

CITY OF SAUGATUCK  
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 240311-A

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATEWIDE EXCISE TAX, COMPREHENSIVE  
REGISTRY, AND LOCAL ZONING REGULATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

Council Member Dean, offered the following resolution and moved  
for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Baldwin:

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of addressing the impact of short-term rentals on local communities; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5438 proposes a statewide excise tax on short-term rentals, along with initiatives to establish a comprehensive registry and empower local zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of the excise tax revenue to municipalities is seen as equitable and essential for addressing local challenges posed by short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, directing revenue back to local governments enables targeted investments in infrastructure, public services, and safety measures, aligning with the unique needs of each community; and

WHEREAS, local governments are best positioned to understand and address the specific concerns of their communities, ensuring that the benefits of tourism and economic activity are balanced with the preservation of neighborhood integrity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a comprehensive short-term rental registry and database is crucial for supporting local enforcement efforts, preventing fraudulent activities, and promoting transparency and accountability within the short-term rental sector; and

WHEREAS, empowering localities to enact and enforce zoning regulations tailored to their unique needs and community desires is fundamental in preserving the character of towns and cities, safeguarding public health, safety, and welfare, and establishing processes for permit revocation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saugatuck hereby expresses its strong support for the proposed statewide excise tax within House Bill 5438, as well as the accompanying initiatives aimed at establishing a comprehensive registry and empowering local zoning regulations for short-term rentals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council urges state legislators to recognize the critical importance of these initiatives in ensuring the vitality and sustainability of local

communities, and to take swift action in passing House Bill 5438; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, state legislators representing the City of Saugatuck, and other relevant stakeholders, to convey the City Council's support for these measures.

YEAS: Council Members: Anderson, Baldwin, Deau, Muncay, Stanton

NAYS: Council Members: None

ABSTAIN: Council Members: White

ABSENT: Council Members: Gardner

ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

CITY OF SAUGATUCK

BY:   
Lauren Stanton, Mayor

BY:   
Jamie Wolters, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Jamie Wolters, the duly appointed clerk of the City of Saugatuck do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held 3-11, 2024.

Signed:   
Jamie Wolters, City Clerk