



RESOLUTION NO. 2967

**CITY OF GRANDVILLE
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Grandville, County of Kent, Michigan, duly called and held in the City Hall in said City, 3195 Wilson Avenue SW, on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. there were:

PRESENT: Council Members Gelderloos, Kauffman, Maas, Meringa, Pettijohn, Richards and Mayor Buck

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Kauffman, and seconded by Council Member Meringa:

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
FULLY REPLACING, NOT JUST ERASING
MICHIGAN'S PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

Whereas, the City of Grandville has experienced a significant decline in property tax values, which has caused unprecedented fiscal constraints; and

Whereas, this decline has resulted in a reduction of \$180,412 in property tax revenue in the last year; and, at the same millage rate \$489,704 in the last 4 years; and

Whereas, at the same time Grandville has confronted consistent reductions in State Shared Revenue, as part of the \$4 Billion in cuts to State Shared Revenue state-wide; and

Whereas, due to this unrelenting fiscal pressure, Grandville has been compelled to reduce the level of municipal services historically provided to the residents, businesses and schools in our community; and

Whereas, these municipal services protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, and are an essential component of building a strong local economy and maintaining a vibrant community; and

Whereas, it is proposed by some that the Michigan Personal Property Tax be erased; and

Whereas, an additional loss of municipal revenue will compound and exacerbate the financial hardship this community—its residents and its businesses—are currently experiencing; and

Whereas, the Personal Property Tax is relied upon by Michigan's local governments, comprising about 11% of their taxable value state-wide, and as much as 50% of the taxable value in some communities; and

Whereas, the importance of the Personal Property Tax to local communities is underscored by the fact that it is a particularly stable source of needed revenue, facilitating efficient management by Grandville's elected and appointed local officials; and

Whereas, the elimination of the Personal Property Tax would result in another \$1.2 billion loss to local governments state-wide, and would result in a loss of \$626,773 every year, to Grandville; and

Whereas, even further cuts in vital local services would be unprecedented, unwarranted and destructive to the fabric of our community;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the City of Grandville urges the Legislature and the governor to specifically condition any change, in the Michigan Personal Property Tax that would result in a reduction in revenue from this tax to local governments, to a full—not partial—amount of replacement revenue; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the City of Grandville urges the Legislature and the governor condition any reduction, in revenue to local units of government from the Michigan Personal Property Tax, to the passage of an amendment of the Michigan Constitution to protect the full amount of replacement revenue; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that on behalf of our citizens, businesses and schools, and in recognition of the vital importance substantial and stable revenue derived from Michigan's Personal Property Tax will have on our future economic success, the City of Grandville urges the Legislature and the governor to Replace, not Erase, the Michigan Personal Property Tax.

YEAS: Council Members Gelderloos, Kauffman, Maas, Meringa, Pettijohn, Richards and Mayor Buck

NAYS: None

ADOPTED THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Grandville, County of Kent, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on September 26, 2011 the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.



Mary L. Meines
Mary L. Meines, Grandville City Clerk