



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 7, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**
[Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

V. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Resolution No. 2025-200 entering into a Closed Session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e), for the purpose of discussing the pending litigation of VTP River Woods LLC and VTP Arbor One LLC v City of Ypsilanti.
- B. Resolution No. 2025-201 Leaving the Closed Session and returning to the Open Session of this meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - 45 MINUTES TOTAL (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)

VII. PRESENTATION

- A. Presentation from Washtenaw Housing Association on their Shared Housing Program by Danielle Bryant.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2025-202 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.
- B. Resolution No. 2025-203 Approving the minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2025.
- C. Resolution No. 2025-204 Approving the request of the SafeHouse Center to tie purple ribbons throughout the city during the month of October to promote and support Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- D. Resolution 2025-205 voting for the only 2 candidates for the Board of Directors for the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool.

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Discussion Regarding September 23, 2025 Hearing to Review A Removal Action.
- B. Resolution No. 2025-206 approving the request to waive the application, event, and electrical turn-on fees totaling \$1,085 for the All Hallows Eve Illumination Event.
- C. Resolution No. 2025-207 recognizing October 2025 as Transgender Empowerment Month in our city.
- D. Discussion regarding implementation of the Transportation Asset Management Plan.

X. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Police Advisory Commission
- B. Human Relations Commission
- C. Parks and Arts Commission
- D. Sustainability Commission
- E. Historic District Commission
- F. Planning Commission
- G. Zoning Board of Appeals

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. SEMCOG Update
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
- C. Urban County
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
- E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Submitting YPAC Resolution No. 2025-149 regarding suggested changes to the YPAC Ordinance.
- B. Submitting Ypsilanti District Library Resolution No. 2025-23 Supporting a permanent shelter on the eastern side of the County.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)

XVII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Please click [here](#) to access the City Council Contact Form. This form can be used to submit any comments/concerns you might have about this agenda.



Resolution No. 2025-200
October 7, 2025

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OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



Resolution No. 2025-201
October 7, 2025

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That this Council leave the Closed Session, and return to the Open Session of this meeting.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

Washtenaw Housing Alliance

The mission of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance is to end homelessness in our community.

Presentation for Barrier Busters:

WHA's Shared Housing Program for Older Adults in Washtenaw County

Danielle Bryant

WHA Shared Housing Program Coordinator

Amanda Carlisle

WHA Executive Director

October 7, 2025



Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA)



- **Coalition of 25+ non-profit and government entities** providing services and housing to people who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **Our Vision: Every person who is homeless or at risk of homelessness** will be provided with alternatives for shelter, housing and services, including those who are vulnerable and difficult to serve.
- Focus areas include:
 - **Coordinating the homeless system of care** for Washtenaw County.
 - Ensuring homeless service providers are most **effective, efficient, and collaborative.**
 - **Advocating for resources and effective policymaking** from local, state, and federal entities.
 - **Sharing data, stories and systems work** to build the public will to end homelessness and expand affordable housing options in Washtenaw County.

Washtenaw Housing Alliance Member Agencies



WHA's Shared Housing Program

a program for older adults ages 55+
in Washtenaw County



Washtenaw County has the *highest cost* housing market in Michigan.

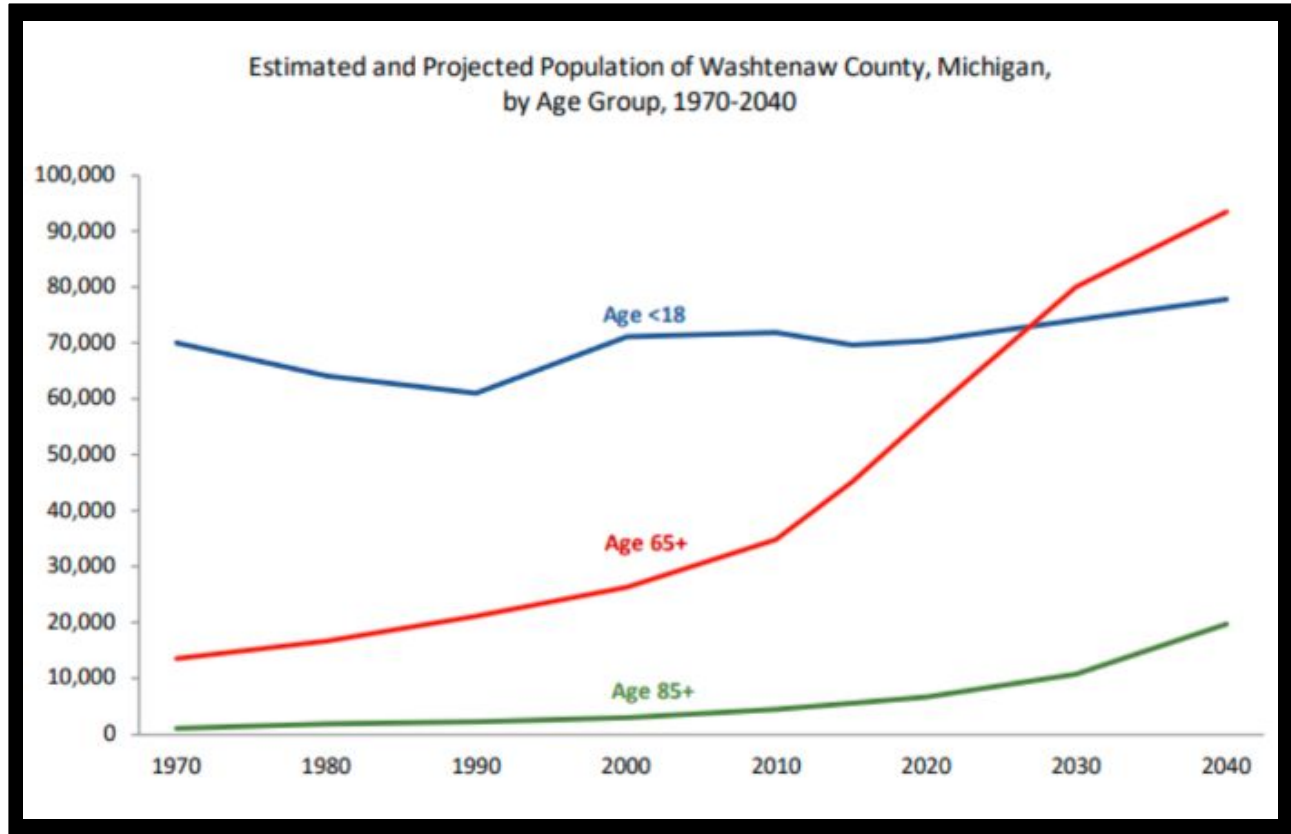
Older adults are
cost-burdened when
it comes to paying
for housing here.

- The hourly rate someone needs to earn to afford a two-bedroom rental in Washtenaw County is \$30.90 compared to \$24.46 in the State of Michigan.*
- From 2011 to 2023 the median rent in Washtenaw County rose from \$879 to \$1,911.
- In 2021, 22.3% of older adult homeowners in Washtenaw County were considered housing cost burdened and 58.3% of older adult renters were cost burdened.

*Source:
National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2025 Out of Reach Report

Washtenaw County has a growing number of older adults.

- The current population of older adults in Washtenaw County (72,000) is projected **to grow by 65% by 2045 to 119,000.**
- **44% of older adults live alone** in Washtenaw County.



Source:

[Washtenaw County Commission on Aging. Aging Needs Summary, April 2022
https://www.washtenaw.org/4222/Data-Reports-Presentations](https://www.washtenaw.org/4222/Data-Reports-Presentations)

What is Shared Housing?

- Shared housing is a long-term living arrangement where people share a home, each with their own private space and shared common areas.
- Shared housing is becoming a model to combat the nation's housing crisis.

What is shared housing?

Shared housing is an affordable housing model in which a person experiencing homelessness lives with two or more people in one permanent housing unit, sharing the rent and utilities. Each person living in the unit is listed on the lease. It often involves working closely with people experiencing homelessness to help match them with potential housemates, negotiating with landlords, and consistently engaging with all parties to ensure that the arrangement is appropriate.

For people to live in a shared housing arrangement successfully, everyone — from providers, to landlords, to the people being housed, to case managers — must believe that shared housing can work and have active investment in its success.

Why shared housing is necessary.

