



Charter Township of Springfield

Res. 2005-LCC

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL CONTROL OF LIQUOR LICENSES

WHEREAS, Michigan liquor law allocates quota liquor licenses to townships and municipalities based on population figures derived from the latest census; and

WHEREAS, quota liquor licenses are awarded by the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) following adoption of a resolution by a local municipality/township indicating approval or disapproval of the request for a license; and

WHEREAS, applicants are awarded quota liquor licenses for which they have paid no monies to the local township/municipality (except in some cases for an application fee); and

WHEREAS, current Michigan liquor law allows for the recipient of a quota liquor license to use the license and realize the profits from the sale of alcoholic beverages; to place the license in escrow with the LCC; to sell the license; or to transfer the quota license to another entity in or out of the local township/municipality; and

WHEREAS, townships, cities and villages are the local governmental bodies wishing to retain local control over matters such as business development, including the award of quota liquor licenses in their communities; and

WHEREAS, allowing a quota liquor license to be transferred from a local township/municipality in which it was originally issued without the consent of that township/municipality has the effect of weakening the economic viability of that township/municipality and of being counterproductive to the best interests of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Springfield is desirous of deciding how and to whom quota liquor licenses are to be issued in the interest of promoting a healthy business climate and to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the local citizenry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Charter Township of Springfield supports the principle of local control by local townships/municipalities of quota liquor licenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield petitions the State legislature to enact an amendment to Michigan liquor law that would ensure local control of liquor licenses through the requirement that any and all quota liquor licenses be returned to the quota for a particular local township or municipality when no longer in use, for whatever reason, in conjunction with the viable business to which it was originally issued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Liquor Control Commission; Speaker of the House Craig De Roche; Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema; State Senator Deborah Cherry; State Representative John Stakoe; Governor Jennifer Granholm, and to each of the townships and municipalities in Oakland County.

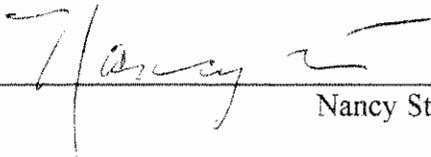
Moved by Lamont, supported by Cooper

yes: Cooper, Dubre, Hopper, Lamont, Strole, Vallad, Walls

no: none

CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Strole, duly elected Clerk of the Charter Township of Springfield, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on the 12th day of May, 2005.



Nancy Strole, Clerk