WHEREAS, initiative petitions were filed with the City Clerk on July 29, 2014 purporting to contain a sufficient number of valid signatures to have a ballot question concerning a Charter amendment submitted to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk certified the sufficiency of the petitions on September 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, at its October 21, 2014 regular meeting, voted to approve an explanatory caption to the ballot question; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the ballot question should be submitted to the voters as soon as practicable as long as the submission would not require unbudgeted expenses to the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has scheduled a statewide Special Election on May 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has verified with the Bureau of Elections that a local ballot question on the May 5, 2015 Special Election would not jeopardize any cost reimbursement for which the City is eligible; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has taken all other actions required by law to have the question placed on a ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ballot question, as submitted by the initiatory petitions, and the explanatory caption shall be submitted to the electors of the City of
East Lansing as follows:

EXPLANATORY CAPTION:

The proposed charter amendment below, which was initiated by petition, would limit the City of East Lansing from having or enforcing certain local ordinances regulating marijuana. The charter amendment, if approved, would not change current federal and/or state prohibitions regarding the possession, use, transfer, or transportation of marijuana in East Lansing or on the campus of Michigan State University that may be enforced by the East Lansing Police Department or any other law enforcement agency.

BALLOT QUESTION:

Shall Chapter 6 of the Charter of the City of East Lansing be amended to add a new Section 6.12, entitled “Marijuana”, to state that: “Nothing in the Code of Ordinances shall apply to the use, possession or transfer of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, on private property, or transportation of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, by a person who has attained the age of 21 years’’?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the East Lansing City Clerk shall take all such steps as are necessary under the State Elections Code and the East Lansing City Charter to submit the above ballot proposal to the electors of the city of East Lansing at the special election to be held in the city on the 5th day of May, 2015, to publish all required notices of election, and to print and provide appropriate ballots to the electors containing the aforesaid ballot proposal.

Moved by Council member: ____________________

Supported by Council member: ____________________

ADOPTED: Yeas:__________
Nays:__________
Absent:__________

____________________________________
Nathan Triplett, Mayor
Adopted: __________ __, 2015

CLERKS CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Lansing City Council at its meeting held on Tuesday, ________________ __, 2015, the original of which is part of the Council's minutes.
Drafted by and approved as to form:

Thomas M. Yeadon (P38237)
East Lansing City Attorney
601 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823