Shared housing is a critical solution that addresses the lack of affordable housing. A crisis most affecting those who are extremely low income and people experiencing homelessness. The shared housing model increases affordable housing options and allows for multiple people experiencing homelessness to access housing at once — which both benefits people experiencing homelessness (can access housing more quickly) and the homelessness system itself (more people, housed more quickly creates less strain on the system due to increased outflow). Shared housing also benefits landlords in fortifying their ability to receive rent from their tenants and reduce vacancy rates. In a time where people need to be housed more quickly than ever, shared housing is a flexible, efficient approach.

What are the benefits of shared housing?

Shared housing reduces the rent burden for everyone within the arrangement. It's a flexible and efficient approach. Along with alleviating someone's financial burden it also provides many benefits such as strengthening social support networks and accessing resources, such as food, childcare, and other essential resources, that may previously have been unavailable.

By sharing housing and housing multiple people in units at once, the homelessness/housing system is able to accelerate its work, move more people into housing, and increase system flow. The point of shared housing is to reduce the rental burden and provide housing stability; the model seeks to get people housed quickly and efficiently.

For landlords, shared housing also guarantees that a unit will be filled, and people will pay the rent this is especially important in tight rental markets and a nationwide lack of affordable housing, shared housing makes housing more accessible.

Shared Housing is a unique model that offers numerous benefits to renters and homeowners

- **Private space, shared home**

Everyone has their own room, but shares communal areas, creating both independence and a sense of community.

- **Two roles, one partnership**

A home provider offers a furnished or unfurnished room. A home seeker may contribute by paying affordable rent, helping with household tasks or a combination of both.

- **Flexible arrangements**

Each match is unique — designed to meet the needs, preferences, and lifestyles of the people involved.

- **More than saving money**

Shared housing can reduce loneliness, provide mutual support, and increase feelings of safety and stability — especially for older adults, single individuals or those seeking companionship.

Who Can Participate

Home Providers – Individuals With a Spare Bedroom

- Own or rent a home in Washtenaw County
- Have a private room to offer
- Interested in companionship, home help, or extra income
- Willing to share common areas and set expectations
- Must pass reference checks, interview, and home visit
- Sign a Shared Housing Agreement with the home seeker

Who Can Participate

Home Seekers – Individuals Seeking Affordable Housing

- Looking for safe, stable, and affordable housing (*example rent ranges: \$0–\$750*)
- Often older adults themselves, or value intergenerational living
- May pay rent, provide services, or a combination of both
- Complete screening, interview, and reference checks
- Respectfully share the space and responsibilities
- Sign a Shared Housing Agreement with the home provider

Who Can Participate

Eligibility

- At least one participant must be 55+
- Must live in Washtenaw County



Use the QR Code to access our Inquiry Form
or visit tinyurl.com/shared-housing-inquiry

Additional information is on our Shared Housing webpage:
whalliance.org/sharedhousing

Getting Set Up in the Program

Inquiry (link/QR code)

*Prospective participants submit their interest using a link or QR code that goes directly to the **Shared Housing Inquiry Form**, which is linked to our Bonterra Apricot database for efficient intake and tracking.*

Intake, Screening & Questionnaire

***This is the most critical step**, where we gather detailed information through screenings, **Share Housing Questionnaires**, and conversations. Matches are based on **compatibility**, and insights from focus groups are used to support and refine the matching process.*

Background & Reference Checks

*Conducted through **Checkr** (FCRA-certified) with a trauma-informed approach. We carefully review backgrounds to reduce housing barriers and ensure safety, while final eligibility decisions are made thoughtfully by the home provider.*

Introductions & Agreements

*Facilitate initial meetings between matches and review the **Share Housing Agreement**, which clearly outlines responsibilities, expectations, and agreements to ensure a safe, respectful, and compatible living arrangement.*

Ongoing Support & Mediation

*Provide continued guidance, check-ins, and **conflict resolution** to maintain successful matches, support participants, and address any challenges that arise in the Shared Housing arrangement.*

Getting the word out about shared housing....

Washtenaw United



Washtenaw United

Washtenaw United: Washtenaw Housing Alliance 'Shared Housing' program assisting senior citizens

By David Fair

Published August 25, 2025 at 8:00 AM EDT

▶ LISTEN • 11:23

Interview for Washtenaw United on 89.1FM WEMU August 25, 2025



Help WHA make this program a success by getting involved!

Danielle Bryant, Shared Housing Program Coordinator
bryantd@washtenaw.org or (734) 478-6173

Sharon Lapidess, Community Housing Coordinator
lapidess@washtenaw.org



SAVE THE DATE

Washtenaw Housing Alliance
Presents



The State of Homelessness & Affordable Housing



WCC Morris Lawrence Building

8:00 - 10:30 AM

Friday, November 21, 2025

Event details available at
whalliance.org/state-of-homelessness-event





REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
October 7, 2025

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Tracey Boudreau, City Clerk

Subject: Resolution No. 2025-202 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025 Consent

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2025

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



Resolution No. 2025-202
October 7, 2025

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. Resolution No. 2025-203, approving the minutes of the September 23, 2025 City Council meeting.
2. Resolution No. 2025-204 Approving the request of the SafeHouse Center to tie purple ribbons throughout the city during the month of October to promote and support Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
3. Resolution 2025-205 voting for the only 2 candidates for the Board of Directors for the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
October 7, 2025

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Tracey Boudreau, City Clerk

Subject: Resolution No. 2025-203 Approving the minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2025.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No 2025-203 Minutes
2. City Council Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2025

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2025

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



Resolution No. 2025-203
October 7, 2025

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of the September 23, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting be approved.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT at roll call were Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Council Member McLean, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Simmons, Council Member King and Council Member Tooson. ABSENT: none.

III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member McLean moved to Approve the AGENDA. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion. Two walk-on items were added as items O & P under section VII of the Agenda. Council Member Simmons asked to move Item N up to the first item in section VII of the Agenda. Original items A, B, & K were moved to a Consent Agenda.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve the AGENDA as amended. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - 45 MINUTES TOTAL (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)

18 Members of the public spoke.

VI. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

**A. Ordinance No. No. 1453 - Entitled "Dark Sky Compliance Ordinance".
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-186, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2025-185, determination.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Ordinance No. No. 1453 - Entitled "Dark Sky Compliance Ordinance". Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-186, close the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon left the Council Chambers at 8:04p.m. and returned at 8:05p.m.

Resolution No. 2025-185, determination.

Yes: (6) Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 1 Michelle King

Absent: (0)

A. Resolution No. 2025-187 Approving the minutes of the September 9, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting and of September 12, 2025 Special Work Session.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the Consent Agenda, which includes Resolutions 2025-187, 2025-188, and 2025-197. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

B. Resolution No. 2025-188 Adopting Ordinance No. 1452, entitled "An ordinance to amend Chapter 50 "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION", Article II, "FIRE PREVENTION CODE", upon second and final reading.

- K. **Resolution No. 2025-197 Appointing Delonzo Weaver, Building Compliance Officer as an officer delegate to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System annual meeting October 16-17, 2025, in Acme, MI.**

VII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

N. **Hearing to Review A Removal Action - Requested by Lorrie Thomas**

Council Member McLean moved to Amend the policy for a Hearing to Review A Removal Action by defining the time period for a Council decision. as 10 business days. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

City Council made no determination, but will add this as a discussion at the October 7, 2025 meeting.

Council Member Simmons moved, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, to extend the meeting until 11:30p.m. The motion passed unanimously upon a voice vote.

C. **Resolution No. 2025-189 Appointing Non Resident Elize Jekabson to the Ann Arbor/Ypsi SmartZone (LDFA), with a term ending June 30, 2029.**

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-189 Appointing Non Resident Elize Jekabson to the Ann Arbor/Ypsi SmartZone (LDFA), with a term ending June 30, 2029. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

D. **Resolution No. 2025-190 Reappointing Renee Smith to the Ypsilanti Housing Commission, with a term ending October 20, 2030.**

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-190 Reappointing Renee Smith to the Ypsilanti Housing Commission, with a term ending October 20, 2030. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

E. **Resolution No. 2025-191 Establishing an Ad-Hoc Tenants' Rights Subcommittee as outlined in the attached memo.**

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-191. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Amend Resolution No. 2025-191 by changing Section 4.1 as follows: 9 Members; eliminate B; F - 3 tenant residents from Ypsi. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Steve Wilcoxon

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Amend Resolution No. 2025-191 by adding Section 4.2 "C" Legal Services of Southeast Michigan. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-191 Establishing an Ad-Hoc Tenants' Rights Subcommittee as outlined in the attached memo, as amended. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon made a friendly amendment, which was accepted, to strike "sub" everywhere in the text, so it just says "Committee".

