

**VILLAGE OF NEW HAVEN
MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PASSAGE OF MICHIGAN HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVE BILLS 5088-5093 AND MICHIGAN SENATE BILLS 549-554
REGARDING “WATER AFFORDABILITY” PROGRAMS FOR WATER BILLS**

At the regular meeting of the Village of New Haven’s Village Council, Macomb County, Michigan, held at the Village Hall at 57775 Main Street, New Haven, Michigan, 48048 the 9th day of January, 2024, commencing at 7:00 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 Village of New Haven residents and;

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

WHEREAS, the Village of New Haven 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 duplicates 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 Village of New Haven’s Village Council opposes passage of House Bills 5088-5093 and Senate Bills 549-554 on the basis they that raise water

costs to Village of New Haven residents while duplicating an existing service, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be distributed to all state legislators representing residents of the Village of New Haven, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of New Haven will publish information to Village 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 Village of New Haven 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.

Rachel Whitsett, Clerk
Village of New Haven

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I, Rachel Whitsett, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of New Haven, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Village Council of the Village of New Haven at a meeting held on the 9th day of January, 2024, 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.

Rachel Whitsett, Clerk
Village of New Haven