

**Charter Township of Shelby
Supervisor's Office**

Memo

To: Charter Township of Shelby Board of Trustees
From: Richard Stathakis, Supervisor
Date: 08/19/2014
Re: Resolution Supporting Changes - Section 205(2) of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act - August 19, 2014

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SHELBY

Resolution Supporting Changes - Section 205(2) Of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Shelby and its residents have experienced significant hardship and damages because of state approval of an oil/gas exploration permit within a residential zone pursuant to section 205(2) of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act; and,

WHEREAS, section 205(2) of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act has stripped the Charter Township of Shelby, its Board of Trustees, its Planning and Zoning Department and its Police Department of its most basic ability to protect the lives, safety and property of our residents; and,

WHEREAS, any future permits for oil/gas exploration within residential zones in the Charter Township of Shelby is likely to cause irreparable damage to the environment, property and investments within the Charter Township of Shelby; and,

WHEREAS, township officials closest to the people in the Charter Township of Shelby are best equipped to represent its residents' concerns and beliefs as well as the safety of their families; and,

WHEREAS, additional provisions to section 205(2) of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act addressing further restrictions on exploration in densely populated residential neighborhoods and more local oversight in the issuance of permits is needed; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Charter Township of Shelby urges the Governor and the State Legislature to support Senator Jack Brandenburg as he seeks to install changes to section 205(2) of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act that address the above outlined shortcomings,

FURTHER, that the Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Governor Rick Snyder, the leaders of the Senate and House, respectively, and State Senator Jack Brandenburg, and State Representatives Peter Lund and Jeff Farrington,

representing the Charter Township of Shelby.