

Regular Meeting Of Lansing City Council

**Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers
David C. Hollister Lansing City Hall
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor
Lansing, Michigan**



Agenda for May 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM

TO THE HON. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

The following items were listed on the agenda in the City Clerk's Office in accordance with Section 3-103(2) of the City Charter and will be ready for your consideration at the regular meeting of the City Council at the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, City Hall.

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Printed Council Proceedings

1. May 11, 2026

Consideration of Late Items (Suspension of Council Rule #9 is needed to allow consideration of late items. Late items will be considered as part of the regular portion of the meeting to which they relate.)

Tabled Items

Special Ceremonies and Presentations

2. Tribute; recognizing May 19th as Malcolm X Day in the City of Lansing (PEND-4490)

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Community Event Announcements (Time, place, purpose, or definition of event – 1 minute limit)

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Speakers at the meeting must sign up on BLUE form by the deadline announced by the City Clerk.

Virtual Participation is available for Public Comment on Legislative Matters. Sign up by 6:30 p.m. using the following link: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/aa42310d-d458-4571-9bef-ca4c270fb083@87509dee-095b-4ff8-ba5a-0035cdfc715d>

Mayor's Comments

Show Cause Hearings

Public Comment on Legislative Matters (Legislative matters consist of the following items on the agenda: public hearings, resolutions, ordinances for introduction, and ordinances for passage. The public may comment for up to three minutes. Speakers must sign up on BLUE form.)

Scheduled Public Hearings

3. Amending Chapter 218 to provide for the creation and semiannual update of a City Tax and Debt Dashboard (PEND-4463)

Council Consideration of Legislative Matters

Referral of Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

4. Tribute; recognizing May 19th as Malcolm X Day in the City of Lansing (PEND-4490)
5. Community Funding; Lansing Pride for their "Lansing Pride Celebration" (PEND-4488)
6. Community Funding; Junior League of Lansing for their "bRUNch and Walk with League 5K" (PEND-4489)
7. Setting a Public Hearing on Special Assessment; Snow and Ice Removal Winter 2025-2026 (PEND-4477)
8. Setting a Public Hearing on Noise Special Permit; Public Service Department request to allow for the Lansing Avenue Pump Station (LAPS) Project (PEND-4453)
9. Setting a Public Hearing on Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District; 2231 W. Willow St., AM Land Holdings LLC (PEND-4459)
10. Old Town Social District Boundary and Commons Area Extension; Parking Lot 56 and Brenke Fish Ladder Music Park (PEND-4462)

Resolutions for Action

11. Urging the United States to pursue diplomacy, de-escalation, and peaceful resolution in Iran (PEND-4491)
12. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget (PEND-4435)

Reports from Council Committees

Ordinances for Introduction and Setting of Public Hearings

Ordinances for Passage

13. Re-Adopting the Codified Ordinances (PEND-4438)

Speaker Registration For Public Comment On City Government Related Matters

Reports Of City Officers, Boards, And Commissions; Communications And

Petitions; And Other City Related Matters (Motion that all items be considered as being read in full and that the proper referrals be made by the President)

Item(s) from the City Clerk re:

14. Minutes of Boards and Commissions placed on file in the Clerk's Office

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

15. Grant Acceptance; Michigan Humanities Council Touring Grant (PEND-4483)
16. Purchase Price Threshold, Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Communications and Petitions

17. Ten communications from Alison Peeler on various City government related matters

Motion Of Excused Absence

Remarks By Council Members

Remarks by the Mayor or Executive Assistant

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters (City government related matters are issues or topics relevant to the operation or governance of the city. The public may comment for up to three minutes. Speakers must sign up on YELLOW form.)

Adjournment



Chris Swope, City Clerk

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (517) 483-4131 (TTY 711). 24 hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation request.



**Official Proceedings of the City Council
City of Lansing
May 11, 2026**

Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Spadafore.

PRESENT: Council Members Carter, Garza, Kost, Martinez, Nevarez Martinez, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore

ABSENT: Council Member Hussain

A quorum was present.

Council Member Nevarez Martinez asked people to remember an unhoused neighbor who passed away from cancer. Mayor Schor asked people to remember Mary Ruth Plummer and Melvin Johnson, who recently passed away, during the moment of Meditation. The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Spadafore.

Approval of Printed Council Proceedings

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu

To approve the printed Council Proceedings of May 4, 2026

Motion Carried

Comments by Council Members and the City Clerk

Clerk Swope thanked voters who participated in the previous Tuesday's election and introduced new intern, Cailyn Burke.

President Spadafore announced upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting changes.

Community Event Announcements

Nicklas Zande spoke about upcoming Old Everett Neighborhood meeting.

Loretta Stanaway announced that Friends of Lansing's Historic Cemeteries was holding their annual Geranium flower giveaway.

Daren spoke about registration for Punks with Lunch Olympics fundraiser.

Jill Dombrowski announced her live podcast event.

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on Legislative Matters

City Clerk Swope announced the deadline for submission of public comment registration forms for those intending to address the City Council on legislative matters and that only those who have submitted a completed form will be permitted to speak.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Schor spoke about the eight new police officers sworn in, congratulated City Finance Director Crystal Thomas on winning the Michigan Women in Finance Award, thanked those who participated in the Adopt-a-River event, and thanked John Smoltz, Jeff Lazarus, and others who attended Strikeout Baseball opening day. Mayor Schor also congratulated the Empower graduates, spoke about a Chick-fil-A restaurant opening, announced a mobile food distribution event, and a Hood 2 Hood community cookout. Finally, Mayor Schor spoke about Memorial Day events, a Lansing Fire Fighters' Union and Fire Department event, neighborhood grant funding awards, the delivery of Neighborhoods in Bloom kits, and the opening of Citizen Academy applications.

Public Comment on Legislative Matters

Nicklas Zande spoke about the City Tax and Debt Dashboard.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about parking meter fines.

Legislative Matters

Consent Agenda

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu to approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Motion Carried

Resolution #2026-141

By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the mayor made the recommendation for reappointments to the various Boards and Commissions as stated below:

Arts and Culture Commission:

Shirley Carter-Powell as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners:

Beth Graham as the 2nd Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Capital Region Airport Authority Board:

John Shaski as a City of Lansing Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Income Tax Board of Review:

Peter Jones as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors (North Grand River);

Robert Benstein as a Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors:

Tim Daman as a Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Park Board:

Christopher John Greene-Szmadzinski as the 2nd Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Joan Lenhard as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

WHEREAS, the mayor's office has verified that the nominees have been vetted and meet the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole met on May 11, 2026 and took affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the reappointments to the various Boards and Commissions as stated below:

Arts and Culture Commission:

Shirley Carter-Powell as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Board of Water and Light Board of Commissioners:

Beth Graham as the 2nd Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Capital Region Airport Authority Board:

John Shaski as a City of Lansing Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Income Tax Board of Review:

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Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors (North Grand River);

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Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors:

Tim Daman as a Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Park Board:

Christopher John Greene-Szmadzinski as the 2nd Ward Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030;

Joan Lenhard as an At-Large Member for a term to expire June 30, 2030.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolution #2026-142

By the Committee of the Whole
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS Associated Pharmacies, Inc.; J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; United Natural Foods, Inc.; and their subsidiaries ("Six Remnant Defendants") have negotiated a proposed settlement agreement ("Proposed Settlement") for Eligible Entities; and

WHEREAS the Proposed Settlement contains an agreement for the Six Remnant Defendants to pay a combined \$97,625,000.00 in cash to resolve pending opioid-related litigation; and

WHEREAS the City of Lansing previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, as well as the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, Walgreens, and Kroger Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Lansing authorizes the execution of a Participation Agreement for the Six Remnant Defendants Settlement.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

Resolutions

Resolution #2026-143

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, currently, citations for an expired meter violation are \$15.00 if paid by midnight on the day of issuance, \$25.00 the following day, \$35.00 if paid within 14 days, and \$45.00 if paid within 28 days; and

WHEREAS, the proposed updates to parking meter policies, including the ability for motorists to continue paying throughout the day, necessitate a review and adjustment of expired meter fines; and

WHEREAS, the current fine structure may incentivize motorists to receive a citation rather than pay the maximum daily parking rate, creating unintended consequences for the city's parking management; and

WHEREAS, increasing fines for expired meter violations would encourage compliance and ensure that fines exceed the maximum daily parking rate, thereby discouraging violations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Lansing Ordinance 404.03, parking fines are set by Council resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council approves the following fines for expired meter violations:

Payment by Midnight on Day of Issuance:	\$25.00
Standard Fine, paid from 12:01AM on day after issuance up to 14 th day:	\$35.00
Payment made from 12:01AM on 15 th day after issuance up to 28 th day:	\$45.00
Payment made from 12:01AM on 29 th day after issuance up to 42 nd day:	\$55.00

By Council Member Carter

Motion Carried with Council Members Kost and Nevarez Martinez voting nay

Resolution #2026-144

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, currently, hourly rates for on-street parking locations within the City of Lansing increase consistently by \$1.50 per hour, to a maximum daily charge of \$15.00, which is equivalent to the maximum daily parking rates in parking ramps owned and maintained by the City; and

