

Freedom Township  
11508 Pleasant Lake Road  
Manchester, MI, 48103

**RESOLUTION 2021-10**  
House Bill 4722

The following Resolution was offered by Lindemann, seconded by Bristle during a Regular Meeting of the Freedom Township Board held on May 11, 2021:

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Legislature is considering HB 4722; and,

**WHEREAS**, HB 4722 would seek to eliminate a municipality's ability to regulate short-term vacation rentals; and,

**WHEREAS**, HB4722 mandates all short-term rentals are a by-right residential use of property, permitted in all residential zones. They can't be subject to a special use or conditional use permit, or any procedure different from those required for other dwellings in the same zone. This bill would eliminate the ability to inspect short-term rentals unless you are inspecting all dwellings in that zone, including owner-occupied; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act lays out the process for local government to draft regulations driven by public input through an open process; and,

**WHEREAS**, HB 4722 undermines that process and removes the voice of local citizens, rendering local government powerless to respond and act; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Freedom Township Board of Trustees believes local government is best positioned to know the unique needs of their community when discussing zoning issues. The elected decision makers closest to the people are the most appropriate to determine if something needs to be acted upon to maintain the delicate balance between residential and commercial uses, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**: that Freedom Township Board of Trustees asks that HB 4722 be rejected and that local zoning decisions be left in the hands of local government where they belong; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: that Freedom Township Board of Trustees position be shared with those who represent Freedom Township at the State level, the governor's office, and others who may consider action on HB 4722 in the future.

Voting Yes: Layher, Bristle, Schaible, Huehl, Lindemann

Voting No: none

Absent: none

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

5/7/2021

Date

Valisa L. Bristle

Valisa L. Bristle  
Freedom Township Clerk

I, Valisa Bristle, duly elected Clerk of Freedom Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 21-10 adopted by the Freedom Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting held on May 11, 2021.

Valisa L. Bristle

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Freedom Township Clerk