

**FREMONT**  
Michigan

*"NOW AND ALWAYS-A Fine City • A Great Community"*

**RESOLUTION NO. R-14-07**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION  
AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM WITHOUT RAISING TAXES  
IN THE CITY OF FREMONT, NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**WHEREAS**, local governments in Michigan have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on business; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses and manufacturers power our economy and are the largest contributor to job growth in Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, no other state in our region taxes business equipment the way Michigan does – and most of those states don't tax it at all, which makes Michigan significantly less competitive when it comes to job creation and business investments; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan communities have struggled for years to pay for essential services like police, fire, ambulances, schools and jails; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan communities have relied on this shrinking source of Personal Property Tax revenue to provide other community services as well, including roads, transportation and libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, with bipartisan support the Michigan Legislature has voted to reform the antiquated personal property tax to help increase Michigan 's competitiveness with other states and remove an onerous tax that will allow more business investment and create more jobs while providing a stable revenue source for local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this is not a constitutional amendment but the state constitution requires Michigan voters to approve certain changes in local taxes; and


**WHEREAS**, local governments have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services and businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on equipment for years; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal will make Michigan more competitive, which will help local communities to attract more businesses and talent and create local jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal is supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Police Organizations, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan Sheriffs Association, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Independent Business and the Michigan Manufacturers Association, among others; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the City of Fremont hereby expresses its strong support for the proposal to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge our residents to vote YES on this proposal on August 5, 2014.

Councilmember Conley moved the adoption of the forgoing Resolution, which was supported by Councilmember Drake and was thereupon adopted on the 19th day of May 2014.

  
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Vicci L. TerVeer, City Clerk