F. Resolution No. 2025-192 Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County to support the Warming Center operation beginning in November 2025 and ending in March 2026, Subject to City Attorney approval.

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-192. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Council Member McLean moved to Amend Resolution No. 2025-192 by changing the ending date to March or April 2026, at the discretion of the City Manager, subject to availability of the Freighthouse. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-192 Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County to support the Warming Center operation beginning in November 2025 and ending in March or April 2026, at the discretion of the City Manager, subject to availability and to City Attorney approval, as amended. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

G. Resolution No. 2025-193 Approving Change Order Request #1 for the Salt Barn Stabilization project from The Summit Company in the amount of \$92,419.00.

Mayor Brown left the Chambers at 9:58p.m. and returned at 10p.m.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-193 Approving Change Order Request #1 for the Salt Barn Stabilization project from The Summit Company in the amount of \$92,419.00. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

H. Resolution No. 2025-194 Approving truck purchases in the total amount of \$509,948 to be expended from the appropriate motorpool capital accounts, with any change orders to be approved by the City Manager.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-194. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Council Member Simmons left the Chambers at 10:03p.m. and returned to the Chambers at 10:05p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Amend Resolution No. 2025-194 by correcting the total amount to \$653,433. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member McLean left the Chambers at 10:09p.m. and returned at 10:11p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-194 Approving truck purchases in the total amount of \$653,433 to be expended from the appropriate motorpool capital accounts, with any change orders to be approved by the City Manager, as amended. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- I. Resolution No. 2025-195 Endorsing the principles of the "Leave the Leaves" campaign and encouraging residents, landowners, gardeners, and landscapers within the city to adopt leaf-friendly practices that enhance soil health and ecological resilience.**

Council Member Tooson left the Chambers at 10:23p.m.

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-195 Endorsing the principles of the "Leave the Leaves" campaign and encouraging residents, landowners, gardeners, and landscapers within the city to adopt leaf-friendly practices that enhance soil health and ecological resilience. as presented. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Roland Tooson

Council Member Tooson returned to Chambers at 10:25p.m.

- J. Resolution No. 2025-196 Urging support that Cuba be removed from the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism.**

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-196. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon offered a friendly amendment to change "claims" to "claimed" in the third "Whereas" clause. The amendment was accepted.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-196 Urging support that Cuba be removed from the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism, as amended. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- L. Discussion regarding Budget Stabilization Fund Ordinance.**

Council Member Fellows left the Chambers at 10:48p.m. and returned at 10:49p.m.

Council Member King left the Chambers at 10:59p.m. and returned at 11:04p.m.

- M. Discussion regarding the removal or destruction of non-conforming buildings.**

The Council requested this item be referred to the Planning Commission.

- O. WALK ON Resolution No. 2025-198 awarding a contract for the Municipal Lots Rehabilitation to Somerset Paving for the total cost of \$191,950, with the DDA reimbursing the City for up to \$181,950.**

Council Member McLean moved to Approve the WALK ON Resolution No. 2025-198 awarding a contract for the Municipal Lots Rehabilitation to Somerset Paving for the total cost of \$191,950, with the DDA reimbursing the City for up to \$181,950. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- P. WALK ON Resolution No. 2025-199 approves the request to waive the application, event and electricity turn-on fees totaling \$1,085 for the WMWFC Domestic Violence Awareness 5K Run.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve WALK ON Resolution No. 2025-199. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Council Member Fellows moved to Amend WALK ON Resolution No. 2025-199 by waiving half the fees, in the amount of \$542.50. The motion died for lack of support.

Council Member McLean moved to Amend WALK ON Resolution No. 2025-199 by waiving half the fees, in the amount of \$542.50. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0) Council Member Tooson abstained due to being President of WMWFC.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve WALK ON Resolution No. 2025-199 waiving half the fees for the application, event and electricity turn-on fees in the amount of \$542.50 for the WMWFC Domestic Violence Awareness 5K Run, as amended. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None
Absent: (0) Council Member Tooson abstained.
Council Member Fellows moved, supported by Council Member King, to extend the meeting until 12:15a.m. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

A. Police Advisory Commission

B. Human Relations Commission

C. Parks and Arts Commission

No report.

D. Sustainability Commission

No report.

E. Historic District Commission

Council Member McLean reported there was a discussion about 16 S Washington and the murals at the Farmers Market.

F. Planning Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon reported they met and discussed a number of proposals, including the Gas Station off Ownedale. They were proposing to annex a lot, and it didn't pass with the Commission, but the owner wants the question brought to Council. This proposal has been rejected several times.

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

No report.

IX. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

No report.

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

No report.

C. Urban County

No report.

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

No report.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

No report.

X. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member Tooson - nothing at this time

Council Member Simmons -

- The Muna Lake Clean up is this Saturday, 10am-2pm
- Bringing it up that they're trying to make it a crime to protest, but doesn't believe it will pass House
- Don't approve things that ruin our natural habitat!
- HRC presented us with a request for a definition of Harm Reduction, but will this take more conversations?

The City Council asked that the HRC's request for a definition of Harm Reduction be referred to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Fellows -

- YDL passed a resolution to support a shelter in Ypsi
- Questions about the Water Street RFP and the process
- Looking for information on how the Mental Health Millage funds are being spent

Council Member McLean -

- Thanks to the Police Chief for his responsiveness to neighbors and speeding issues
- There is tree removal work going on along the B2B Trail and DTE work often looks bad

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon -

- Last meeting there was public comment from several residents at Huron Vista. Wilcoxon has met with them. They are organizing a tenant union and are having a meeting Saturday, 12pm-2pm.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- There are always accidents at Washtenaw and Hamilton and we need to do something.
- Several incidents of cars crashing into buildings and what can we do to curb that?

XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- YDL Resolution will be presented to you at the next meeting.
- There are concerns about the State budget and a decrease in revenue sharing - talk to the elected officials who can help.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Submitting a Resolution from the Human Relations Commission, dated August 21, 2025 requesting that City Council direct the Zoning Department to provide a clear definition of Harm Reduction Services.**

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)

XV. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Resolution adjourning the City Council Meeting.**

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:13a.m.

- B. Please click [here](#) to access the City Council Contact Form. This form can be used to submit any comments/concerns you might have about this agenda.**



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
October 7, 2025

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Nicole Brown, Mayor, Michelle King, Council Member

Subject: Resolution No. 2025-204 Approving the request of the SafeHouse Center to tie purple ribbons throughout the city during the month of October to promote and support Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Res. No. 2025-204 DVAM Purple Ribbons
2. DVAM Ribbon Campaign City of Ypsilanti Proposal 2025

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2025

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



Resolution No. 2025-204
October 7, 2025

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the SafeHouse Center is to serve and advocate for domestic violence survivors and against existing systems that allow domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the SafeHouse Center proposes to do a ribbon campaign for DVAM by tying purple ribbons throughout the city, with informational placards attached; and

WHEREAS, the SafeHouse Center will cover all expenses incurred by this campaign and there will be no cost to the city.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council support this campaign and approve of purple ribbons being tied throughout the city during the month of October 2025.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

SafeHouse Center Domestic Violence Awareness Month Ribbon Campaign

October is widely recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). In accordance with our mission to not only serve but advocate for survivors and against existing systems that allow domestic violence, SafeHouse Center proposes to do a ribbon campaign in downtown Ypsilanti.

Description (see example photo of the April 23 Sexual Assault Campaign below): Purple ribbons are gently wrapped around trees, displaying a small placard with information about DVAM, a fact related to DVAM, information about SafeHouse Center services, and how to contact us. Our team will place these ribbons the first or second week of October and do removal by November 1st. We will only place these ribbons on city trees in the road verges at the locations listed below. We will happily include any more information the city would like placed on the placards.

Locations:

5 trees on E. Cross St. between Rice St. and N. River St.

5 trees on W. Michigan Ave. between N. Hamilton St. and N. Huron St.



