

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR MICHIGAN EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR) POLICY

MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP

SAGINAW COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Trustees of Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, State of Michigan, held on the 16th day of December, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

RESOLUTION #: 2024-12-02

PRESENT: Supervisor Peterman, Treasurer Jaster, Clerk Yaros, Trustee Erhardt, Trustee Ebenhoeh

ABSENT: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Supervisor Peterman and supported by Trustee Ebenhoeh.

WHEREAS, Michigan communities are struggling to maintain, expand and in some cases are eliminating recycling programs due to rising costs and increasing difficulty of managing end- of-life materials; and

WHEREAS, product packaging, including plastic, glass, metals, paper, and cardboard constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by Michigan community municipal waste and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, Michigan taxpayers currently bear 100% of the costs and collectively pay over \$1 billion each year to finance the collection and management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal and recycling options; and

WHEREAS, producers of products and packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and

WHEREAS, there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and the municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the materials; and

WHEREAS, producers have taken some or all the responsibility for the management of post- consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs; and

WHEREAS, producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging and the shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Michigan;

WHEREAS, EPR law for packaging assures program stability when global recycling markets are unfavorable; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's counties, municipalities, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With an EPR law, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed, rather the lifecycle costs of the product and its packaging will be internalized and producers will be incentivized to produce less wasteful, more recyclable packaging;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Maple Grove, Saginaw, Michigan, supports Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging policy in Michigan.

AYES: Supervisor Peterman, Treasurer Jaster, Clerk Yaros, Trustee Erhardt, Trustee Ebenhoeh

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tish Yaros", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and stylized.

Tish Yaros, Maple Grove Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Trustees of Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on December 16, 2024, 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.