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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-3221

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHANGES TO THE MICHIGAN ZONING
ENABLING ACT AND ELIMINATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY
TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers, Cadillac Municipal Complex, 200 North Lake Street, Cadillac, Michigan, on the 27th day of June, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Spoelman, Meinhardt, Engels, Mayor Filkins

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER: Schippers

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Spoelman and seconded by Meinhardt.

WHEREAS, the City of Cadillac is a hub for tourism which utilize short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it imperative to regulate short-term rentals and their activities to ensure quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, city neighborhoods generally do not have the benefit of protective condominium association or neighborhood association covenants, with provisions that address residents' concerns associated with short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, there are a variety of factors associated with short-term rentals that should be addressed at the local level to ensure that the public health, safety and welfare of communities and neighborhoods are protected; and

WHEREAS, each community has the authority to establish zoning regulations, including

regulations applicable to short-term rentals, to control land use that both accounts for the character of the community and mitigates adverse impacts within the community; and

WHEREAS, under its current work program, the City has already begun conducting a complete review and revision of its zoning ordinance, including consideration and research of this emerging land use issue; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to develop and include reasonable accommodation and regulations for short-term rentals, following a public outreach program to gather information and consider regulations that are best suited for the City of Cadillac; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that control of zoning and land use issues are a matter of local concern and that it and other communities are uniquely situated to determine what if any land use regulations are appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City does not support the erosion of local control over land use and zoning decisions set forth in House Bill 4503 or Senate Bill 329 and does not believe that a "one size fits all" approach to local land use and zoning decisions protect the health, safety or welfare of each individual community across this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan, resolves as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Cadillac opposes House Bill 4503 and Senate Bill 329 and urges its representatives to reject a "one size fits all" approach to our local communities.
2. The City Council of the City of Cadillac opposes House Bill 4503 and Senate Bill 329 because the bills further erode local control of land use and zoning

decisions and communities, like the City of Cadillac, are uniquely situated and able to determine the scope and applicability of land use and zoning regulations to foster and promote a thriving community and tourist destination while simultaneously protecting the public health, safety and welfare.


3. The City Council of the City of Cadillac opposes House Bill 4503 and Senate Bill 329 because the bills threaten the integrity of this State's zoning enabling legislation and traditional zoning process.

YEAS: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Spoelman, Meinhardt, Engels, Mayor Filkins

NAYS: None

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COUNTY OF WEXFORD)

I, Sandra Wasson, City Clerk of the City of Cadillac, hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 2017-3221, duly adopted at a special meeting of the City Council held on the 27th day of June, 2017.



Sandra Wasson
Cadillac City Clerk