WHEREAS, the current rate structure may incentivize motorists to utilize on-street parking locations for extended visits rather than pay the maximum daily parking rate in parking ramps, creating unintended consequences for motorists seeking parking solutions for short-term visits; and

WHEREAS, progressively increasing rates for on-street parking locations would encourage motorists to make use of parking ramps for extended visits by

increasing the relative value of the maximum daily parking rates in parking ramps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Lansing Ordinance 404.03, parking rates are set by Council resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council approves the following hourly rates for on-street parking:

Total Hours	Amount/Hour	Total Charge	Example Parking Duration
0 minutes to 1 hour	\$1.50	\$1.50	9A-10A
1 hour to 2 hours	\$1.50	\$3.00	9A-11A
2 hours to 3 hours	\$2.00	\$5.00	9A-12P
3 hours to 4 hours	\$3.00	\$8.00	9A-1P
4 hours to 5 hours	\$3.00	\$11.00	9A-2P
5 hours to 6 hours	\$3.00	\$14.00	9A-3P
6 hours to 7 hours	\$4.00	\$18.00	9A-4P
7 hours to 8 hours	\$4.00	\$22.00	9A-5P
8 hours to 9 hours	\$4.00	\$26.00	9A-6P

By Council Member Carter

Motion Carried with Council Members Kost and Nevarez Martinez voting nay

Reports From Council Committees

Ordinances for Introduction

Introduction of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to conform the Lansing Codified Ordinances to the 2026 revised Lansing City Charter by amending Chapter 218, adding Section 218.06 to provide for the creation and semiannual update of a City Tax and Debt Dashboard.

The Ordinance was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Resolution #2026-145

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be set for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 7 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of considering an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to conform the Lansing Codified Ordinances to the 2026 revised Lansing City Charter by amending Chapter 218, adding Section 218.06 to provide for the creation and semiannual update of a City Tax and Debt Dashboard.

By Council Member Carter

Motion Carried

Ordinances for Passage

Passage of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Section 404.03 for the purposes of allowing payment at a reduced rate for an expired meter violation until midnight of the day of issuance.

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Carter, Garza, Martinez, Nevarez Martinez, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore
Nays: Council Member Kost

By Council Member Carter

Motion Carried

Ordinance #1355

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 404 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances Section 404.03 to allow payment of a reduced rate for an expired meter violation until midnight of the day of issuance.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 404, Section 404.03, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

404.03. - Fines for parking violations.

(a) Subject to subsections (b), (c), and (d), fines for parking violations shall be set by council resolution. The fines set by council resolution shall include a rate for fines paid within 14 days of issuance of the citation, an increased rate for fines paid within 28 days of the issuance of the citation, and an additionally increased rate for fines paid within 42 days of issuance of the citation.

(b) Any person paying a fine for an expired meter violation ~~in person at the parking violations bureau~~ **before midnight on the day the citation was issued** shall pay a reduced rate set by council resolution ~~during the first two hours after the ticket was issued.~~

(c) Failure to pay the prescribed fee for parking in a city parking facility upon exiting the parking facility shall carry a fine set by council resolution in addition to the unpaid parking fee.

(d) Any person who fails to pay a fine set pursuant to this section within 42 days from the date of issuance of the ticket shall be responsible for a civil infraction punishable as provided by law.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions are repealed.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 14th day after enactment, at any later date specified or unless given immediate effect by City Council.

Passage of Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 404 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Section 404.01(e) to modify Uniform Traffic Code parking regulation Rule 141 to provide that the operating hours of time and location regulated parking in the Lansing Municipal Parking System shall be between 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Was read a second time by its title and adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Council Members Carter, Garza, Kost, Martinez, Nevarez Martinez, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore
Nays: None

By Council Member Carter

Motion Carried

Ordinance #1356

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 404 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances Section 404.01(e) to modify Uniform Traffic Code parking regulation Rule 141 to provide that the operating hours of time and location regulated parking in the Lansing Municipal Parking System shall be between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 404, Section 404.01, Subsection (e) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) The following language is added to the end of Rule 141:

The operating hours for all metered parking in the Lansing Municipal Parking System are 8:00 **9:00** a.m. through 6:00 **5:00** p.m., Monday through Friday.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules inconsistent with the provisions are repealed.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 14th day after enactment, at any later date specified, or unless given immediate effect by City Council.

Speaker Registration for Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

City Clerk Swope announced the deadline for submission of public comment registration forms for those intending to address the City Council on City government related matters and that only those who have submitted a completed form will be permitted to speak.

Reports From City Officers, Boards, and Commissions; Communications and Petitions; and Other City Related

Matters

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Spadafore make the appropriate referrals

Motion Carried

• Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

Item(s) from the City Clerk re:

Minutes of Boards and Commissions placed on file in the Clerk's Office

Placed on File

Item(s) from the Mayor re:

Setting a Public Hearing on Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District; 2231 W. Willow St., AM Land Holdings LLC

Referred to the Committee on Development and Planning

Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District; 2231 W. Willow St., AM Land Holdings LLC

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Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 708 S. Hayford Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 708 S. Hayford Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 6031 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 6031 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 2114 E. Kalamazoo St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 2114 E. Kalamazoo St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1218 Gordon Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 1218 Gordon Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 4507 Devonshire Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 4507 Devonshire Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 100 W. Hodge Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Setting a Show Cause Hearing on Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 100 W. Hodge Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety

Special Assessment; Snow and Ice Removal Winter 2025-2026

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Setting a Public Hearing on Special Assessment; Snow and Ice Removal Winter 2025-2026

Referred to the Committee on City Operations

Grant Acceptance; Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund on behalf of Capital Region Airport Authority for Capital City Blvd.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Sole Source Purchase; Public Service Department notification of Hamlett Environmental Technologies as the vendor for Stainless-Steel Slide Gate for Ultraviolet Disinfection Channel No. 4

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Item(s) from the Council Member Spadafore re:

Amending Chapter 230 by adding Section 230.02 to allocate funding for Supportive Housing Services

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Setting a Public Hearing on Amending Chapter 230 by adding Section 230.02 to allocate funding for Supportive Housing Services
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Item(s) from the Council Member Nevarez Martinez re:
Repealing Chapter 886; Tax Exemptions for Multifamily Dwelling Projects
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Setting a Public Hearing on Repealing Chapter 886; Tax Exemptions for Multifamily Dwelling Projects
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Adding a new Chapter 886, Service Charge of Four Percent of Annual Shelter Rents for Eligible Housing Development Projects
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Setting a Public Hearing on Adding a new Chapter 886, Service Charge of Four Percent of Annual Shelter Rents for Eligible Housing Development Projects
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

• Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

Eighteen communications from Alison Peeler on various City government related matters
Placed on File

Motion of Excused Absence

By Vice President Pehlivanoglu to excuse Council Member Hussain from tonight's proceedings

Motion Carried

Remarks by the Mayor Or Executive Assistant

Mayor Schor spoke about parking rates.

Public Comment on City Government Related Matters

Darren spoke about homeless encampment sweeps.

William DeNike spoke about various City matters.

Nicklas Zande spoke about various City matters.

Daniella Hayes spoke about homeless encampment sweeps.

Vivian Breslin spoke about homeless encampment sweeps.

Ivan Droste spoke about parking and homeless encampment sweeps.

Loretta Stanaway spoke about various City matters.

Eli Ghaffari spoke about homeless encampment sweeps

Fredric McLaughlin spoke about parking.

Oliver Daniel Bush-Corr spoke about concerns with CATA's Spec-Tran paratransit curb to curb transport service

Katie Corr spoke about concerns with CATA's Spec-Tran paratransit curb to curb transport service

Mike Gorishek spoke about homeless encampment sweeps.

Adjourned Time 8:13 P.M.

Chris Swope, City Clerk

**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to conform the Lansing Codified Ordinances to the 2026 revised Lansing City Charter by amending Chapter 218, adding Section 218.06 to provide for the creation and semiannual update of a City Tax and Debt Dashboard.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in these meetings should contact the City Council Office at 517-483-4177 (TDD (517) 483-4479) 24 hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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Andy Schor
Mayor



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Andy Schor, Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

April 30, 2026

Peter Spadafore, President
Lansing City Council
124 W Michigan Ave. 10th Floor
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear President Spadafore:

Attached for Council's consideration is the draft ordinance establishing a Tax and Debt Dashboard prepared pursuant to Charter 7-501.1. I have also submitted this for receipt by Council at the May 4, 2026 meeting.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Andy Schor
Mayor

1 interest rate, debt service payment amount, and current debt payment
2 schedule.

3 (2) The Tax and Debt Dashboard shall be updated with the most current version of
4 the information required in 218.06(1) semiannually, on or before August 1 and February 1
5 of each year, to be first published on August 1, 2026. Should either August 1 or February 1
6 fall on a weekend or holiday, the Tax and Debt Dashboard shall be updated on the next
7 regular business day thereafter.

