housing development without meaningful local input and flexibility.

The City Council urges members of the Michigan Legislature to work collaboratively with local governments to develop housing policies that promote affordability and housing availability while preserving local planning authority and protecting public infrastructure systems.

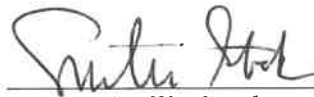
The City supports constructive dialogue and partnership with the State of Michigan to identify meaningful housing solutions that increase housing opportunities without creating unfunded mandates or infrastructure burdens on local communities.

The City 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.

AYES: Mayor Pat Scanlon, Councilmembers: Brett Argall, Jason Chapman, Claudia Demarest, and Kurt Kipling (5)

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Emilie Stack
City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Ishpeming, County of Marquette, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on June 17, 2026, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Emilie Stack
City Clerk

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