

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON CITY COUNCIL  
OPPOSING SENATE BILL 720 AND HOUSE BILL 5232**

**BY THE CITY COUNCIL:**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 720 and House Bill 5232 as introduced within the State of Michigan Legislature seek to amend the Local Historic Districts Act, 1970 PA 169, by modifying procedures for establishing or eliminating an historic district, making changes to the process by which exterior improvements are made to historic structures and creating a process for dissolving or renewing an historic district;

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 720 and House Bill 5232 require changes that will make it more difficult for the City of Jackson to protect areas of historic significance; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 720 and HB 5232 would require the local historic district to dissolve in 10 years unless a majority vote of the City electors approved a renewal. Every ten years after that, the question of renewal would need to be resubmitted to the voters. This adds not only uncertainty to the historic preservation efforts of the City, but also added expense to conduct the elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 720 and HB 5232 would permit the City Council to eliminate a historic district by passage of an ordinance without the approval of the voters at an election. Currently, the City Council must appoint an historic district study committee that must issue a report, hold a hearing, and issue a final report to show why elimination is needed. These requirements would be eliminated by Senate Bill 720 and House Bill 5232; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 720 and House Bill 5232 also shift the responsibility of appeals for work permit grievances from the state historic preservation review board to the City Council. This would increase costs to the City to review and hear these appeals. In addition, the expertise of the state historic preservation review board makes it a superior choice for appeals.

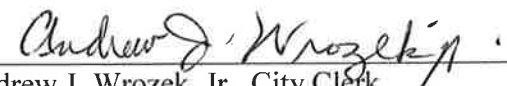
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Jackson City Council opposes Senate Bill 720 and House Bill 5232 and respectfully requests that all State legislators oppose this legislation.

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State of Michigan )  
County of Jackson ) ss  
City of Jackson )

I, Andrew J. Wrozek, Jr., City Clerk in and for the City of Jackson, County and State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Jackson City Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my signature and the seal of the City of Jackson, Michigan, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
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Andrew J. Wrozek, Jr., City Clerk