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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
October 7, 2025

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Tracey Boudreau, City Clerk

Subject: Resolution 2025-205 voting for the only 2 candidates for the Board of Directors for the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Res. No. 2025- 205 MML Board of Directors Vote
2. MML Letter re Pool Director Election
3. MML Candidates
4. MML Ballot

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2025

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



Resolution No. 2025-205
October 7, 2025

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, an affirmative vote for the only two candidates for the Board of Directors for the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk is authorized to complete and submit the ballot on behalf of City Council.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

To: Members of the MML Liability & Property Pool
From: Michael J. Forster, Fund Administrator
Date: September 8, 2025
Subject: Pool Director Election

Dear Pool Member:

Enclosed is your ballot for this year's Board of Directors election. Two (2) appointee Directors have agreed to seek election to their first term. You may also write in one or more candidates if you wish.

A brief biographical sketch of each candidate is provided for your review.

I hope you will affirm the work of the Nominating Committee by returning your completed ballot in the enclosed return envelope, no later than November 7th. Alternately, you may complete your ballot online:

Go to www.mml.org. At the top of the page, hover over *Programs & Services* and select *Risk Management* from the drop-down list. Next, look for the *Jump To* panel and select *Liability & Property Pool*. The ballot link is on the next page, in the *Jump To* panel, under *Online Forms*.

The MML Liability & Property Pool is owned and controlled by its members. Your comments and suggestions on how we can serve you better are very much appreciated. Thank you again for your membership in the Pool, and for participating in the election of your governing board.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Forster
Pool Administrator
mforster@mml.org

THE CANDIDATES

Three-year terms beginning January 1, 2026

Michelle LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Monroe



Michelle LaVoy has served as Monroe's Clerk-Treasurer for eleven years and is passionate about strong local government and elections. She is a member of the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association and Michigan Women in Municipal Government. She previously sat on the MML Energy and Technology Committee and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Legislative Committee. Michelle has a Bachelors degree from Miami University, Ohio, a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Dayton, and completed the inaugural MML Women's Elected Leadership Intensive. Michelle serves a number of community organizations in leadership roles and as a volunteer, including United Way, YMCA, 4H, and Ducks Unlimited. She and her husband Bill have two daughters. Michelle is seeking election to her first term.

Josh Meringa, Councilmember, City of Grandville



Josh has served the City of Grandville as Councilmember for more than 17 years. He is passionate about public service and driven to have a positive impact in his community. He serves on the Grandville Parks & Recreation Board and the Business Relations Committee. He has served on many Michigan Municipal League legislative committees and helped Grandville's Clean Water Plant win the League's Community Excellence Award in 2012. Josh has served on the League's Elected Officials Academy Board, including five years as president, and is an EOA Level 4 graduate. He has been recognized twice as a '40 Under Forty' Business Leader by the Grand Rapids Business Journal. A registered nurse, Josh works in nursing professional development for Corewell Health West Michigan. He serves on the Board of Directors for the American Nurses Association Michigan and served two terms on the Michigan Board of Nursing, including seven years as chair. A native of West Michigan, Josh earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Calvin College (now University) and master's degrees from Grand Valley State University in Public Health and Business Administration. Josh is seeking election to his first term.

Michigan Municipal League
Liability & Property Pool

OFFICIAL BALLOT - 2025

Vote for two Directors by marking the line to the left of the name for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2026.

_____ Michelle LaVoy, Appointee
Clerk-Treasurer, City of Monroe

_____ Josh Meringa, Appointee
Councilmember, City of Grandville

Write-in Candidate

I hereby certify that:

(Municipality/Agency)

by action of its governing body, has authorized its vote to be cast for the above persons to serve as Director of the Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Pool.

Official Signature

Date:

**Ballot deadline:
November 7, 2025**



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
October 7, 2025

For: Mayor and City Council

From:

Subject: Discussion Regarding September 23, 2025 Hearing to Review A Removal Action.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Termination Review Position Statement (For the Public_ City Council Meeting September 23 2025 7pm) - Lorrie L. Thomas (1)

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2025

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:

September 23, 2025

Dear Mayor Brown and City Council Members,

Re: Termination Review request with written position statement setting forth the reasons for review

Please accept this written position statement and request for Termination Review pursuant to the employee handbook and city charter. As you may know, the city clerk, Tracey Boudreau, elected to separate me from my position with the City of Ypsilanti as Deputy Clerk I on August 6, 2025, the day I returned from the funeral of a close family member.

Pursuant to Section 4.04, Employment Termination under the Ypsilanti City Charter, 7.18, and Appendix B, Guidelines For Review of Removal Actions By City Council City of Ypsilanti Employee Handbook, I can request a hearing to review the actions of the city clerk within twenty (20) days of the date of receiving two separate written notices of removal from the city; August 6, 2025, and August 8, 2025. I am also requesting a review of the prior verbal warning I received August 16, 2024, and also the first disciplinary action letter and punishment that occurred May 2, 2025, as I believe it shows a pattern of retaliation for whistleblowing, and an ongoing pattern of discrimination and hostile work environment.

Verbal Warning received, August 16, 2024, in response to First WhistleBlowing

On Tuesday, July 30, 2024, the city clerk received petitions from a petitioner for three initiatives intended for the November 2024 General Election. The city clerk needed to check 5% of registered voters 870 signatures, certify the petitions by way of resolution approved by city council, and to submit it all to the county by August 13, 2024. The city clerk had 14 days, with regular reminders from Washtenaw County Clerk's Office to meet this deadline.

The city clerk, Tracey Boudreau, didn't just miss the August 13 deadline for submitting the petitions to the county, the city clerk also failed to finish checking the registered voters signatures, which was not done until August 15, failed to certify the petitions by way of resolution approved by city council, and missed the August 13, 2024 election law deadline. The city clerk emailed me on August 12, 2024, that she wasn't coming into the office with no reason given, with the due date the following day. Not until August 15th, did she finish having the signatures checked, and only then did the city clerk email them to the Washtenaw County Clerk's office, but without certifying the petitions by resolution, required by the election laws. It is unclear why this was not investigated by the city when notified.

The Mayor and City Council were present at city hall, August 8, 2024, for a Finance Committee Meeting that lasted 45 minutes. A Special City Council Meeting could have been called, and it would have met all OMA requirements, to get the petitions certified by city council and submitted to the county by August 13, 2024, to allow the petitions on the November 2024 ballot.

Verbal warning received August 16, the day after the city clerk "realized" she missed the deadline. This verbal warning meeting with HR was the first time any concerns were brought to my attention regarding my job performance, working overtime, etc. With no prior warning or concerns shared by any staff member, I was called to the HR Office to receive a verbal warning from city clerk, and HR, Rachel Frye, for leaving work 11 days earlier, August 5, 2024, without working an additional hour of overtime. I came in early that day, worked straight through with no lunch or break for the election the next day, and had

already worked 8.5 hours. On August 6, 2024, I returned to work at 5:00am and worked without lunch, break, or rest until midnight (11 hours of overtime)¹. Following this, I returned to work August 7, 2024, at 7:45am to work a full day. I worked 19 hours of overtime during this pay period².

I filed a written response to this verbal warning with HR stating that I believed that this punishment was in response to the city clerk missing the filing deadline August 13, 2024 and the negative attention she received. Also, in possible fear of others learning that the missed deadline was not her only mistake.

- a. <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2024/08/clerk-misses-filing-deadline-keeping-yp-silanti-proposals-off-november-ballot.html>
- b. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/178850790201740/permalink/1213464310073711/>

The same day I received the verbal warning in the HR office, a co-worker also received a warning. However, the city clerk did not include HR, but had the meeting privately with them in council chambers. The city clerk misplaced 30+ applications for ballots for the August 6, 2024 election, and appeared to be blaming others, despite the city clerk being solely responsible for leaving the applications until August 16, after the election. I received no response from HR to my reporting of possible wrongdoing by the city clerk for not reporting her mistake of not issuing 30+ ballots for the August election to the proper authorities, which could have possibly changed the outcome of the election.

**First Disciplinary Action Letter received, May 2, 2025, 3 pages in length,
outlined three “incidents,” in response to Second WhistleBlowing**

Of importance, I had previously requested a review by the city manager, Andrew Hellenga, Mayor Brown and City Council when I was suspended for 5 days without pay by the city clerk on May 2, 2025. I requested review as I believed the actions of the clerk were in direct response to whistleblowing that occurred April 8, 2025, when I refused to sign off on timesheets for her daughter Molly Boudreau.

Even though the city clerk had informed me, February 25, 2025, that the city manager had told her it was okay via Team’s message.

“FYI - I checked with Andrew and although I gave Council an estimated end date for Molly, it was not in the resolution, so I can keep her for a couple more weeks. She should be able to get through most everything in the basement³!”

