

RESOLUTION
of the
FERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL
regarding
FIREWORKS

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan adopted into law the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act 256 of 2011 that took effect on January 1, 2012 (“the Act”), and

WHEREAS, the Act now provides for the sale of consumer fireworks in various retail locations and limits the authority of a local unit of government to regulate sales, and

WHEREAS, the Act liberalized the law on retailing fireworks and prohibited local governments from totally banning their use, resulting in far more fireworks-related complaints of health, safety, and nuisance issues, and

WHEREAS, the effects of the Act include serious personal injury to users and to others, damage to property including fires and the littering of burned debris onto neighboring properties, and the detonation of powerful fireworks in close proximity to residences, businesses, and other uses, disturbing their sane, safe and quiet enjoyment of their properties, and

WHEREAS, the Act preempts local control and removes the ability of local communities to protect the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of its citizens, and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the City Council asks our State Legislature to repeal the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act 256 of 2011; alternatively if the Act is not repealed, then the City Council asks that the Legislature amend the Act to restore to local communities the discretion to limit the use of fireworks with their corporate limits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Council supports HB NO. 5327 of 2016 and urges our representatives to act quickly to report this bill out of the Committee on Regulatory Reform and on to the full house and Senate for an affirmative vote and ultimately the Governor’s Signature, and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that on the 1st day of August, 2016 the City of Ferrysburg City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to forward this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senator and Representatives of the City of Ferrysburg, and the communities of Ottawa County, Michigan

Offered by Council Member _____.

Seconded by Council Member _____.

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

Certification

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Ferrysburg City Council at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of August, 2016.

July 27, 2016

Debbie Wierenga, City Clerk