8 (3) The Tax and Debt Dashboard is for informational purposes only. Nothing
9 contained on the webpage shall alter, amend, refute, or otherwise change or modify any
10 legal obligation of the City, its debtors, or its creditors. Nothing in this Section, nor any
11 information published pursuant to this Section, shall be construed to create any affirmative
12 obligation or cause of action, apart from the requirement of publishing a public webpage as
13 described in this Section. Failure to publish the updated Tax and Debt Dashboard on the
14 dates established in 218.06(2) does not modify, excuse, or change any legal obligation of the
15 City, its debtors, or its creditors.

16 Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or rules, parts of ordinances, resolutions or rules
17 inconsistent with the provisions are repealed.

18 Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be
19 invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof
20 other than the part so declared to be invalid.

21 Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the 14th day after enactment, unless given
22 immediate effect by City Council.

Resolution #2026-###

By Council Members Carter, Garza, Hussain, Kost, Martinez,
Nevarrez Martinez, Pehlivanoglu, Spadafore
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, May 19th marks the birth of Malcolm X (El-Haji Malik El-Shabazz), born in 1925, whose life and legacy remain deeply connected to the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm X spent his formative years on the south side of Lansing, where he attended Pleasant Grove Elementary and West Junior High School. His early education experiences helped shape his worldview and future leadership. In 1958 he married his wife, Betty Shabazz at Lansing City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm X emerged as a powerful advocate for human rights, dignity, and self-determination for Black Americans, challenging injustice and inspiring generations to confront inequality and systemic oppression; and

WHEREAS, honoring Malcolm X Day provides an opportunity for residents to reflect on the ongoing pursuit of equality, justice, and empowerment for African Americans, and to engage in meaningful dialogue about civil rights and social progress; and

WHEREAS, The Lansing community continues to celebrate diversity, resilience, and the contributions of African American leaders who have advanced the cause of freedom and human dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council by way of the Malcolm X Community Commission hereby recognizes May 19th as Malcolm X Day in the City of Lansing; and that this resolution reaffirms the City's commitment to equity, justice, and the continued work of building a more inclusive and compassionate community for all.

Resolution #2026-###

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, Lansing Pride requested \$500 to defray costs for special event costs associated with their event, "Lansing Pride Celebration" to be held June 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of Community Funding Account to be awarded to an organization in one fiscal year is \$500; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on May 14, 2026, reviewed the request, and approved \$1,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from Community Funding Account to Lansing Pride in the amount of \$1,000 to defray costs associated with their event "Lansing Pride Celebration" to be held on June 27, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$1,000 to the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.956289.

BE IT RESOLVED that Lansing Pride shall submit a written analysis of the event, including information regarding the number of attendees, a detailed account as to contributors, funds received, expended and residual funds to the Lansing City Council within 60 days after the event.

Resolution #2026-###

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, Junior League of Lansing requested \$265 to defray costs for a rental facility associated with their event, “bRUNch and Walk with League 5K” to be held June 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the maximum total amount of Community Funding Account to be awarded to an organization in one fiscal year is \$500; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on City Operations met on May 14, 2026, reviewed the request, and approved \$500.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby approves an allocation from Community Funding Account to the Junior League of Lansing in the amount of \$500 to defray costs for a rental facility associated with their event “bRUNch Walk with League 5K” to be held on June 7, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Finance Department shall process this request by charging \$500 to the Council Community Promotion Account – 101.112101.956289.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Junior League of Lansing shall submit a written analysis of the event, including information regarding the number of attendees, a detailed account as to contributors, funds received, expended and residual funds to the Lansing City Council within 60 days after the event.

Resolution #

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL ASSESSMENT ROLL WINTER 2025-26

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 1020.06, Snow and Ice, adopted by this Council, the City Assessor has completed the assessment roll for removal of snow and/or ice adjacent to certain properties within the City.

WHEREAS, the owners of these properties were given proper notice in accordance with Chapter 1020.06(c)(1) to remove the snow and/or ice from the public sidewalk adjacent to their property.

WHEREAS, the City incurred costs for the removal of snow and/or ice, which it is required to recover in accordance with Chapter 1020.06(c)(2).

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 1020.06, the fees for those costs were adopted by Council.

WHEREAS, those costs incurred between December 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026, by the City total \$64,048.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, to review, prior to confirmation, said assessment roll; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall give notice of hearings in special assessment proceedings to each owner of, or party in interest in, property to be assessed, whose name appears upon the last local tax assessment records, by first class mail addressed to such owner or party at the address shown on the tax records, at least ten days before the date of such hearing. Said notices shall include the time and place of the hearing; a description of the properties determined by the Director of Public Service to have violated Chapter 1020.06 which are contained in the special assessment roll; where the special assessment roll is on file with the City Clerk and may be examined at the City Clerk's office;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any person aggrieved by the assessments as contained in the special assessment roll, or the necessity of the removal of snow and ice, may file a written objection thereto which must be delivered to the City Clerk prior to the close of the hearing, or the person may appear and protest the same at the public hearing in person or by his or her representative; that the appearance and protest or written protest in the manner described is required if the person desires to appeal the amount of the assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that pursuant to the requirement of 1962 PA 162, as

amended, a written appeal of the Special Assessment may be made to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, 611 West Ottawa St., P.O. Box 30232, Lansing, MI 48909; if filed within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll and if the Special Assessment was protested at this hearing.

Resolution #2026-###

By the Committee on City Operations
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Department of Public Service is constructing the utility and infrastructure improvements associated with the Lansing Avenue Pump Station (LAPS) Project at 1701/1711 Lansing Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the project location is at or on Lansing Avenue between the Grand River and Greenwood Avenue, in the City of Lansing, and

WHEREAS, from June 27, 2026, through June 26, 2027, the Public Service Department, has requested a waiver of the noise ordinance on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing Public Service Department recommends that the contractor be granted the requested noise waiver in order to:

- Reduce the amount of time local access for property owners is impacted;
- Allow the contractor to have the ability to work Saturdays when necessary to recover and accelerate the project schedule, as delays have been caused by severe weather events and existing infrastructure challenges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the City of Lansing Council Chambers, 124 W. Michigan Ave., in consideration of the request for granting a waiver of the noise ordinance for construction noise at 1701 Lansing Avenue, between the Grand River and Greenwood Avenue, on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM from June 27, 2026, through June 26, 2027.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall provide notice of the public hearing to all residents living within 500 feet of the real property line of the noise emitter.

Resolution #2026-###

By the Committee on Development and Planning
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

Resolution to Set a Public Hearing Regarding the Establishment of an Obsolete
Property Rehabilitation Act District at 2231 West Willow, Lansing, Michigan

WHEREAS, AM Land Holdings has requested, in writing to the City Clerk, that the City of Lansing establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District (the "OPRA District") for the property commonly known as 2231 West Willow, Lansing, Michigan (the "Property"), pursuant to the Michigan Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, being Public Act 146 of 2000 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Property in question of the OPRA District located at 2231 West Willow Lansing, Michigan, is legally described as:

2231 West Willow (Tax Parcel No. 33-01-01-08-301-004):

BEG AT W 1/4 COR OF SEC 8; TH S89DEG59'25"E 338.96 FT ALONG E & W 1/4 LINE; TH S00DEG05'11"W 317 FT; TH N89DEG59'25"W 339.45 FT PAR WITH E & W 1/4 LINE; TH N00DEG10'29"E 317 FT ALONG SAID W LINE TO BEG; T4N R2W, CITY OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY SPLIT/COMBINED ON 08/29/2018 FROM 33-01-01-08-301-012, 33-01-01-08-301-002; SPLIT/COMBINED ON 02/07/2023 FROM 33-01-01-08-301-003; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that before granting a District the Lansing City Council hold a public hearing in order to provide an opportunity for the applicant, owners of real property within the proposed OPRA District, the City Assessor, a representative of the affected taxing units, the residents, and other taxpayers of the City of Lansing general public appear and be heard regarding the approval of the OPRA District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lansing that a public hearing be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the approval of an OPRA District under the provisions of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that the Clerk shall publish once in a publication of general circulation within the community a notice of the scheduled public hearing and that the notice appear not less than 10 or more than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Resolution #2026-###

