

CITY OF HOLLAND

Resolution No. R2020.02

A Resolution in Support of the Reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits

Senate Bill 54/House Bill 4100

WHEREAS, the historic buildings, neighborhoods and places in Michigan villages, towns and cities distinguish each community and provide character and a sense of place that contribute significantly to the quality of life and the economic benefits enjoyed in and by each community; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings, places and neighborhoods contributes to the beauty, character, and economic vitality of Michigan communities broadly and in the City of Holland specifically; and

WHEREAS, the labor-intensive nature of historic rehabilitation creates jobs and investment in local businesses and has been proven to generate more economic activity than equivalent investment in new construction; and

WHEREAS, demolition or destruction of historic buildings creates costs to Michigan and its communities by destroying the often-irreplaceable construction and ornamental materials of each structure and by adding significantly to landfills, whose make-up is estimated to be more than 40 percent building materials and waste; and

WHEREAS, many public policies and financial lending practices and policies create disincentives or barriers to the preservation, renovation and rehabilitation of historic buildings and resources and create a preferential financial environment for new construction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Holland has measured the economic impacts of the former Michigan Historic Tax Credit programs between their enactment in 1999 and elimination in 2011 and seen significant positive direct impacts on the revitalization of neighborhoods, the preservation of affordable and market-rate housing, the creation of skilled local jobs, and the subsequent private investment in areas surrounding tax-credit-driven revitalization projects; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's Historic Tax Credits were the only economic incentives of their kind, anywhere in the State, available to homeowners who rehabilitated their property in the City of Holland's local historic districts. Between 2002 and 2010, in the City of Holland \$1,429,546 was invested in construction projects that received the State Historic Tax Credit; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature is presently considering Senate Bill 54 and House Bill 4100 that would reinstate an up-to 25 percent investment tax credit for owners of historic residential and commercial properties who substantially rehabilitate their properties; and

WHEREAS, the Holland Historic District Commission provided a detailed letter of support for this proposed legislation to Senator Runestad of the Finance Committee and Representative Afendoulis of the Tax Policy Committee in July of 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Holland resolves as follows:

That City Council endorses and supports both Senate Bill 54 and House Bill 4100 and calls upon the Michigan Legislature to pass this important legislation and Governor Whitmer to sign it, in order to stimulate appropriate development and redevelopment and protect the historic character and quality of life of our communities.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Holland at a regular meeting held on January 8, 2020.



Nathan Bocks, Mayor



Kathy Grimm, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF OTTAWA)



I, the undersigned, the duly qualified City Clerk of the Holland City Council, City of Holland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken at a regular City Council Meeting of the Council of the City of Holland, held on January 8, 2020, insofar as the same relate to the Resolution in Support of the Reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act 267, Public Act of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this January 8, 2020.



Kathy Grimm, City Clerk