I still believed that the intentions voiced at the [September 17, 2024 City Council Meeting](#)⁴ was for the resolution that gave authority for the city clerk to hire her daughter to expire February 28, 2025, and I refused to sign them. These timesheets were for the months of March and April, after the authority expired.

¹ Overtime was routinely assigned to me by the city clerk by the day, with no regard for breaks, lunches, rest, or prior warning. I informed HR of my concerns over overtime many times in the coming year.

² The city clerk kept forgetting to submit my earned overtime to payroll, until it was finally paid on the October 11, 2024 payroll cycle, over two months later.

³ “Everything in the basement,” had nothing to do with the November 2024 General Election.

⁴ Discussion regarding Resolution No. 2024-211, starts at timestamp 1:48:39

September 17, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting, Resolution No. 2024-211 Authorized the City Clerk to hire Molly Boudreau, daughter of the City Clerk, as a contract employee for elections (voting assistant).

According to a news article dated September 25, 2024, written by Gabriella Payeur, "Several council members were hesitant and had questions. Notably Councilwoman Desirae Simmons raised questions about the length of the contracting period... City manager Andrew Hellenga explained that this is a limited position with an end date. City Attorney Barr added that if Boudreau would want to contract her daughter again in the future, it would need to come before the council again. All timesheets are first signed by the clerk's deputy, then the clerk herself." The City Council unanimously approved the resolution with the contract ending February 28, 2025.

- a. <https://www.easternecho.com/article/2024/09/ypsilanti-city-council-approves-clerks-daughter-as-contract-employee-for-election>
- b. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PySdfytjYLM>

It is my understanding that Molly was working at Halloween USA at the time. It is also my understanding that she never worked for the city of Dearborn as an employee but was hired to work as an election inspector (voting assistant) during elections only, hired by her mother, at that time, the Dearborn Deputy clerk, Tracey Boudreau. This may be why the city clerk failed to provide a resume when asked by Council Member Wilcoxon.

City of Ypsilanti Election Inspectors (voting assistant) are temporary/seasonal help and are paid \$19 per hour. While working for the City of Ypsilanti as a voting assistant, Molly was paid \$28 per hour. This is roughly four dollars or more per hour than any other city staff member in the Clerk's office, beside the city clerk who is paid over \$40 per hour, and nine dollars more per hour than any other similarly positioned election inspector.

I informed the city manager and HR of possible nepotism, in violation of the city charter anti-nepotism laws⁵. I received no response.

18 business days after I refused to sign off on the timesheets of Molly Boudreau, I was suspended for 5 days without pay, with no prior warning or concerns voiced by anyone. The city clerk told me when I received the disciplinary action letter that it was her intention to fire me, but that HR had informed her that she couldn't because the narrative the city clerk reported in the Disciplinary Action letter did not meet the threshold for termination, or the classes the city clerk selected from the employee handbook.

The City Manager responded to my request for an investigation for the city clerk possibly violating the the City of Ypsilanti ordinances, 2.01 City Records, 4.08 City Clerk, 10.1 Contracts, 10.3 Modification in Contracts, 11.05 Anti-Nepotism⁶, and the policies and procedures outlined in the employee handbook, discrimination and retaliation for whistleblowing. He responded that the disciplinary letter of May 2, 2025 which suspended me for a week without pay (25% of my monthly income), was written incorrectly by the city clerk, as the narrative did not match the incidents that the clerk alleged had occurred. These incidents included three false counts of bad hygiene (employee handbook Class 1, F) and two false counts of violence in the workplace (employee handbook Class III, B). The city manager informed me that the city clerk had been instructed to correct the letter, and only then would I be allowed to request review to

⁵ https://library.municode.com/mi/ypsilanti/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTICH_ARTXIGE_11.05ANPO

⁶ This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of possible violations.

defend myself. There was no mention of the whistleblowing or discrimination, and I was not reimbursed for my lost wages. I know of no investigation conducted by the city regarding my concerns.

Additionally, I received no reply to my previous reporting of discrimination, and hostile work environment regarding the city clerk from 7/9/24, 8/16/2024, 8/30/24, 9/30/2024, 2/2025, and 2/11/2025. I made subsequent requests for assistance 5/2/2025, 05/12/2025, 5/14/2025, 5/19/2025, 5/21/2025, 5/29/2025, 6/3/2025, 6/6/2025, 6/18/2025, 7/11/2025, 7/16/2025, and 7/17/2025, but never received the corrected Disciplinary Action letter, nor was a review of the city clerk's actions, or my concerns over what I believed to be unlawful actions by the city clerk investigated. If the actions of the city clerk were in fact lawful, I was never informed of such by any city staff.

I did respond to the city clerk's false allegations in the May 2, 2025, Disciplinary Action letter and submitted my responses to the city manager, HR, and the city attorney asking for an investigation of the actions of the city clerk for retaliation for whistleblowing.

I also submitted a written grievance for bullying and discrimination against the city clerk and the Treasury employee⁷, an hourly union employee under the department head Rheagan Basabica, supervised by the city clerk and with whom I shared an office space. I received no review or followup from any city staff, regarding any of my concerns, including HR and the city attorney.

Being suspended without pay with the first Disciplinary Action, as opposed to a written warning is in violation of the City of Ypsilanti Employee handbook, and the proper process and procedure, which outlines the disciplinary process as, "first offense may call for a verbal warning; a next offense may be followed by a written warning; another offense may lead to a suspension; and still another offense may then lead to termination of employment."

Second Disciplinary Action Letter received, August 6, 2025, 3 pages in length, dated August 1, 2025, outlined seven "incidents," in response to Third WhistleBlowing

According to the City of Ypsilanti Employee Handbook, "The City's own best interest lies in ensuring fair treatment of all employees and in making certain that disciplinary actions are prompt, uniform, and impartial." The disciplinary letter I received August 6, 2025, dated August 1, 2025, outlined seven "incidents" that the city clerk alleged occurred 5/12, 6/12, 6/18⁸, 6/20, 6/26, 7/10, 7/15, and 7/16. I have to question the city clerk's memory of events and motive, as she waited 2 months, and 3 weeks after the first "incident" that she felt rose to the threshold of "blatant insubordination," before bringing it to my attention, or any other city staff. The city clerk waited until I was on bereavement leave to write the separation letter, with her false narrative of events, which failed to be, "prompt, uniform, and impartial."

On Friday, August 1, 2025, the city clerk wrote the second Disciplinary Action letter that included, five false counts of unsatisfactory work and/or failure to maintain required standards (employee handbook Class I, E), and six false counts of insubordination (employee handbook Class III, A).

In response to whistleblowing, See Incident 7 below, I received, one false count of unsatisfactory work and/or failure to maintain required standards (employee handbook Class I, E), and one false count of insubordination (employee handbook Class III, A). I also received one false count of unauthorized use of

⁷ See Second Disciplinary Action letter, where I was terminated for reporting the Treasury Employee (Whistleblowing).

⁸ The city clerk was absent 06/18/2025

city tools, equipment or materials at any time for personal needs (employee handbook Class II, B, and one false count of dishonesty or any dishonest action (employee handbook Class IV, B), which the city clerk highlighted in bold.