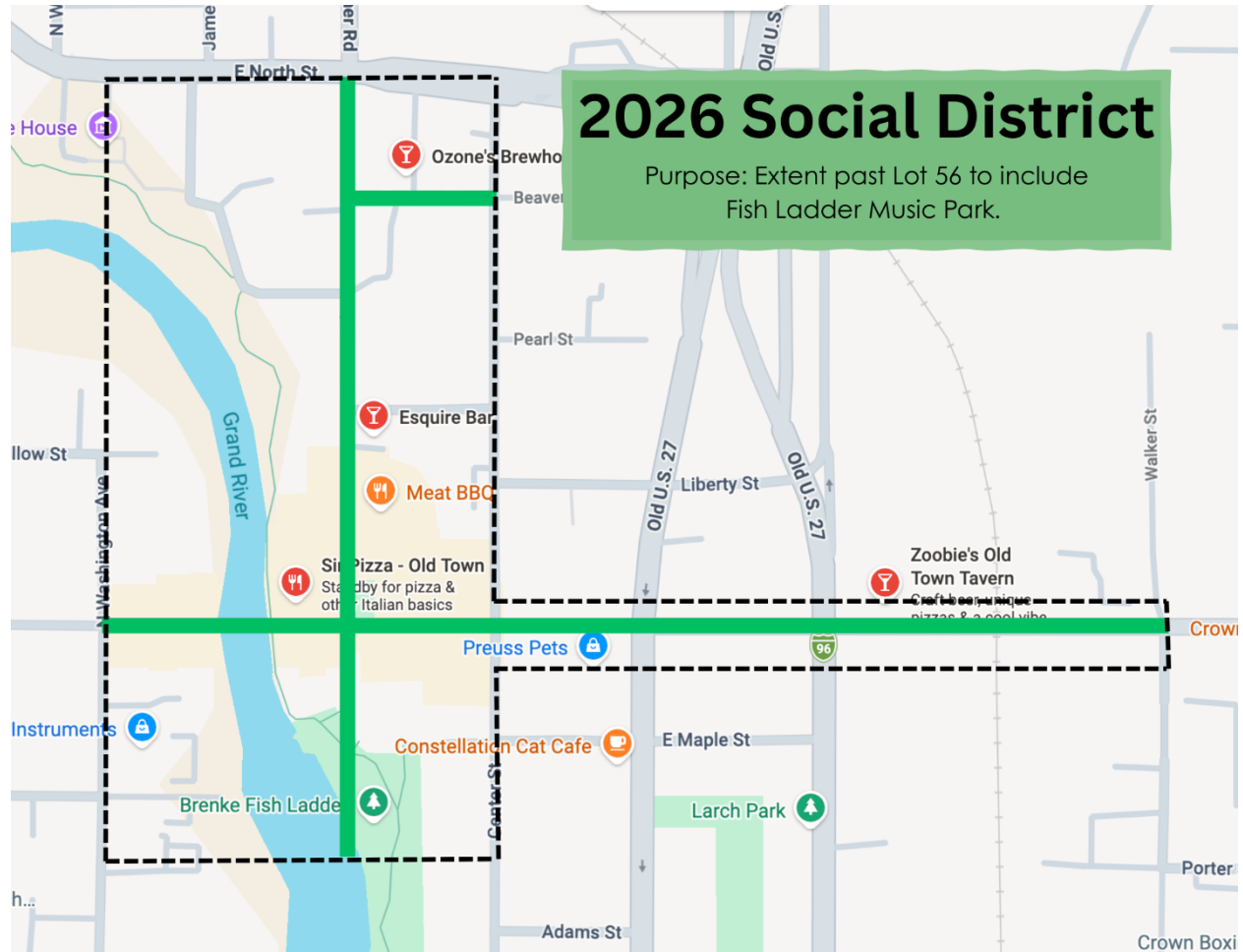
By the Committee on Development and Planning
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2021-093, the City of Lansing established three Social Districts within the City, the Downtown Social District, the REO Town Social District, and the Old Town Social District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing wishes to extend the social district boundary and commons area of the Old Town Social District to include the City of Lansing’s Parking Lot 56, and Brenke Fish Ladder Music Park, as depicted in the attached Lansing Social Districts Updated Package; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves the expansion of the Old Town Social District and commons area to the limits shown on the attached Old Town Social Districts map.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the City Clerk is requested to notify the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of the action taken.



Resolution #2026-###

By Council Member Kost

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council recognizes that the people of Lansing are directly impacted by national decisions on war, military spending, and foreign policy; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution grants Congress the sole authority to declare war, and any prolonged military conflict undertaken without explicit congressional authorization raises serious constitutional and legal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Lansing City Council believes that war with Iran would be unlawful absent congressional authorization and a clear legal justification under domestic and international law; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Lansing are already struggling with rising costs of living, including increases in food prices, gasoline, utilities, and other necessities that are often worsened by war and instability in global energy markets; and

WHEREAS, families in Lansing deserve investments in housing, infrastructure, education, healthcare, and public safety instead of endless military escalation abroad; and

WHEREAS, military action without clearly defined objectives, transparency, or an achievable end goal risks unnecessary loss of life and prolonged economic hardship for working people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council calls for an immediate end to unauthorized military escalation and any unlawful war with Iran.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council urges the President and the United States Congress to pursue diplomacy, de-escalation, and peaceful resolution instead of continued military conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council affirms that the people of Lansing should not bear the burden of rising food and gas prices, economic uncertainty, and the human costs of war without any clear mission or defined objective.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk submit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the delegation of the Michigan House of

Representatives and Senate, the President of the United States, and leaders of the United States Congress.

**BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING**

WHEREAS, in conformance with Article 7, Section 7-101 of the City Charter, on March 23, 2026, the Mayor submitted a proposed budget for the 2026/2027 fiscal year, which spans from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a series of televised public hearings to review the Mayor's budget recommendations, and a community input session on May 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City Charter and the State Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, notice was published and a public hearing was held on May 4, 2026, for the fiscal year 2026/2027 budget and capital improvements program, and the proposed levy for taxation; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 2 of 1968 of the State of Michigan, as amended, provides that the budget resolution of the City shall set forth the total number of mills to be levied under the General Property Tax Act, the estimated revenues by source, and amounts appropriated to defray expenditures and meet the liabilities for the City for the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish certain budget policies for the fiscal year 2026/2027, which must include all policies to be carried forward into the current fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 19.44 mills be levied under the General Property Tax Act for the fiscal year for City Operating; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 0.26 mills be levied under the Section 475 of Public Act 40 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and such revenue be used to pay for the cost of drain improvements including a portion of the assessment from the Montgomery Drainage District to the City for the Montgomery Drain improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 3.9 mills be levied with such revenue to be used to pay for the new Public Safety Buildings, as approved by the voters on November 8, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following changes to the City's fees and charges be adopted:

Fee Proposed	From Current FY 2026	To Proposed FY 2027
<u>Clerk</u>		
Building Mover/ Wrecker	175.00	200.00
Building Renewal	100.00	115.00
Collection Bin	175.00	200.00
Collection Bin Replace Sticker	25.00	30.00
Health Club	350.00	400.00
Elections Office Common Room Rental		
Office Hours (per hour)	New	30.00
After Hours (per hour)	New	80.00

Fee Proposed (continued)**From Current
FY 2026****To Proposed
FY 2027****Economic Development and Planning****Parking Rates**

SCR reserved permit (back lot)	151.00	155.00
SCR covered permit	124.00	128.00
SCR roof permit	98.00	102.00
NGR reserved permit (1st level)	171.00	175.00
NGR Valet/Cage area permit	171.00	175.00
NGR reserved permit (4th level)	150.00	154.00
NGR covered permit	150.00	154.00
NGR roof permit	118.00	122.00
NCR general permit (all levels)	127.00	131.00
Expired Meter Violation - Discount Rate	15.00	25.00
Expired Meter Violation - After 12 Am	25.00	35.00
Expired Meter Violation - 14 Day	35.00	45.00
Expired Meter Violation - 28 Day	45.00	55.00

Credit Card Transaction Fees

App and Kiosk, Apple Pay, Google Pay, NFC	0.35	0.50
Stripe, Comerica, Square (pass through)	-	4%
Stripe, Comerica, Square (minimum)	1.00	3.00

Planning, Building, Code

Pilot Application Fee (Workforce PILOT)	850.00	1,100.00
Water Heater (Mechanical)	15.00	20.00
Investigation Fees (Mechanical)	200.00	250.00
Investigation Fees (Electrical)	200.00	250.00
Investigation Fees (Plumbing)	150.00	200.00
Investigation Fees (Building)	200.00	250.00
Ch. 1420 Building Code, 1st offense	150.00	300.00
Ch. 1420 Building Code, 1st repeat offense	250.00	500.00
Ch. 1420 Building Code, 2nd repeat offense	500.00	1,000.00
Ch. 1422 Plumbing Code, 1st offense	150.00	300.00
Ch. 1422 Plumbing Code, 1st repeat offense	250.00	500.00
Ch. 1422 Plumbing Code, 2nd repeat offense	500.00	1,000.00
Ch. 1424 Electrical Code, 1st offense	150.00	300.00
Ch. 1424 Electrical Code, 1st repeat offense	250.00	500.00
Ch. 1424 Electrical Code, 2nd repeat offense	500.00	1,000.00
Ch. 1426 Mech Code, 1st offense	150.00	300.00
Ch. 1426 Mech Code, 1st repeat offense	250.00	500.00
Ch. 1426 Mech Code, 2nd repeat offense	500.00	1,000.00

Public Service

Forestry Tree Replacement	New	350.00
Sewer Monthly Fixed Charge	14.92	15.70
Industrial Pretreatment Charge	7.05	7.40

Fee Proposed (continued)	From Current FY 2026	To Proposed FY 2027
<u>Public Service (continued)</u>		
Commodity Charge, inclusive of:	8.74	9.18
City Sewage Charges		
Westside Water Dist Sewage		
Industrial Pretreatment Revenue		
Sewage Charges (GM/Delta)		
Irrigation Commodity Charge	1.31	1.37
<u>Parks and Recreation, General Fund</u>		
Special Events		
Women's Wellness Day Fee	New	25.00
Road Ralley Team Fee	100.00	120.00
Scavenger Hunt Fee	50.00	60.00
Swim Class, per class	New	10.00
Communty Centers	3.00	5.00
<u>Parks and Recreation, Cemeteries</u>		
<u>Marker/Monument Cuts</u>		
Single Marker Cut (with foundation)	130.00	250.00
Double Marker Cut (with foundation)	285.00	300.00
Monument Cut (no foundation)	310.00	325.00
Government Marker - Marker Foundation	75.00	70.00
Niche Plate Removal - Mt Hope	65.00	70.00
Niche Plate Removal - Evergreen	80.00	85.00
<u>Interments</u>		
Open & Close Adult Grave	1,365.00	1,435.00
Open & Close Adult Oversized Grave	2,035.00	2,135.00
Open & Close Child Grave	695.00	730.00
Open & Close Cremation	695.00	730.00
Open & Close Infant Grave	515.00	540.00
Open & Close Columbarium Niche	515.00	540.00
Weekday Burials After 2pm, Mon-Fri	620.00	650.00
Saturday Burials before 1pm	745.00	780.00
Saturday Burials after 1pm	925.00	970.00
Sunday/City Holiday Burials	1,235.00	1,295.00
Oversized Burials	2,035.00	2,135.00

Fee Proposed (continued)	From Current FY 2026	To Proposed FY 2027
<u>Parks and Recreation, Cemeteries (continued)</u>		
<u>Burial Spaces</u>		
Single Plot, Resident	1,545.00	1,620.00
Single Plot, Non-City Resident	2,315.00	2,430.00
Child Grave	695.00	730.00
Infant Grave	515.00	540.00
2 Grave Monument Lot, Resident	3,835.00	4,025.00
2 Grave Monument Lot, Non-Resident	5,770.00	6,040.00
3 Grave Monument Lot, Resident	5,000.00	5,960.00
3 Grave Monument Lot, Non-Resident	7,500.00	8,395.00
Premium Grave, Single Marker, City Resident	2,300.00	2,415.00
Premium Grave, Single Marker, Non-Resident	3,450.00	3,620.00
<u>Columbarium Niches</u>		
First Row, Resident	1,540.00	1,615.00
First Row, Non-Resident	2,330.00	2,445.00
Second & Third Row, Resident	1,670.00	1,755.00
Second & Third Row, Non-Resident	2,490.00	2,615.00
Fourth Row, Resident	1,430.00	1,500.00
Fourth Row, Non-Resident	2,145.00	2,250.00
Fifth Row (Mt. Hope Only), Resident	1,300.00	1,365.00
Fifth Row (Mt. Hope Only), Non-Resident	1,950.00	2,045.00
<u>Cremation Tower Plots</u>		
Cremation Tower Plot (Tower not Included)	New	1,755.00
<u>Disinterments/Reinterments</u>		
Lansing Cemeteries (Adult)	4,065.00	4,270.00
Lansing Cemeteries (Child & Infant)	2,100.00	2,205.00
Lansing Cemeteries (cremains)	2,100.00	2,205.00
Outside Cemetery (Adult)	2,730.00	2,865.00
Outside Cemetery (Child & Infant)	1,415.00	1,485.00
Outside Cemetery (cremains)	1,415.00	1,485.00
<u>Other Cemetery Fees</u>		
Cremation Tent (reserved)	260.00	275.00
Cremation Tent (same-day rental)	310.00	325.00
Thaw Fee (cremains)	60.00	75.00
Thaw Fee (full burials)	180.00	215.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following appropriations and revenue projections are adopted as the City's budget for the FY 2026/2027 fiscal year:

I. General Fund	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>			
Property Taxes	58,980,000		58,980,000
Income Taxes	50,600,000		50,600,000
Licenses & Permits	1,492,000		1,492,000
State Grants	25,270,000		25,270,000
Contributions	30,446,000		30,446,000
Charges for Services	11,750,000		11,750,000
Fines & Forfeitures	1,690,000		1,690,000
Interest & Rent	1,225,000		1,225,000
Other Revenue	502,000		502,000
Appropriation of Fund Balance	-		-
Total Revenue	181,955,000	-	181,955,000
<u>Appropriations</u>			
City Council			
Personnel	701,200		701,200
Operating	405,400		405,400
Total	1,106,600	-	1,106,600
Mayor's Office			
Personnel	1,174,800		1,174,800
Operating	617,600		617,600
Total	1,792,400	-	1,792,400
I. General Fund (continued)			
Office of Community Media			
Personnel	675,100		675,100
Operating	163,100		163,100
Total	838,200	-	838,200
Finance Operations			
Personnel	2,027,100		2,027,100
Operating	702,000		702,000
Total	2,729,100	-	2,729,100
City Clerk's Office			
Personnel	1,388,300		1,388,300
Operating	831,600		831,600
Total	2,219,900	-	2,219,900

I. General Fund (continued)	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
Office of the Independent Internal Auditor			
Personnel	213,200		213,200
Operating	29,000		29,000
Total	<u>242,200</u>	-	<u>242,200</u>
Treasury/Income Tax			
Personnel	2,174,200		2,174,200
Operating	1,133,800		1,133,800
Total	<u>3,308,000</u>	-	<u>3,308,000</u>
Assessing			
Personnel	1,680,600		1,680,600
Operating	365,700		365,700
Total	<u>2,046,300</u>	-	<u>2,046,300</u>
City Attorney's Office			
Personnel	2,705,800		2,705,800
Operating	566,100		566,100
Total	<u>3,271,900</u>	-	<u>3,271,900</u>
Human Resources			
Personnel	2,080,300		2,080,300
Operating	924,400		924,400
Total	<u>3,004,700</u>	-	<u>3,004,700</u>
Courts			
Personnel	5,143,600		5,143,600
Operating	1,731,400		1,731,400
Total	<u>6,875,000</u>	-	<u>6,875,000</u>
Police			
Personnel	52,183,400		52,183,400
Operating	9,014,500		9,014,500
Total	<u>61,197,900</u>	-	<u>61,197,900</u>
Fire			
Personnel	40,910,600		40,910,600
Operating	7,845,300		7,845,300
Total	<u>48,755,900</u>	-	<u>48,755,900</u>
Public Service			
Personnel	1,226,700		1,226,700
Operating	8,406,700		8,406,700
Total	<u>9,633,400</u>	-	<u>9,633,400</u>

I. General Fund (continued)	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
Human Relations & Community Services			
Personnel	2,185,500		2,185,500
Operating	532,500		532,500
Total	<u>2,718,000</u>	-	<u>2,718,000</u>
Basic Human Services & Racial Equity			
Operating	2,431,000		2,431,000
Total	<u>2,431,000</u>	-	<u>2,431,000</u>
Economic Development and Planning			
Personnel	5,723,200		5,723,200
Operating	3,357,000		3,357,000
Total	<u>9,080,200</u>	-	<u>9,080,200</u>
Parks and Recreation			
Personnel	6,318,500		6,318,500
Operating	5,816,500		5,816,500
Total	<u>12,135,000</u>	-	<u>12,135,000</u>
Neighborhoods, Arts, and Citizen Engagement			
Personnel	564,300		564,300
Operating	273,600		273,600
Total	<u>837,900</u>	-	<u>837,900</u>
City Supported Agencies			
Operating	237,500		237,500
Total	<u>237,500</u>	-	<u>237,500</u>
City Recognitions			
Operating	10,000		10,000
Total	<u>10,000</u>	-	<u>10,000</u>
Non-Departmental			
Vacancy Factor	(1,500,000)		(1,500,000)
South Lansing District Library	171,000		171,000
Debt Service	987,400		987,400
Transfers Out	7,825,500		7,825,500
Total	<u>7,483,900</u>	-	<u>7,483,900</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	<u>181,955,000</u>	-	<u>181,955,000</u>

II. Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
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Stadium FundEstimated Revenues

Charges for Services	472,895		472,895
Interest & Rent	5,420		5,420
Other Revenue	156,685		156,685
Interfund Transfers In	226,000		226,000
Total Revenues	861,000	-	861,000

Estimated Expenditures

Operating	5,735		5,735
Debt Service	855,265		855,265
Total Appropriations	861,000	-	861,000

Major Streets FundEstimated Revenues

Licenses & Permits	665,000		665,000
Federal Grants	500,000		500,000
State Grants	20,300,000		20,300,000
Charges for Services	835,000		835,000
Interest & Rent	350,000		350,000
Other Revenue	125,000		125,000
Appropriation of Fund Balance	1,390,000		1,390,000
Total Revenues	24,165,000	-	24,165,000

Estimated Expenditures

Personnel	2,798,800		2,798,800
Operating	5,200,400		5,200,400
Capital	7,725,000		7,725,000
Debt Service	190,800		190,800
Transfers Out	8,250,000		8,250,000
Total Appropriations	24,165,000	-	24,165,000

