

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PASSAGE OF MICHIGAN HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVE BILLS 5088-5093 AND MICHIGAN SENATE BILLS 549-554
REGARDING LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE FOR WATER BILLS**

At the regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Clinton, Macomb County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall at 40700 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, Michigan, 48038 the 18th day of December, 2023, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

The following Resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, House Bills 5088 through 5093 have been introduced in the State of Michigan House of Representatives and Senate Bills 549 through 554 have been introduced in the State of Michigan Senate (hereinafter “bills”), and;

WHEREAS, the above referenced bills have been referred to State House of Representatives and State Senate committees for consideration, and;

WHEREAS, these introduced bills would, if enacted into law, impose new fees on Michigan residents who receive water from municipal water providers, and;

WHEREAS, the fees in the proposed legislation would add between \$24 and \$36 to the annual water bills of Clinton Township residents and;

WHEREAS, the intent of the introduced bills is to assist lower income residents throughout Michigan by paying their water bills, and;

WHEREAS, Clinton Township is a member of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), which has an existing program called the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) to help low income residents with their water bills, and;

WHEREAS, money obtained from Macomb County GLWA ratepayers to support the WRAP program is allocated to support low-income residents in need of assistance in Macomb County, and;

WHEREAS, House Bills 5088-5093/Senate Bills 549-554 duplicate a service already provided by the existing WRAP program, and;

WHEREAS, passage of House Bills 5088-5093 and Senate Bills 549-554 would distribute new fees paid by Macomb County residents to beneficiaries outside of Macomb County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Board of Trustees opposes passage of House Bills 5088-5093 and Senate Bills 549-554 on the basis they that raise water costs to Clinton Township residents, duplicate an existing service to low-income individuals, and redistribute money from hard working Clinton Township residents to distant beneficiaries, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be distributed to all state legislators representing residents of Clinton Township, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clinton Township Treasurer, in conjunction with the Clinton Township Public Works Department, provide information to Clinton Township residents about the impact passage of House Bills 5088-5093 and Senate Bills 549-554 would have on the cost of their water bills and also provide contact information to state lawmakers representing Clinton Township residents.

Any and all resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give full force and effect to the foregoing provisions.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Kim Meltzer, Clerk
Charter Township of Clinton

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I, Kim Meltzer, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Clinton Township, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a meeting held on the 18th day of December, 2023, 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, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required under the Open Meetings Act.

Kim Meltzer, Clerk
Charter Township of Clinton