The seven incidents reported by the city clerk:

Incident #1, (May 12th 2025) *Deputy asked to return the city cell phone*
Clerk's response: BLATANT INSUBORDINATION

Incident #2, (June 12th 2025) *Deputy ordering parking passes with mistakes for the Treasury Department and didn't correcting a parking pass price sheet(cheat sheet), for the Treasury employee*
Clerk's response: INSUBORDINATION

Incident #3, (June 18th 2025) It's unclear from the city clerk's narrative what exactly I am being accused of, but the date of June 18th, 2025, is the date the clerk was not in the office and I was acting as the backup for the city clerk and first reported the Treasury employee. See Incident #7, Whistleblowing.
Clerk's response: INSUBORDINATION

Incident #4 (July 10, 2025) *Deputy requested to become a notary*
Clerk's response: BLATANT INSUBORDINATION

Incident #5 (date unknown) *Deputy changed the Citizen Complaint Form*
Clerk's response: INSUBORDINATION

Incident #6 (June 20, 2025, June 26, 2025, July 15, and July 16, 2025) *Deputy gave pages of explanation and not a summary of research requested, DPW Director, Bonnie Wessler sent an email suggesting universal bylaws, no discussion or movement on the request and Lack of comprehension and lack of understanding of the roles of the clerk's office*

This is in regards to the additional punishment that the city clerk exacted May 12, 2025, after I returned from my 5 day suspension without pay. After being suspended, the city clerk also required me to log my work daily, weekly, and monthly (task list), and submit it each Friday for Monday review for two months⁹. The city clerk also changed my work schedule, changed my lunch break time, which included removal of the right to take lunch at my desk, but requiring me to leave the office. The city clerk also no longer allowed me to work from home the day after long evening meetings, like the city clerk and all previous predecessors¹⁰, and required me to carry the city provided cell phone 24/7, despite the fact she didn't text or call and instead contacted me through my personal phone. Later, the city clerk added that I was not allowed to take off Fridays, especially after board and commission evening meetings, as the city clerk claimed that the action minutes needed to be completed within 1-2 days to fulfil Open Meeting Act requirements (OMA). The city clerk is aware that OMA only requires that the minutes be posted within eight business days. In my time with the city, I have never missed any deadline or OMA requirements. These additional punishments and requirements were inflicted on me alone in the Treasury/Clerk's Office, with constant monitoring by the city clerk when she was in the office, which averaged three days per work week. The other two days, I acted as the city clerk's backup. If the Treasury employee was absent, I was also the backup for the Treasury Department.

Clerk's response: UNSATISFACTORY WORK

Incident #7 (June 18th 2025) Whistleblowing. The Treasury employee was leaving early or being absent, without reflecting it on her timesheet, especially when the city clerk was out of the office, and I was acting as back up for the city clerk. I reported it, as required in the City of Ypsilanti Employee Handbook.

The city clerk wrote in the Disciplinary Action letter, "The clerk would not even think to report on the Treasury employee, who did not fall under our supervision," and the city clerk in fact didn't report the Treasury employee whom she directly supervised. Instead of reporting it, the city clerk knowingly and willingly allowed an hourly

⁹ In the eight weeks that I submitted the log/task lists every Friday, for Monday review, the city clerk reviewed it once, June 17.

¹⁰ I am now under the care of a doctor for my work related injuries and prescribed medications.

union employee to falsify her timesheet ongoing, in violation of Section 4.01 Timekeeping of the employee handbook.

Clerk's response: UNSATISFACTORY WORK, INSUBORDINATION, UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CITY TOOLS, EQUIPMENT OR MATERIALS AT ANY TIME FOR PERSONAL USE (highlighted in bold font by the city clerk), and DISHONESTY OR ANY DISHONEST ACTION (highlighted in bold font by the city clerk)

At the time I reported the Treasury employee, it is my understanding that city staff also discovered that it appeared that the city clerk was also leaving early or being absent, without reflecting it on her timesheet as well.

Termination

Being terminated as the second disciplinary action, as opposed to a suspension, is in violation of the City of Ypsilanti Employee handbook, and not the proper process and procedure, which outlines the disciplinary process as, "first offense may call for a verbal warning; a next offense may be followed by a written warning; another offense may lead to a suspension; and still another offense may then lead to termination of employment."

As the city clerk, Tracey Boudreau and city management have continually acted in bad faith, I write this request for the Mayor and City Council to review the actions of the city clerk and city management. It is my belief that the city clerk not only violated the laws outlined above for discrimination and retaliation for whistleblowing, but also violated the policies and procedures outlined in the employee handbook, under:

- ☐ 7.04 Harassment Policy
- ☐ 1.04 City's Business Ethics and Conduct Policy
- ☐ 1.14 Disability Accommodation.
- ☐ 7.01 Employee Conduct and Work Rules
- ☐ 7.02 Progressive Discipline

Before I reported the actions of the city clerk April 2025, that I believed unlawful (whistleblowing), I had received no written warning, no suspension, and no termination of employment, but praise.

I had never missed a deadline, and consistently performed all tasks in which I was hired, including those tasks that were randomly assigned that were the responsibility of others. Such as being assigned duties of the Treasury employee, regarding parking passes, and taking payments at the counter for taxes, etc, though these tasks are required to be conducted by hourly union staff members only, per the collective bargaining agreement. .

I also implemented the new FOIA software for the city, NextRequest, with no oversight or assistance from any city staff, though it was not part of my job offer contract or job description, but assigned to me February 2025, with no additional compensation. I also conducted NextRequest staff training, and daily FOIA administration oversight.

- ☐ In August 2025, the city clerk posted a job opening for the Deputy Clerk I position, and FOIA administrator had been added to the job description, and the base pay rate had been increased by \$10k.

For these reasons, I respectfully request Termination Review by the Mayor and City Council. I would also like to remind the Mayor and City Council that the city clerk terminated my employment the day I returned from the funeral of a close family member, two months, and three weeks after the first "incident", and 14 days after I submitted forms for a work related injury, which was denied by the city's Worker's Compensation insurance carrier the day after I was terminated, August 7, 2025. My health, dental and vision insurance was cancelled by the city August 28, 2025.

In closing, in the "at-will" employment doctrine, an employer can generally fire an employee at any time, for any reason, or no reason, as long as it's not for an illegal reason. Firing "for cause" means an employee was terminated for a specific, justifiable reason, such as misconduct or poor performance. While at-will employment allows for termination without cause, it does not permit termination for illegal reasons like discrimination or retaliation. The city clerk terminated my employment "for cause," with no specific and justifiable reason.

The August 8, 2025, severance agreement I received from the city offered \$3,000 and my earned comp time (44.38 hours of worked overtime at 1:1 ratio) if I agreed to not sue. The letter stated,

"The parties expressly acknowledge that Employee's separation is the result of the position not being a good fit for the Employee and does not disqualify Employee for further Employment with the City should she be qualified and desire to apply for any open position."

Thank you for your time in advance, and please feel free to contact me directly with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lorrie L. Thomas

Cc CLERK'S OFFICE

Mayor Nicole A. Brown
Council Member Me'Chelle King
Council Member Roland Tooson
Council Member Patrick McLean

Council Member Steve Wilcoxon
Council Member Amber Fellows
Council Member Desirae Simmons
Washtenaw County Clerk, Lawrence Kestenbaum

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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
October 7, 2025

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Bonnie Wessler, DPS Director, Jennifer Collins

Subject: Resolution No. 2025-206 approving the request to waive the application, event, and electrical turn-on fees totaling \$1,085 for the All Hallows Eve Illumination Event.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. RFL and Resolution All Hallows Eve 11-1-25
2. All Hallows Eve 11-1-25 Special Event Fee Waiver Request recd 091225
3. Special Events Contract - All Hallows Eve Illumination 11-1-25

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2025

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
Date: September 28, 2025

For: October 7, 2025

From: Jennifer Collins, Special Events and Facilities Manage

Subject: Application for Fee Waiver for the First Fridays All Hallows Eve Illumination Event

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND: The First Fridays All Hallows Eve event organizer has requested that the city waive application, park rental fees, and electrical turn on fees for this year's event. This event provides a unique opportunity for Ypsilanti families and individuals to gather and contribute to a stunning, collaborative art installation by bringing their hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns to Frog Island Park, where they will be placed along the amphitheater seats, creating a beautiful and hauntingly lit landscape.

This free, family-friendly activity fosters a strong sense of community by inviting local artists to participate as vendors, supporting their work and providing a unique market experience. The event organizers are also actively seeking to partner with local bands and entertainers. The event's aesthetic has previously created stunning photo opportunities and memories for all attendees.

This event is being organized by a small "skeleton crew" of local community members, with support from First Fridays Ypsilanti and the Ypsilanti DDA. This event is being put on by an entirely new team, and limited resources. The request for having the fees waived is to avoid significant out-of-pocket costs for the organizers so they can build a foundation for future events. The priority is to keep the event free for all attendees. This means any funds raised will be allocated to essential operational costs like dumpster rental for clean-up and a well-rounded event. Additionally, funds will be used in supporting the participating artists, who will face heavy costs in powering and lighting their booths for this evening event. Waiving the fee would be a significant help for the inaugural year, allowing focus on creating a memorable experience for the community. The long-term goal is to become more self-sustaining through sponsorships and partnerships in the coming years.

Ordinance 10-270 requires that the applicant provide a description of the benefit to the community, and also a description of why the applicant is unable to meet the financial requirements. The applicant has provided information on the benefit to the community and limited resources.

