
M-1 Council Member Tietz: Referral Regarding HB 5317 and HB 5318Suggested Resolution

Resolution #2014-07-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS, On May 22, 2014, the Michigan House of Representatives passed HB 5317 (amendment to Safe Water Drinking Act) and 5318 (amendment to the Stille DeRossett Hale Single State Construction Code Act), which were tie barred; and

WHEREAS, On May 27, 2014, HB 5317 and HB 5318 were referred to the Senate Regulatory Reform Committee, and are pending at this time; and

WHEREAS, Under the current law and mandates of the MDEQ, residents and businesses of the City of Troy are now required to pay the costs for a licensed plumber to complete backflow testing once every three years, and these costs can be up to \$150.00 for each test; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy acknowledges the critical need to prevent contamination of the water supply system, and recognizes that backflow testing is an important responsibility of every homeowner, and strongly encourages education about the protections provided with backflow testing; and

WHEREAS, The MDEQ's requirement to complete backflow testing once every three years is an unfunded mandate that is not clearly set forth in state statute, and the MDEQ has not demonstrated that this backflow testing frequency is required to prevent contamination of the water supply; and

WHEREAS, This unfunded mandate on local municipalities diverts tax dollars away from core city services, and testing every ten years, as detailed in HB 5317, may provide the same protections to the water supply;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council of the City of Troy hereby **RECOMMENDS** the immediate passage of HB 5317 and HB 5318, and urges the Governor to immediately sign it upon presentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk shall **FORWARD** copies of this resolution to State Senator John Pappageorge, State Representative Martin Howrylak, as well as Governor Snyder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council **URGES** Troy residents to learn about this issue and contact their legislators to express their opinions.

Yes:

No: