

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-64

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSAL 1
ON THE AUGUST 5, 2014, BALLOT
REGARDING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

**City of Frankenmuth
County of Saginaw, State of Michigan**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Frankenmuth, County of Saginaw, State of Michigan, held in said City on June 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

PRESENT: Members Grossi, Loeffler, Rupprecht, Schmitzer, Schoenow & Zeilinger.

ABSENT: Members Cramer.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Grossi and supported by Member Loeffler:

WHEREAS, local governments in Michigan have been struggling with unstable funding needed to provide services to their constituents; and

WHEREAS, Michigan businesses have struggled for many years with an uncompetitive tax known as Personal Property Tax on their 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 (most of those states don't tax it at all), which makes Michigan significantly less competitive when it comes to job creation and business investment; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have struggled for years to pay for essential services such as police, fire, street maintenance, water and wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have relied on Personal Property Tax revenue to provide a significant portion of the cost of all of their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, with bipartisan support the Michigan Legislature has voted to reform the antiquated Personal Property Tax in order to help increase Michigan's competitiveness with other states and to remove an onerous tax that will allow more business investment and more job creation while providing a stable revenue source for local communities; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the August 5th ballot is not a constitutional amendment; however, the State constitution requires Michigan voters to approve certain changes in local taxes, and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 will make Michigan more competitive which will help local communities attract more businesses and talent and help create more local jobs; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 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, Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan Sheriffs Association, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Independent Businesses and Michigan Manufacturers Association; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKENMUTH, that:

The City Council hereby expresses its strong support for Proposal 1 which will eliminate the Personal Property Tax and will assure a stable source of replacement revenue for all local governments in Michigan. We urge all registered voters in the Frankenmuth Community to vote YES on Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014, ballot.

Action Approved

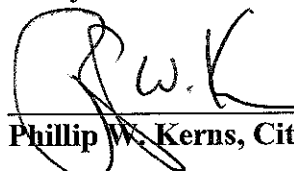
Date 6/3/14


GARY C. RUPPRECHT, MAYOR


PHILIP W. KERNS, CLERK

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 Frankenmuth, County of Saginaw, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on June 3, 2014, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.


Phillip W. Kerns, City Clerk