	Waiver Amount	Budget Balance
Rutherford Pool Kids Triathlon	\$535	\$14,465
Parkridge Summerfest/Joe Dulin Day	\$535	\$13,930
Ypsilanti Community Schools	\$192.50	\$13,737.50

Reading in the Park and Rutherford Pool Night		
Ypsilanti Community Schools Back to School Bash	\$367	\$13,370
WMWFC Domestic Violence Awareness 5K Run Walk Fundraiser	\$542.50	\$12,827.50
First Fridays All Hallows Eve Illumination Event	\$1,085	\$11,742.50

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS: Fee Waiver Application, Special Events Contract

FY2025/2026 Goal Alignment

- Budget Priority 1: Public Infrastructure/Buildings/Roads
- Budget Priority 2: Water Street
- Budget Priority 3: Public Safety/Public Health
- Budget Priority 4: Shelter/Housing
- Budget Priority 5: Staffing Capacity

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Resolution No. 2025-206
October 7, 2025

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, ordinance §10-270 specifies that the City may choose to waive event fees for good cause shown or for individual case of hardship; and

WHEREAS, this year's All Hallow's Eve Illumination Event will take place on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at Frog Island park Amphitheater; and

WHEREAS, All Hallow's Eve Illumination event organizer is requesting the City waive application, event fees, and electrical turn on fees for this year's event, due to the benefit and engagement provided by his event to the community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the request to waive the application, event, and electrical turn-on fees totaling \$1,085 for the All Hallows Eve Illumination Event.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



Special Event Fee Waiver Request

Please complete the form below and submit to the Special Events/Facilities Manager Jennifer Collins at jcollins@cityofypsilanti.com for submission to and consideration.

To be eligible to apply for a fee waiver, the following criteria should be met:

1. The event is completely open and free to members of the public, with no entry fee charged.
2. If vendors can sell goods, the cost to participate may not be prohibitive. Priority must be given first to City of Ypsilanti residents and businesses. All opportunities to serve as a vendor must be advertised sufficiently in promotional materials and on the City website. The maximum rate at which vendors may be charged is \$10 per hour, and a financial report must be provided to the City proving what funds were raised and for what purpose specifically from vendor fees collected.
3. A public event shall not engage in hateful or derogatory speech including symbols of racism, homophobia, or violence. Weapons shall not be sold by vendors or any merchandise or goods which depicts these symbols of hate.
4. Religious services are not eligible community events under this policy.

To be eligible to be approved for a fee waiver, the following criteria must be met:

1. If a street closure is requested in the business district, 80% of businesses located on that street must in writing agree to the closure.
2. The application must include a description of why this is a benefit to the whole community.
3. The applicant must provide a reasonable description of why the organization or person is unable to meet the financial requirements.

Applicant/Event Representative

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone / Fax	E-Mail	

Event

Name of Event	
Proposed Location	
Start date and time	End date and time

Justification

Describe why this is a benefit to the whole community (may continue on a separate sheet):
Describe why the organization/person is unable to pay the fee (may continue on a separate sheet):

By typing my name below, I attest that this application represents my intent for the proposed event to the best of my knowledge. I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the organization.

Applicant Full Name

Date



All Hallows Eve Illumination

Saturday, November 1, 2025

EVENT CONTRACT

ACCOUNT: First Fridays Ypsi
CONTACT: Holly Schoenfield
EMAIL: holly@firstfridayspsi.com
PHONE: 7343538854
ADDRESS:

SALES MANAGER: Jennifer Collins
EMAIL: jcollins@cityofypsilanti.com
PHONE: (734) 482-9825

EVENT SUMMARY

Date	Time	Location	Areas	Event Type	Guests	Rental	Event F&B Min
11/1/2025	3:00 pm – 11:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Frog Island Park		500		

ROOM RENTAL

		Price	Total
1	Special Events Application Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00
1	Class 2 Event Fee	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1	Class 2 Event Security Deposit (Refundable)	\$750.00	\$750.00
1	Class 2 Event Electricity Turn-on Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00

ESTIMATED BILLING

Liability insurance in the amount of \$250,000 per occurrence naming the City of Ypsilanti as additionally insured is required for this event.

Please provide a detailed site plan and trash cleanup plan.

Event sponsors are responsible for obtaining any necessary music or other intellectual

property licenses associated with their event.

Application indicated 10x10 Canopies may be used, tents larger than 10 x 10 will need to be inspected by the Fire Marshall Pope. Please contact him at cpope@cityofypsilanti.com to schedule an inspection if using larger tents.

			Total
Room Rental			\$1,835.00
Subtotal			\$1,835.00
Credit Card Fee	4.0%		\$73.40
Grand Total			\$1,908.40
Estimated Amount Due			\$1,908.40



All Hallows Eve Illumination

Saturday, November 1, 2025

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Thank you for selecting the City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events for your event. We look forward to extending our hospitality and services to you and your guests. To ensure proper service and a great event for everyone, *please carefully review this contract* and verify the following information:

The damage deposit refund will be processed within two weeks, if the space passes inspection following the event and is cleared by the Event Coordinator. Tax Identification Number (Required for Non-Profit Organizations Only) _____

Payment Information: Payment is accepted in the form of cash, check or credit card. A non-refundable 4% service charge applies to all credit card payments. We do not accept personal checks. Business checks may be made payable to City of Ypsilanti and must be paid at least 30 days prior to your event. Cash payments may be made at: **Ypsilanti Police Department, 505 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, MI 48197**. You may also wish to pay by ACH transfer. There is a 1.5% service charge to pay by ACH transfer. Upon execution of the Agreement and payment of the required rental fee and deposit, the designated location shall be reserved for Renter on the

Date of: Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 3:00 PM through 11:00 PM

- Renter must pay security deposit within seven (7) days of submitting a rental request. If security deposit is not paid within seven (7) days of the request date, the request for a reservation is subject to immediate cancellation without notice.
- It is understood and agreed that should your group fail to adhere to all rules, policies, and conform to the proper use of the facility, the CoY may, at its discretion, terminate this agreement and require the renting parties to vacate the premises (during the event if necessary), forfeiting any and all fees and monies.
- CoY is not held liable for events not being held due to uncontrollable circumstances.

- CoY is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- I/We have read and understand this agreement and the policies it contains. I understand that if I/we or any of the guests or vendors at the event does not comply with this agreement or the policies the event may be immediately terminated by CoY, in its sole discretion, and/or all deposits made retained by CoY. I understand and agree that, in addition, I/we will be responsible and liable to CoY for any costs exceeding the amount of the retained deposit.

Thank you,

Jennifer Collins
Events and Facilities Manager

CITY OF YPSILANTI

SPECIAL EVENTS RENTAL CONTRACT

Renter must distribute a copy of this page to all contractors and others involved in the event.

ATTESTATION

As applicable to event, applicant understands and agrees to comply with City ordinances and rules governing events (as laid out in the Special Events Policy) and agrees to make final payment within thirty (30) days after the scheduled event invoice is received for any additional services required. Failure to comply within thirty (30) days shall place the applicant in default status. Further, it is understood that in the event a permit holder is placed in default status, the permit holder will be denied any other event permit(s) for a period of at least eighteen (18) months from the date of final payment and/or default resolution.

I hereby agree to comply with all Federal and State Statutes and with all City of Ypsilanti Ordinances, including the curfew and noise ordinances. I understand and agree that in the event any nuisance or disturbances are caused by the individuals attending the event, the use of the location may be terminated without prior notice by the Police Chief or the City Manager or their designee. I authorize the Fire Marshal to determine the maximum number of persons who may attend this event based on available space. Further, I understand and agree to abide by any additional City requirements that may be deemed necessary to safely operate the proposed event.

This application represents my intent for the proposed event to the best of my knowledge. I am authorized to sign on behalf of the organization.

RESPONSIBILITY, INDEMNITY, WAIVER

Conduct - The conduct of all Event participants, spectators, service providers and volunteers while on the premises shall be the responsibility of the Renter. Renter also accepts all responsibility for any injury to person(s) or property, or loss of or damage to property or theft

of personal property or literary or artistic content on the premises during the rental period, or resulting therefrom. Failure by any individual or group to follow all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including without limitation the Guidelines will be cause for eviction. City of Ypsilanti retains the right to evict objectionable persons from the premises. Repeated violations may result in denial of future reservation requests.

