

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS

RESOLUTION NO. 07– 2026

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 5529–5532 AND 5581–5585 AS AN OVERREACH OF STATE AUTHORITY AND AN EROSION OF LOCAL CONTROL

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of the Village of Douglas, Michigan, held at the City of the Village of Douglas City Hall, Douglas, Michigan, on the 6th day of April, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember , and supported by Councilmember .

WHEREAS, the City of the Village of Douglas is committed to responsible governance grounded in local decision-making, public engagement, and long-term community planning; and

WHEREAS, locally elected officials are accountable to their residents and are best positioned to make land use, zoning, and development decisions that reflect the unique character, infrastructure capacity, and priorities of their community; and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged in years of thoughtful planning, public input, and policy development to guide growth and preserve the integrity of its community; and

WHEREAS, Michigan House Bills 5529 through 5532 and 5581 through 5585 propose sweeping preemptions of local authority that would significantly limit or eliminate the ability of municipalities to implement and enforce their own zoning and land use policies; and

WHEREAS, these bills represent a direct override of locally adopted ordinances and voter-supported decisions, effectively nullifying the voices of residents and the authority of locally elected officials; and

WHEREAS, such legislation constitutes a clear example of state overreach by imposing one-size-fits-all mandates that disregard the diversity of Michigan communities and their locally established priorities; and

WHEREAS, removing local control over planning and development decisions undermines the fundamental principle that communities should have a meaningful role in shaping their own future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas strongly opposes Michigan House Bills 5529 through 5532 and 5581 through 5585; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council affirms that these bills represent an unacceptable overreach of state authority into matters that have historically and appropriately been governed at the local level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city urges the Michigan Legislature to reject these bills and to respect the role of local governments in land use planning, zoning, and community development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City calls upon state lawmakers to engage with municipalities as partners rather than preempting local authority through broad and inflexible mandates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Michigan, members of the Michigan Legislature representing this region, and relevant municipal and planning organizations.

YEAS:

NAYS: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ADOPTED this 6th day of April 2026

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BY: _____
Cathy North, Mayor

BY: _____
Laura Kasper, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura Kasper, the duly appointed Clerk of the City of the Village of Douglas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Douglas City Council at a regular meeting held on April 6, 2026 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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BY: _____
Laura Kasper, City Clerk