CITY OF SAUGATUCK COUNTY OF ALLEGAN STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 120312-B

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RESIDENT TAXPAYERS TO FILE A PROTEST WITH THE CITY BOARD OF REVIEW BY LETTER AND WITHOUT PERSONAL APPEARANCE

At a regular meeting of the Saugatuck City Council held on March 12th, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. the following Resolution was offered:

Moved by: Council Member Johnson and supported by: Council Member Van Singel

WHEREAS, the Michigan General Property Tax Act, Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1893, as amended (the "Act"), mandates that assessing entities maintain certain meeting dates for their boards of review; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that at the board of review meetings, taxpayers may protest and object to their assessments and/or tentative taxable values; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that nonresident taxpayers may file an appearance, protest and papers in support of a protest by letter, and that his or her personal appearance is not required; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes a municipality to permit resident taxpayers to also file a protest by letter, without a personal appearance, where the municipality's governing body authorizes the same by resolution or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saugatuck desires to afford resident taxpayers this option in petitioning.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The City Council of the City of Saugatuck hereby authorizes a resident taxpayer to file his or her protest before the City's Board of Review by letter, and without a personal appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent.
- 2. The City Manager, City Assessor and City Clerk shall take all actions required by law to notify taxpayers of this option.
- 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are rescinded.

YEAS: Council Members: Johnson, Van Si	ngel, Bekken, Hess, Spangler, Porzondek & Verplank
NAYS: Council Members: None	
ABSTAIN: Council Members: None	
ABSENT: Council Members: None	·····
ADOPTED this 12 th day of March, 2012.	Jane Verplank, Mayor Manica Logman, City Clerk
CERTIFICATION	

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I, Monica Looman, the duly appointed clerk of the City of Saugatuck do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Saugatuck City Council at a regular meeting held March 12, 2012, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Monica Looman, City Clerk

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