Local Streets FundEstimated Revenues

Property Taxes	155,000		155,000
State Grants	5,950,000		5,950,000
Interest & Rent	100,000		100,000
Interfund Transfers In	10,452,000		10,452,000
Appropriation Of Fund Balance	600,000		600,000
Total Revenues	17,257,000	-	17,257,000

II. Special Revenue Funds (continued)

	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
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Local Streets Fund (continued)Estimated Expenditures

Personnel	2,874,200		2,874,200
Operating	3,707,700		3,707,700
Capital	8,555,000		8,555,000
Debt Service	620,100		620,100
Transfers Out	1,500,000		1,500,000
Total Appropriations	17,257,000	-	17,257,000

Public Safety Revenue Sharing FundEstimated Revenues

Federal Grants	250,000		250,000
State Grants	1,171,000		1,171,000
Interfund Transfers In	900,000		900,000
Appropriation Of Fund Balance	(432,000)		(432,000)
Total Revenues	1,889,000	-	1,889,000

Estimated Expenditures

Office of Neighborhood Safety

Personnel	169,000		169,000
Operating	425,000		425,000
Total	594,000	-	594,000

Police

Personnel	980,500		980,500
Operating	314,500		314,500
Total	1,295,000	-	1,295,000

Total Appropriations

	1,889,000	-	1,889,000
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HOME Grant FundEstimated Revenues

Federal Grants	630,000		630,000
Other Revenue	116,000		116,000
Total Revenues	746,000	-	746,000

Estimated Expenditures

Personnel	154,000		154,000
Operating	231,500		231,500
Capital	360,500		360,500
Total Appropriations	746,000	-	746,000

II. Special Revenue Funds (continued)

	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
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Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) FundEstimated Revenues

Federal Grants	175,000		175,000
Total Revenues	175,000	-	175,000

Estimated Expenditures

Operating	175,000		175,000
Total Appropriations	175,000	-	175,000

Building Department FundEstimated Revenues

Licenses & Permits	3,925,000		3,925,000
Total Revenues	3,925,000	-	3,925,000

Estimated Expenditures

Personnel	2,942,800		2,942,800
Operating	982,200		982,200
Total Appropriations	3,925,000	-	3,925,000

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FundEstimated Revenues

Federal Grants	1,900,000		1,900,000
Other Revenue	640,000		640,000
Interfund Transfers In	100,000		100,000
Total Revenues	2,640,000	-	2,640,000

Estimated Expenditures

Personnel	1,160,232		1,160,232
Operating	399,336		399,336
Capital	1,080,432		1,080,432
Total Appropriations	2,640,000	-	2,640,000

Disaster Contingency FundEstimated Revenues

Federal Grants	350,000		350,000
Total Revenues	350,000	-	350,000

II. Special Revenue Funds (continued)	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
Disaster Contingency Fund (continued)			
<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>			
Operating	350,000		350,000
Total Appropriations	350,000	-	350,000
Drug Law Enforcement Federal Fund			
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>			
Interest & Rent	500		500
Total Revenues	500	-	500
<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>			
Operating	500		500
Total Appropriations	500	-	500
Drug Law Enforcement State and Local Fund			
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>			
Fines & Forfeitures	150,000		150,000
Interest & Rent	8,000		8,000
Total Revenues	158,000	-	158,000
<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>			
Operating	73,200		73,200
Capital	84,800		84,800
Total Appropriations	158,000	-	158,000
Tri-County Metro Fund			
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>			
Federal Grants	15,000		15,000
Contributions	400,000		400,000
Fines & Forfeitures	220,000		220,000
Interest & Rent	6,000		6,000
Total Revenues	641,000	-	641,000
<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>			
Personnel	85,000		85,000
Operating	556,000		556,000
Total Appropriations	641,000	-	641,000

II. Special Revenue Funds (continued)

	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
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Opioid Settlement FundEstimated Revenues

Other Revenue	210,000		210,000
Total Revenues	<u>210,000</u>	-	<u>210,000</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Police	70,000		70,000
Fire	70,000		70,000
Human Relations & Community Services	70,000		70,000
Total Appropriations	<u>210,000</u>	-	<u>210,000</u>

Downtown Lansing, Inc. FundEstimated Revenues

Special Assessments	631,300		631,300
State Grants	1,025,000		1,025,000
Other Revenue	269,500		269,500
Interfund Transfers In	85,000		85,000
Total Revenues	<u>2,010,800</u>	-	<u>2,010,800</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Personnel	459,400		459,400
Operating	1,551,400		1,551,400
Total Appropriations	<u>2,010,800</u>	-	<u>2,010,800</u>

III. Capital Project Funds**Other Capital Projects Fund**Estimated Revenues

Charges for Services	300,000		300,000
Interest & Rent	560,000		560,000
Other Revenue	366,400		366,400
Interfund Transfers In	2,950,000		2,950,000
Appropriation of Fund Balance	989,000		989,000
Total Revenues	<u>5,165,400</u>	-	<u>5,165,400</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Capital	3,300,000		3,300,000
Debt Service	926,400		926,400
Transfers Out	1,254,000		1,254,000
Total Appropriations	<u>5,480,400</u>	-	<u>5,480,400</u>

III. Capital Project Funds (Continued)

	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
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Parks Millage Capital Projects FundEstimated Revenues

Interfund Transfers In	2,862,500		2,862,500
Total Revenues	<u>2,862,500</u>	-	<u>2,862,500</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Capital	2,050,000		2,050,000
Transfers Out	812,500		812,500
Total Appropriations	<u>2,862,500</u>	-	<u>2,862,500</u>

IV. Enterprise Funds**Cemetery Fund**Estimated Revenues

Charges for Services	302,000		302,000
Interest & Rent	8,000		8,000
Other Revenue	162,000		162,000
Interfund Transfers In	760,500		760,500
Total Revenues	<u>1,232,500</u>	-	<u>1,232,500</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Personnel	526,000		526,000
Operating	677,500		677,500
Transfers Out	29,000		29,000
Total Appropriations	<u>1,232,500</u>	-	<u>1,232,500</u>

Municipal Parking System FundEstimated Revenues

Charges for Services	4,950,000		4,950,000
Fines & Forfeitures	825,000		825,000
Interest & Rent	1,785,000		1,785,000
Other Revenue	25,000		25,000
Total Revenues	<u>7,585,000</u>	-	<u>7,585,000</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Personnel	2,677,700		2,677,700
Operating	2,110,700		2,110,700
Capital	790,000		790,000
Debt Service	2,006,600		2,006,600
Total Appropriations	<u>7,585,000</u>	-	<u>7,585,000</u>

IV. Enterprise Funds (continued)

	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
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Golf FundEstimated Revenues

Interfund Transfers In	72,000		72,000
Total Revenues	<u>72,000</u>	-	<u>72,000</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Operating	72,000		72,000
Total Appropriations	<u>72,000</u>	-	<u>72,000</u>

Sewage Disposal System FundEstimated Revenues

Licenses & Permits	50,000		50,000
Charges for Services	45,010,000		45,010,000
Interest & Rent	2,030,000		2,030,000
Other Revenue	10,000		10,000
Appropriation of Fund Balance	12,500,000		12,500,000
Total Revenues	<u>59,600,000</u>	-	<u>59,600,000</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Personnel	8,446,600		8,446,600
Operating	11,191,020		11,191,020
Capital	28,185,000		28,185,000
Debt Service	11,777,380		11,777,380
Total Appropriations	<u>59,600,000</u>	-	<u>59,600,000</u>

Garbage and Rubbish Collection FundEstimated Revenues

Charges for Services	4,547,000		4,547,000
Other Revenue	3,000		3,000
Total Revenues	<u>4,550,000</u>	-	<u>4,550,000</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Personnel	1,798,900		1,798,900
Operating	2,321,100		2,321,100
Capital	430,000		430,000
Total Appropriations	<u>4,550,000</u>	-	<u>4,550,000</u>

IV. Enterprise Funds (continued)

	FY 2027 Proposed	Council Changes	FY 2027 Adopted
Recycling Fund			
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>			
Charges for Services	5,055,000		5,055,000
Interest & Rent	140,000		140,000
Appropriation of Fund Balance	50,000		50,000
Total Revenues	<u>5,245,000</u>	-	<u>5,245,000</u>
<u>Estimated Expenditures</u>			
Personnel	1,986,600		1,986,600
Operating	2,578,400		2,578,400
Capital	680,000		680,000
Total Appropriations	<u>5,245,000</u>	-	<u>5,245,000</u>

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the following policies are hereby established for the 2026/2027 fiscal year:

FY 2026/2027 Budget Policies

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In accordance with the State Uniform Budget and Accounting Act (Public Act 2 of 1968), the City of Lansing’s annual appropriations, as set forth in the annual budget resolution, shall be made in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and shall apply to all funds except internal service funds, debt service funds, permanent funds, and trust and agency funds.

The City’s fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. In accordance with the City Charter, on or before the fourth Monday in March, the Mayor submits to the City Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. Not later than the third Monday in May, (7-105.1) the Council adopts the budget; at least one week following completion of the final required budget hearing (7-104.2) and sets the property tax rates for the ensuing fiscal year.

Appropriations are set forth in the annual budget resolution. Authority to transfer between appropriations is dictated by City Charter; however, additional administrative budget transfer authority is granted for the following instances. The Council is requesting that the Administration submit quarterly reports of such transfers.

Wastewater Funds – the transfer residual State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and/or bond proceeds between projects and project segments.

Flood Control – the transfer of funds for flood control and/or storm sewer purposes to address flooding or unanticipated storm sewer maintenance needs.

Major and Local Street (Act 51) Funding – Transfer authority is not limited by departmental allocation, and administrative authority is included for appropriation of MDOT special authorization funding.

Parking System – the transfer of capital project accounts from operating accounts is permitted to meet bid or unforeseen capital needs.

Debt Service Funds – the transfer of residual balances between general obligation bond debt service accounts.

Vacancy Factor – the transfer of estimated vacancy savings between general fund department personnel budgets against the budgeted vacancy factor for the proposes of insourcing contracted positions.

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1 Vacancy Factor/funded and unfilled Positions - The budget includes an attrition vacancy
2 allowance in each department's budget. The Administration is requested to provide
3 Council on a quarterly basis, thereafter, a list of vacant positions by department. The
4 Administration is requested to include in its annual report organization charts to include
5 division and/or site, position titles, bargaining unit, classification level, status, position
6 (FTE, PTE, Contract), and vacancy funding factor for each department but not to include
7 individual employee names.

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9 Any residual funds in the salary line item, that would create a new position after Council
10 has approved this budget, Council requests being notified of changes in positions within
11 sixty (60) days of action. This budget is being approved based on the number of
12 employees provided by the Administration at the time of adoption.

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14 In addition, administrative authority is granted for the transfer of wage and fringe benefit
15 reserves to departmental budgets upon settlement of a collective bargaining agreement.

16 17 Carryforwards

18 Authority is granted to reappropriate available capital project and OPIOD settlement
19 balances as of June 30, 2026 into the FY 2026/2027 budget. All non-capital balances
20 require City Council approval to carryforward, except for encumbered (purchase order)
21 obligations less than \$5,000 and not more than 8 months old.

22 23 • Human Services and Community Supported Agencies Funding

24 The plan for funding Agencies submitted to Council designates particular Agencies. If
25 any agency does not apply for or use their funding, all funds will remain in their
26 respective account(s) for additional appropriation and approval by Council for Human
27 Services and Community Supported Agencies use pursuant to the Charter transfer
28 authority. The Administration/Human Relations Community Services Department is
29 requested to submit to Council a quarterly report on the status of the Human Services
30 and Community Supported Agencies' funding. This report should include the
31 accounting level detail appropriation; amount spent, balance, and a notation as to
32 whether the balance of funds is expected to be spent by the end of the Fiscal Year; if
33 not, why.

34 35 General Fund Reserve Policy

36 The City's General Fund reserves consist of the General Fund balance and the Budget
37 Stabilization Fund. Use of and contributions to the Budget Stabilization Fund are dictated
38 by Ordinance section 218.05.

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40 Unspent Human Services and Community Supported Agencies funding will be considered
41 committed fund balance for purposes of financial reporting pending additional
42 appropriation or reallocation by City Council.

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2 The targeted unrestricted balance for the combination of the General Fund balance and
3 the Budget Stabilization Fund is a minimum of 12% of General Fund expenditure. If events
4 necessitate that the combined balances drop below 12% of General Fund expenditures,
5 a fiscal stabilization plan will be submitted to City Council to restore reserves to the 12%
6 target in a period not to exceed 5 years.

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8 For the purpose of revenue and expenditure thresholds in budget policies and ordinances:
9 general fund expenditures shall be considered to exclude transfers out except when
10 otherwise specified, and general fund revenues shall be considered to exclude transfers
11 in and indirect cost recoveries except when otherwise specified.

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13 Debt Management

14 Appropriations are made to adequately fund annual debt service obligations. Adherence
15 will be made to required debt service reserves, where applicable, as well as to the
16 provision of annual disclosures as required by outstanding bond obligations.

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18 Investment Policy

19 Management of cash investments is governed by the City's investment policy and in
20 accordance with State statute, with the objective being the maximization of return on the
21 City's governmental funds through pooling of funds where appropriate and permitted,
22 monitoring of interest rates and fee structures. Investments of the Employee Retirement
23 System, the Police and Fire Retirement System, and the VEBA, are governed those
24 respective boards and dictated by their respective investment policies.

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26 Strategic Planning and Budget Development

27 In working toward the goal of the incorporation of strategic planning into the budget
28 process, this next year, Administration is encouraged to work towards developing a multi-
29 year budgeting process. This process should align the City's master plan, strategic goals,
30 and performance metrics to short-term and long-term budget priority-setting by Council.

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32 Civil Actions, Claims, and Damages

33 Whenever a claim is made or any civil action is commenced against the Mayor, a City
34 Council member, a non-bargaining unit employee, a Lansing retirement board trustee, or
35 a member of a City advisory board established by the City Charter or ordinance
36 (collectively in this provision "the Employee or Officer") for damages caused by an act or
37 acts of the Employee or Officer within the scope of his or her authority and while in the
38 course of his or her employment with the City or while performing his or her duties on
39 behalf of the retirement board or advisory board, the City will pay for, engage, or furnish
40 the services of an attorney to advise the Employee or Officer as to the claim and to appear
41 for and represent the Employees or Officers in the action. If the City Attorney does not
42 provide the attorney services, the attorney selection shall be made by the City Attorney

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1 in the manner the City Charter requires. The City may compromise, settle, and pay a
2 claim before or after the commencement of any civil action. Whenever any judgment for
3 damages caused by the act or acts of the Employee or Officer covered under this
4 provision is awarded against the Employee or Officer as the result of a civil action, the
5 City will, to the extent not covered by insurance, indemnify the Employee or Officer or will
6 pay, settle, or compromise the judgment. The City's obligations under this provision,
7 however, is contingent upon the Employee or Officer giving prompt notice of the
8 commencement of the action and upon the Employee or Officer cooperating in the
9 preparation, defense, and settlement of the action. The terms "scope of authority" "course
10 of employment" and "performing duties" under this provision do not include any act or
11 acts of Employee or Officer of (i) fraud, (ii) dishonesty, (iii) willful, intentional, or deliberate
12 violation of the law or breach of fiduciary duty, (iv) criminal act, or (v) traffic violation; nor
13 does this provision abrogate or diminish governmental immunity of the City or the
14 Employee or Officer. This provision does not apply to the Lansing Housing Commission
15 nor the Board of Water and Light employees or board/commissioner members.
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17 Grants

18 In order to receive timely Council consideration of the approval of any grant award, the
19 Administration is encouraged to provide application information for any grant requiring
20 legislative approval to Council, and, upon notification of the award of such a grant, the
21 acceptance shall be submitted to Council with an accompanying form detailing (to extent
22 available) the preferred referral date, grant name, the grant agency, assistance listing
23 number (formally known as CDFA), department, contact person, beginning and end date
24 of the grant, total amount, projected object code detail, administrative cost recovery
25 amount, and summary of the grant purpose and allowable uses. Once accepted
26 administrative authority is granted to create necessary accounts and transfers in
27 accordance with the requirements of the grantor. Any grant that can be applied for
28 administratively should be submitted for Council review within 10 days of the application.
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30 Transparency and Accountability in Government

31 Council will review, and when necessary, pass policies, procedures and ordinances to
32 achieve improved transparency and accountability with respect to economic incentives,
33 outsourcing of service and contracting within City government.
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35 Environmental Stewardship

36 The City of Lansing is concerned about its environment and strives to be a good steward
37 of such. The City recognizes the importance of sustainability and the need to act. The
38 City recognizes the need to reduce the City's net emissions output, increase its energy
39 efficiency and improve its wastewater treatment and waste management programs.
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41 Lansing Home Ownership Program for Employees (L-Hope)

42 L-Hope shall cover these groups: all full time and part time year round employees, whose
43 bargaining units have agreed to participate in the program, and the following non-
44 bargaining employee groups: Executive Management Group, Non-Bargaining Group,
45 Mayoral Staff, District Court employees, and the City Council Staff employees, and shall
46 continue as funded.

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Training: All Departments should allocate training dollars and follow policies in such a way as to continue their work to improve community relations and reaffirm the City’s commitment to ensure equality and freedom for all people regardless of actual or perceived race, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, color, age, height, weight, student status, marital status, familial status, housing status, military discharge status, sexual orientation, gender identification or expression, mental or physical limitation, and legal source of income.

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE

An ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, Re-Adopting the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing..

Is read a second time by its title. The Ordinance was reported from the Committee on Whole and is on the order of immediate passage.

COUNCIL MEMBER	YEA	NAY
Carter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garza	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hussain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kost	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Immediate Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ORDINANCE No. _____

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, Re-Adopting the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lansing.

