

RESOLUTION FOR COST RECOVERY *RW*

WHEREAS, Waterford Township recognizes the importance of providing security for all presidential candidates, and

WHEREAS, government leaders are encouraging all municipalities and residents to conserve monies wherever possible and seek cost savings to address the seriousness of the current budget deficits, and

WHEREAS, political campaigning has already begun and will continue throughout 2007 and 2008, and

WHEREAS, in the past, many political candidates made visits to Waterford Township, via the Oakland County International Airport, such as the many candidates who visited in 2004, including President Bush, and

WHEREAS, in the past, many political candidates have traveled via motorcades throughout the Township, requiring road closures, police escorts and protection, and

WHEREAS, Waterford Township has always provided the needed security for these campaign visits, securing the airport, assisting with traffic control and lane closures, and

WHEREAS, the costs incurred to the Township for providing police officers, emergency medical technicians and fire fighters service is significant, and no funds are available nor provided for in the township budget for unexpected and unusual events, and

WHEREAS, Waterford Township receives less from State and Federal revenue, has been unable to replace retiring officers, therefore having fewer resources than in recent years and can no longer afford to provide such security without the implementation of cost recovery, and

WHEREAS, presidential candidates must consider the burden placed upon local governments and accept these expenses as part of their campaign costs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Fiscal and Human Resource Director Robert Seeterlin, Fire Chief Dennis K. Storrs and Police Chief Daniel T. McCaw be directed to pursue the recovery of costs incurred for all political candidate campaign visits in future, appealing to both the Democratic and Republican candidates.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to request the Michigan Township Association and all Oakland County communities to urge our State and Federal representatives to pass legislation implementing mandatory cost recovery for the upcoming elections.



Betty Fortino, Clerk  
April 9, 2007



Carl W. Solden, Supervisor