

Waterloo Township Board

RESOLUTION NO. 23-09-26-1

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN LOCAL CONTROL OVER LOCAL LAND
USES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: SHORT-TERM RENTALS, INDUSTRIAL SOLAR
INSTALLATIONS, INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINE INSTALLATIONS AND SAND AND GRAVEL MINING

At a meeting of the Waterloo Township Board, Jackson County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall (9773 Mt Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259) on September, 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.,

Present: Doug Lance, John Beck, Josh McAlister, Wendy Walz, Janice Kitley

Absent: None

The following resolution was offered by Member Lance supported by Member McAlister

WHEREAS, local units of government are granted the authority to regulate land development and land use through the 2006 Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, specifically sec. 125.3201 (1) which states "A local unit of government may provide by zoning ordinance for the regulation of land development and the establishment of 1 or more districts within its zoning ordinance which regulate the use of land and structures to meet the needs of the state's citizens for food, fiber, energy, and other natural resources... and other uses of land... and to promote public health, safety and welfare"; and

WHEREAS, local townships are best able to determine which uses should and should not be in their local communities and what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than having these decisions forced onto townships by the state government; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Michigan may propose and attempt to pass into law bills that strip away local community control over local land uses including, but not limited to: short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations and sand and gravel mining; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Waterloo Township is committed to protecting our communities' land from special interests trying to strip away local control;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Waterloo Township resolves as follows:

Section 1. Waterloo Township is opposed to the legislature of the State of Michigan proposing and passing bills that take away or otherwise limit local control over local land

uses, including, but not limited to: short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations and sand and gravel mining.

Section 2. Waterloo Township is opposed to the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and decommissioning of industrial wind facilities, industrial solar facilities, sand and gravel mines and similar uses in our community unless these projects comply with township ordinances and regulations.

Section 3. Waterloo Township supports the longstanding right of local community self-determination as provided by the laws and constitution of the State of Michigan.

Section 4. As the members of the Board of Waterloo Township, we resolve to maintain the duties and responsibilities bestowed upon us as elected representatives by our constituents to execute their will to the best of our abilities in these matters.

Section 5. Waterloo Township will forward a copy of this resolution to the following lawmakers:

Margie Walz - Jackson County Commissioner, District 2

Jennifer Conlin -- State Representative for District 48

Sue Shink - State Senator for District 14

Sean McCann - Chair - Senate "Energy and Environment Committee"

Dan Lauers - vice-chair, Senate "Energy and Environment Committee"

Helena Scott - Chair, House "Energy, Communications, and Technology" Committee

Tyrone Carter - Chair, House "Regulatory Reform" Committee

Abraham Aiyash - Representative of district 4, sponsor of the 'takeover' bill
Governor Gretchen Whitmer

Roll Call Vote Yes: Beck, McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED



Douglas Lance

Waterloo Township Supervisor