CITY OF EAST LANSING  
EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL  

A RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING  

WHEREAS, the City of East Lansing is organized and operates as a Home Rule City pursuant to its Charter of the City of East Lansing adopted July 11, 1944, as amended, under the provisions of the Home Rule Cities Act, 1909 PA 279, as amended, MCL 117.1, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Ordinance #1413 that, if approved by the qualified and registered electors of the City of East Lansing, would impose an excise tax, annually, of one percent on corporations and resident individuals and one-half percent on non resident individuals for general revenue purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a resolution that will place Ordinance #1413 on the ballot for consideration by the qualified and registered electors of the City of East Lansing at the November 6, 2017 general election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of East Lansing believes that the qualified and registered electors of the City of East Lansing should also have the option to further restrict the total number of property tax mills that the East Lansing City Council may levy in any year in which it levies, assesses and collects an excise tax on income or income tax pursuant to the provisions of the City Income Tax Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that in accordance with 1909 PA 279, as amended, MCL 117.21, the East Lansing City Council hereby proposes that Section 10.5 of Chapter 10 of the Charter of the City or East Lansing be amended to read as follows:

10.5. Adoption of Budget, Tax Limit.

Not later than the last regular meeting of the City Council in May, the Council shall, by resolution, adopt the budget and appropriate all money to be spent in the next fiscal year. Such resolution shall provide for a levy of the amount necessary to be raised by taxes upon real and personal property for general municipal purposes, which levy shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City. Beginning the next fiscal year after the first year in which the City levies, assesses and collects an excise tax on income or income tax pursuant to the provision of the City Income Tax Act, 1964 PA 284, the levy shall not exceed one and three tenths percent (1.3%) of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City (13 mills) in any year in which the City levies, assesses and collects such a tax.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid proposition to amend Section 10.5 of Chapter 10 of the City Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the City of East Lansing at the regular election to be held in the city on Tuesday, November 6, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution and proposition to the Governor of the State of Michigan for his approval of said amendment of said Charter provision pursuant to Section 22 of 1909 PA 297; MCL 117.22; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that before the submission of said amendment to the qualified electors of the City of East Lansing, the amendment herein proposed shall be published in full together with the existing Charter provision which will be altered thereby, being Section 10.5 as it now exists, and a notice of said election, in at least two issues of the Town Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in the city of East Lansing, the first publication to be not less than two weeks nor more than four weeks prior to said election; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of such proposed Charter amendment or question shall be designated on the ballots to be printed by the City Clerk, which Ballot Question and Statement of Purpose shall be as follows:

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 10.5 of the East Lansing City Charter be amended to reduce the current limit on the amount of property tax a City Council may impose from 2% (20 mills) to 1.3% (13 mills) in fiscal years in which the City levies, assesses and collects an income tax pursuant to the City Income Tax Act with the mandatory reduction to begin the fiscal year following the first year of the tax?

YES ______   NO _______

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall do and perform all acts required of said Clerk by the City Charter and the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided in regard to the registration of electors for said election, the giving of notice thereof, the giving of notice of such election, the preparation and furnishing of necessary ballots, the obtaining of necessary approval of this amendment by the Michigan Attorney General and Governor of the State of Michigan, and for the conduct of such election.

Moved by Council member:  ____________________

Supported by Council member:  ____________________

ADOPTED: Yeas:____________

Nays:____________
Absent:__________

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Mark Meadows, Mayor
Adopted:

CLERK'S 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 regular meeting held on Tuesday, _______ ___, 2017, the original of which is part of the Council's Minutes.

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Drafted by and approved as to form:

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