

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

RESOLUTION

BY: COMMISSIONER KIM J. COONAN, 4TH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, The coronavirus pandemic and resulting recession are wreaking havoc on the United States; and

WHEREAS, Both state and local governments are facing massive budget shortfalls resulting from the economic downturn, which will significantly affect their ability to provide crucial services; and

WHEREAS, More than a million state and local government jobs have been lost since the Covid-19 crisis began and those jobs include but are not limited to police officers and firefighters, health care workers, emergency responders, social service providers and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Millions more of these workers and the critical services they provide will soon be lost unless Congress and the administration act quickly to help close state and local governments' widening budget gaps; and

WHEREAS, The Covid-19 crisis has significantly reduced tax revenues that state and local governments rely on to fund jobs and services and, with increasingly high unemployment rates, the lost wages mean a huge decline in personal income taxes; and

WHEREAS, With nearly a third of businesses shut down at the peak of shelter-in-place rules, corporate income taxes fell; and

WHEREAS, With few people traveling, going to movies or purchasing cars, saletax revenues are dropping at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, Property tax revenues will suffer, since home prices and commercial real estate values will eventually slump; and

WHEREAS, The crisis, however, has caused demand to soar for state and local government services and support programs; and

WHEREAS, Hospitals are packed with Covid patients and the millions who have lost jobs are looking for unemployment, Medicaid and help with housing and other living costs; and

WHEREAS, At a time when Americans need government help most, cash strapped local units of government as well as states across the country, have no option but to cut the help they provide; and

WHEREAS, These outlined losses will not be recouped soon, if ever; and

WHEREAS, Federal assistance to state and local governments is one of the most effective ways to support the economy in a downturn; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners calls upon and strongly urges the President of the United States, the Senate and Congress to provide the financial assistance required to aid states and local units of government as they continue to deal with the economic long term effects of Covid-19; Be It Finally

RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, our Federal and State Representatives, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

KIM COONAN, 4TH DISTRICT COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Comm Coonan - Federal Assistance

MOVED BY COMM. LUTZ

SUPPORTED BY COMM. KRYGIER

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
MICHAEL J. DURANCZYK	X			KIM J. COONAN	X			MICHAEL E. LUTZ	X		
ERNIE KRYGIER	X			THOMAS M. HEREK	X						
VAUGHN J. BEGICK	X			TOM RYDER	X						

VOTE TOTALS:

ROLL CALL: X YEAS 7 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 0

VOICE: YEAS _____ NAYS _____ EXCUSED _____

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED X DEFEATED _____ WITHDRAWN _____

AMENDED _____ CORRECTED _____ REFERRED _____ NO ACTION TAKEN _____

Township/ City / Village of Cheshire
Resolution # 20-1

Whereas, On July 23, 2020, at the request of interested citizens, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (County Board) discussed the concept of a county-wide, Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance.

Whereas, A county-wide ORV Ordinance was considered in 2014 resulting in the decision of the County Board to take no action regarding the development of an ordinance to allow ORVs to travel on county roads.

Whereas, The County Board believes an ORV Ordinance remains best considered at the local level considering the geographical, roadway and philosophical differences that may exist across the County.

Whereas, Creating a patchwork of interconnecting local ORV ordinances presents challenges with consistency and uniformity of enforcement.

Whereas, the County has indicated that the Allegan County Road Commission, Sheriff, and Prosecutor's office are offering assistance to any local unit or group of local units that may consider developing an ORV ordinance.

Whereas, historically local units bear the burden of enforcing, ticketing, and prosecuting the local unit's ordinances.

Whereas, questions remain as to who the County Board, the Sheriff, and Prosecutor's office intends to write tickets, prosecute ordinance violators, and divide ticket revenue.

Whereas, According to the County Board's own approved communique of August 13, 2020, During the July 23 Meeting, the County Board reaffirmed the 2014 decision **largely due to the absence of a unified position being represented by all, or even the majority of, local units in the County.* *emphasis added

Therefore, be it resolved, that The Board of the (Township/City/Village) of Cheshire expresses its support of an Allegan County-wide, ORV ordinance.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the creation of a County-Wide ORV ordinance is the best way to ensure that there is consistency from local unit to local unit and uniform enforcement.

Motion by Hale, supported by Hetzl

Roll Call:

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Clerk's certification....

Anna Sue Hetzel, Clerk

Township of Ganges
Resolution # 2020-7

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Therefore, be it resolved, that The Board of the Township of Ganges expresses its support of an Allegan County-wide, ORV ordinance.

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Motion by Hebert, supported by Hutchins

Roll Call:

Ayes 5 Hutchins, Reimink, Hebert, Phelps, Gooding

Nays 0

Certification

I, Robin Phelps, the duly appointed and acting Clerk of Ganges Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board by a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Board held on September 8, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present; and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Robin Phelps

Robin Phelps, Clerk