Release - Renter, on behalf of itself, its assigns, subrogees, representatives and all other persons or entities acting for, by or through it, hereby releases and forever discharges the City of Ypsilanti, their respective trustees, directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, and insurers, from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action, of whatever nature, character or description, for personal injury, property damage or death that arise from, are related to or are in any way connected with Renter or its guests' or invitees' use of the Space or the premises ("Claims"), including without limitation and to the fullest extent permitted by law, any Claims in part or in whole arising from, related to or in any way connected with the alleged or in fact negligent acts or omissions of the City of Ypsilanti, its directors, agents, employees, officers, and representatives. In the event Renter suffers any loss to person or property, Renter shall look solely to its, his or her insurance coverage, if any, and shall make no claim whatsoever against the City of Ypsilanti.

Indemnity - Renter shall, to the fullest extent permissible under law, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Ypsilanti, their respective trustees, directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, contractors and licensees from and against any and all claims, actions, causes of action, demands, judgments, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, or expenses (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), whether or not involving a third party claim, arising out of or in connection with: (i) any personal injury, property damage, death or other liabilities of whatever kind or nature, that arise from, are related to or are in any way connected with Renter or officers, employees, agents, contractors, guests or invitees use of the space or the premises ("Claims"), including without limitation and to the full extent permitted by law, any Claims in which it is asserted and/or proved that the City of Ypsilanti, their respective agents, employees, officers, directors, contractors and/or representatives, was itself negligent or otherwise at fault; or (ii) any breach of any of the representations, warranties, covenants, obligations or duties contained in this Agreement; or (iii) any violation of any federal, state or local laws, rules or regulations. The indemnification obligations hereunder shall not be limited by reason of the enumeration of any insurance coverage required under this Agreement. The indemnification obligations herein shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Waiver - If the facility is damaged or otherwise unavailable because of unforeseen causes beyond the control of the City of Ypsilanti, including but not limited to, such acts of God, war, riots, strikes, fire, flood, epidemics, quarantines, lack of utilities, severe weather, or the like, then this Agreement shall terminate, Renter's damage deposit will be returned (less any monies expended or contracted for, and for which the City of Ypsilanti cannot cancel), and

Renter waives all rights to any claims against the City of Ypsilanti. The City of Ypsilanti shall have no obligation to provide alternative facilities. Renter will be given at least three (3) months' notice, and full refund of the rental fee and damage deposit if the City is unable to accommodate the event due to unforeseen circumstances.

Client Signature



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
October 7, 2025

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Amber Fellows, Council Member, Desirae Simmons, Council Member

Subject: Resolution No. 2025-207 recognizing October 2025 as Transgender Empowerment Month in our city.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No 2025-207 Transgender Empowerment Month

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2025

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI AFFIRMING OCTOBER 2025 AS
TRANSGENDER EMPOWERMENT MONTH**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, our state has proclaimed October 2025 as Transgender Empowerment Month, and we in Ypsilanti proudly join in celebrating the resilience, brilliance, and vital contributions of our transgender neighbors to the fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, as a city known for our vibrant queer community, we have a proud lineage of championing equality, which we codified via our Human Rights Ordinance that explicitly protects against discrimination based on gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, our strength is rooted in our network of mutual support, from Eastern Michigan University's LGBTQ+ Resource Center and the Corner Health Center's LGBTQ support group to Ozone House's Pride Zone and our own beloved Ypsi Pride celebration—all of which help make Ypsilanti a haven of affirming care, safety, and joy; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that in a national climate of increasing hostility and political attacks, our transgender and non-binary siblings face dire threats to their healthcare, safety, and basic rights; and

WHEREAS, in the face of these attacks, we declare that our municipal leadership is more critical than ever to protect our community, defend civil rights, and affirm the dignity and power of every transgender person who calls Ypsilanti home; and

WHEREAS, Transgender Empowerment Month is our opportunity to loudly celebrate the beauty and strength of our transgender community, to educate one another, and to recommit to the ongoing work of making Ypsilanti a place where everyone can live freely and authentically;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Ypsilanti City Council, hereby recognize October 2025 as **Transgender Empowerment Month** in our city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to being a city where our transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming family are not just safe, but celebrated, respected, and empowered to be whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on all Ypsilanti residents, businesses, and institutions to join us in observing this month through education, advocacy, and visible, joyful support for our transgender neighbors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to share this resolution widely with Governor Whitmer, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, and our essential local partners including EMU's LGBTQ+ Resource Center, the Corner Health Center, Ozone House, Ypsi Pride, and the Jim Toy Community Center.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
October 7, 2025

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Bonnie Wessler, DPS Director

Subject: Discussion regarding implementation of the Transportation Asset Management Plan.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: October 7, 2025

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



Resolution No. 2025-149
September 25, 2025

A Resolution Providing Suggested Updates to the YPAC Ordinance

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti City Council asked the Police Advisory Commission to review their Ordinance and suggest updates;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the YPAC submits the following suggestions for updating the YPAC Ordinance to City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the YPAC suggest In Sec. 2-181, line 6, to add "to City Council and" before "the city manager" and in line 8, to add "the City council and" before "the city manager"; and to remove "Members shall be appointed for a maximum of two terms." from the bottom of Sec. 2-182.

OFFERED BY: Commissioner Humes

SUPPORTED BY: Commissioner Wolkoff

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 VOTE: Carried

YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23

September 10, 2025

A Resolution Reinforcing the City of Ypsilanti's Resolution Requesting Washtenaw County Allocate Funds Toward the Establishment and Operation of a Permanent Shelter in Ypsilanti for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness; and

Whereas, the Ypsilanti District Library staff has seen a significant uptick in patrons experiencing homelessness, and although the library can provide support resources for these patrons through our social worker on staff, they still have nowhere to go after the library closes; and

Whereas, homelessness is a growing and urgent issue in Washtenaw County: in 2020, an estimated 2,800 people experienced literal homelessness and sought emergency shelter, with 38% of them being families with young children, underscoring the critical need for expanded shelter and services; and

Whereas, the 2024 Point-in-Time Count conducted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reported over 770,000 people experiencing homelessness nationwide, an 18% increase from 2023, which reflects a troubling trend of rising homelessness in Washtenaw County and across the nation; and

Whereas the Area Median Income (AMI) for Ypsilanti for a single adult is \$44,141 while the AMI for a single adult in Washtenaw County is \$87,156, nearly double that of the city proper; and

Whereas Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township have a BIPOC population of over 40%, with the highest percentage of Black residents in Washtenaw County; per the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services black Michiganders experience homelessness at a rate three times higher than white Michiganders; and

Whereas Ypsilanti has 25% of people living in poverty and Ypsilanti Township has 15% of people living in poverty compared to 14.6% of Washtenaw County residents living in poverty; and Whereas 52% of the clients that Community Mental Health serves through their CARES program, providing mental health support to people regardless of insurance, are based in Ypsilanti; and

Whereas, Washtenaw County's Public Safety and Mental Health Preservation Millage is a recently renewed, voter-approved homeowner tax that generates vital funding for mental health and substance use treatment programs, resources that could be leveraged to help

individuals experiencing homelessness, many of whom face significant mental health and substance use challenges; and

Whereas, local hospitality houses, churches, and service organizations are vital in addressing immediate shelter needs, but a permanent shelter is necessary to provide long-term solutions for individuals experiencing homelessness, focusing on both emergency housing and pathways to permanent housing; and

Whereas, the Ypsilanti District Library Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of a permanent shelter in supporting patrons who are homeless, providing not only a safe place to stay but also essential services to support their transition to stable, permanent housing; and

Whereas, there is still time to get a homeless shelter in place before the colder weather of Winter 2025-2026 makes outdoor conditions increasingly dangerous for Ypsilanti District Library patrons experiencing homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ypsilanti District Library Board of Trustees, as follows:

The Ypsilanti District Library Board of Trustees supports and further endorses the City of Ypsilanti's Resolution No. 2025 - 007, A Resolution Requesting Washtenaw County Allocate Funds Toward the Establishment and Operation of a Permanent Shelter in Ypsilanti for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness, which requests that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners allocate funding for the establishment and operation of a permanent shelter in the City of Ypsilanti for individuals experiencing homelessness in Ypsilanti and across the County, whether that is in the location listed on the City of Ypsilanti's resolution or another address, such as 211 E Michigan Ave.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is forwarded to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, City of Ypsilanti City Council, to Washtenaw County Community Mental Health's office, Ypsilanti Township Trustees and Superior Township Trustees.

OFFERED BY: 

SUPPORTED BY: 

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 VOTE: Passed 6-0