

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06**

WHEREAS, zoning preemption legislation, specifically House Bills 5529 through 5532, along with related proposed legislation, has been introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives and is currently before the Regulatory Reform Committee; and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation, if enacted, would strip locally elected officials of their decision-making authority, dismiss years of community planning work, and amount to a clear override from Lansing on local voices and voter-backed decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton makes the following declarations:

1. State policies should uphold resident priorities, provide flexibility that considers the diversity of Michigan's communities, and support zoning decisions consistent with infrastructure needs, robust economic growth, and public safety.
2. Local governance rewards participation and encourages problem-solving. It creates spaces for communities to wrestle with complex issues, adapt to changing conditions, and take ownership of the solutions they implement. Durable outcomes emerge when people have a voice, a stake, and a responsibility in shaping decisions that affect their communities and their families.
3. The state legislature must not preempt local decision-making. Citizens and their elected local leaders engaging in vigorous debate on matters that impact them every day is a transparent and participatory process. State preemption lacks that same accountability.
4. As local leaders, we stand united in opposition to this zoning preemption legislation, which erodes local control and forces an ill-conceived, one-size-fits-all planning approach upon communities across the State of Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby encourages the members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee to oppose this zoning preemption legislation that creates sweeping mandates, oversimplifies the problem, and ignores the importance of local decision-making.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy provided to State Representative Mueller and the House Regulatory Reform Committee.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06 as presented.

Motion by:

Seconded:

Ayes:

Nays: