

RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE SHORT-TERM RENTAL BILL

A RESOLUTION

**OPPOSING LEGISLATION DEPRIVING MICHIGAN RESIDENTS OF THE RIGHT TO
REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTALS WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES**

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature is considering House Bill 4722, and

WHEREAS, if enacted into law, this bill would require that short-term rentals be permitted uses in all residential zones, and would deprive local residents of the right to determine for their own communities and neighborhoods, through their local legislative bodies, whether zoning regulations are desirable to implement to establish the locations in which short-term rentals are appropriate within their community, or to individually review and consider proposed short-term rentals using the long-established procedures set forth under state law, understanding that under the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act it is not lawful to totally prohibit any use when there is a need for that use in the community or the surrounding area, and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Joseph has through hard experience learned from its residents the importance of thoughtful consideration of the impact of introduction of transient guests to residential neighborhoods, and that well-considered zoning regulations are important to protect the quality of life of our residents and the year-round character of our neighborhoods while still permitting these uses in appropriate locations in the community, and

WHEREAS, the passage of House Bill 4722 would take from the citizens of the City of St. Joseph local control of their community in this regard and would, in the judgment of the City Commission, have a detrimental effect on our residents, our neighborhoods, and our community, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of St. Joseph understands, respects, and supports the current right of all Michigan residents, through their local municipalities, to consider all aspects of short-term rentals and to have the right to exercise local control by considering how these uses fit in with the circumstances and goals of each individual community, whether regulation might be appropriate, and if so the specific details of such regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of St. Joseph respectfully urges our elected representatives, Senator Kim LaSata and Representative Pauline Wendzel, to oppose the passage of House Bill 4722 or any similar legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of St. Joseph respectfully urges House Commerce and Tourism Committee Chair Representative Steve Marino and the honorable members of that committee to take no action to further the passage of this bill or of legislation with a similar effect.