THE CITY OF LANSING ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan, as amended and republished by municipal code corporation through Supplement 64, and all general and permanent legislation of the City from the date of entry through December 31, 2025, except any ordinance repealed as provided by law, as revised, codified, arranged, numbered, edited, and consolidated into component codes, titles, chapters, and sections are hereby approved and readopted as the Codified Ordinances of Lansing, Michigan 2025, complete to December 31, 2025.

SECTION 2. The readoption of Codified Ordinances shall not be construed to affect a right or liability accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of such readoption or an action or proceeding for the enforcement of such right or liability. Such readoption shall not be construed to relieve any person from punishment for an act committed in violation of any such legislative provision, nor to affect an indictment or prosecution thereof. For such purposes, any such legislative provision shall continue in full force notwithstanding its repeal for the purpose of revision and codification.

Section 3. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

24 Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect on the 14th day after enactment unless given
25 immediate effect by City Council.



Chris Swope
Lansing City Clerk

May 15, 2026

Members of the Lansing City Council
10th Floor City Hall
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Councilmembers:

The Minutes from the Meetings of the following Boards, Commissions, and Authorities of the City of Lansing were placed on file in the City Clerk's Office and are available for review in the City Clerk's Office and at the following website: [Agendas & Minutes | Lansing, MI - Official Website \(lansingmi.gov\)](https://www.lansingmi.gov/agendas-minutes)

BOARD NAME

DATE OF MEETING

Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority
Board of Directors

April 10, 2026

Board of Zoning Appeals

February 12, 2026

Board of Ethics

May 12, 2026

Board of Fire Commissioners

April 8, 2026

Park Board

April 8, 2026

Board of Public Service

April 9, 2026

Joint Employee, Fire and Police Retirement Systems Board April 14, 2026

If my staff or I can provide further assistance or information related to the filing of these minutes, please contact us at 483-4133.

Sincerely,

Chris Swope, MMC/MiPMC Level 3
Lansing City Clerk

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Resolution #2026-###

By the Committee on Ways and Means
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Michigan Humanities Council has available funding for supporting touring arts and humanities professionals;

WHEREAS, the grant will be used to provide payment to Guy Sferlazza to perform on the Capitol steps on the 4th of July

WHEREAS, the grant will be carried through by Lansing Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the grant provides \$300 to offset a total payment of \$600; and

WHEREAS, the performance will be in conjunction with the Lansing Parks and Recreation 4th of July Parade on July 4, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the acceptance of the Grant from the Michigan Humanities Council for \$300 for July 4, 2026; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that, the Administration is authorized to create appropriate accounts and to make the necessary appropriations and transfers for the expenditure and control of the balance of the grant funds.



**LANSING CITY COUNCIL
GRANT INFORMATION FORM
(Required for all grant applications and acceptances)**

REFERRAL DATE: 5/11/26

GRANT NAME: Michigan Humanities Council Touring Grant

GRANT AGENCY: Michigan Humanities Council

ASSISTANCE LISTING NO. (formally known as CDFA):

DEPARTMENT: Parks

CONTACT PERSON (INCLUDE EMAIL AND PHONE):

APPLICATION DATE: 3/16/26

AWARD DATE: 3/30/26

GRANT CYCLE START DATE: Jan 2026

GRANT CYCLE ENDING DATE: July 2026

Check One: Annual One-Time

FUND AMOUNT: \$ 300 (Breakdown below should total this amount)

GOODS & SERVICES	\$ <u>300</u>
PERSONNEL	\$ _____
CONSTRUCTION	\$ _____
LAND	\$ _____
OTHER (Training)	\$ _____

GRANT PAYS FOR: FUND ALLOCATIONS (Please describe the purpose of the grant and allowable uses):

Offset costs of performance on Captiol Steps on the 4th of July following the parade

PROJECTED OBJECT CODE DETAIL:

Account	Description	Amount
101.783833.956000	Performer Fee	\$300

CITY MATCH (IF APPLICABLE):

Account	Description	Amount
101.783833.956000	Performer Fee	\$300



FINANCE DEPARTMENT
124 W Michigan Ave., 8th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48933
517.483.4500

TO: City Council President & Finance Department

FROM: City Controller

DATE: April 28, 2026

SUBJECT: Purchase Price Threshold - FY 2027

IAW Codified Ordinance of Lansing, MI Chapter 206 Purchasing, Contracts and Sales, Section .01 Definitions, the purchasing price threshold to take effect on July 1, 2026 is \$32,000.

Please apply this threshold to applicable Codified Ordinances available here:
https://library.municode.com/mi/lansing/codes/code_of_ordinances

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 517-483-4515.

Charles H. Randall, CPA, CISA

Cc: Stephanie Robinson & Marilyn Chick, Purchasing

Swope, Chris

From: Alison Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 12:55 PM
To: Records Center LANSING MI; FOIA Request; CityAtty; Clerk, City; City Council; Lansing Mayor
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] [Records Center] Estimate ready for approval :: C051912-041626

Dear Ms. Krochmalny,

I am in receipt of the estimate relating to FOIA Request C051912-041626. Thank you for providing the estimate summary. However, before I can evaluate or agree to the proposed charges, I require additional clarification regarding the basis for the estimate and the handling of my fee waiver request.

My request was intentionally structured as a Phase One request limited to existing records, summary level records, system generated records, policies, maps, logs, and other identifiable public records. The request explicitly stated that it does not require narrative explanation, discretionary analysis, or the creation of new records.

The estimate provided appears to consist entirely of City Attorney review time described as “location, review, and redaction of potentially responsive records” totaling approximately 18.20 hours. I request clarification regarding the following:

1. Please provide a detailed itemization showing:

- estimated hours by task category
- estimated hours by department
- employee classifications assigned to each task
- hourly wage calculations used
- which portions are retrieval versus legal review versus redaction

2. Please explain why attorney review is anticipated for the entirety of the request rather than only for records actually believed to contain exempt material.

3. Please explain whether lower paid non attorney personnel conducted or could conduct the initial identification, segregation, or retrieval of plainly nonexempt records such as:

- GIS maps
- infrastructure records
- work orders
- inspection logs
- code enforcement records
- policies and procedures
- system documentation

4. Please clarify whether the estimate includes generalized legal analysis or discretionary review beyond what is recoverable under the Michigan FOIA.

5. Please provide the written determination regarding my fee waiver request submitted pursuant to MCL 15.234, including the basis for any denial, reduction, or partial denial. The request expressly asserted public interest grounds relating to infrastructure performance, public safety, and governmental accountability.

6. Please clarify whether the City considered administratively separating lower cost, clearly nonexempt categories of records from categories potentially requiring legal review in order to minimize costs.

Please also note that the request seeks existing public records only and was drafted specifically to minimize labor and avoid unnecessary review burdens.

At this time, I am unable to agree to the estimate until the requested clarification and fee waiver determination are provided.

Please note that the City is on notice of potential litigation arising from the matters underlying this request, and this FOIA seeks records directly relevant to that notice.

Sincerely,

Alison Peeler
220 Paris Ave
Lansing, MI 48910
517-708-7779
alipeeler@icloud.com

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2026, at 12:48 PM, LANSING MI Records Center <lansingmi@govqa.us> wrote:

Attachments:

[INV26-C051912-1.pdf](#)



Lansing
Michigan's Capital City

RE: FOIA REQUEST of April 17, 2026, Reference # C051912-041626

Dear Ali Peeler,

The City of Lansing received a FOIA request from you on April 17, 2026. Your request mentioned:

“Re: FOIA Request — Records Relating to 220 Paris Ave (Drainage, Infrastructure, Inspections, and Complaints) Dear FOIA Coordinator, This request is made pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq. Fee Waiver Request Pursuant to MCL 15.234, I request a waiver of

all fees on the basis that this request is made in the public interest. The requested records relate to infrastructure performance, public safety, and governmental accountability. Disclosure will contribute significantly to public understanding of municipal operations and conditions affecting multiple properties. Please note that the City is on notice of potential litigation arising from the matters underlying this request, and this FOIA seeks records directly relevant to that notice. This request is structured as Phase One and is intentionally limited to existing, summary level, system generated records only. This request does not require narrative explanation, discretionary review, or the creation of new records.

Scope of Request For the period January 1, 2018 to present, please provide records sufficient to identify, locate, and describe the following:

1. Property Records and Site Information - Any records describing grading, elevation, drainage characteristics, or site conditions for 220 Paris Ave - Building permit records, site plans, or construction documentation for 220 Paris Ave - Any records referencing slab on grade construction, water table conditions, or drainage considerations
2. Complaints, Service Requests, and Communications - All service requests, complaints, or reports relating to flooding, drainage, standing water, or moisture conditions at or affecting 220 Paris Ave - Internal communications referencing 220 Paris Ave related to drainage, flooding, or infrastructure concerns - Records of complaints or service requests relating to adjacent properties (including 218 Paris Ave and nearby parcels) involving similar conditions
3. Infrastructure and Easement Records - Maps, plans, or GIS records identifying storm sewer, drainage systems, or easements located behind or serving 220 Paris Ave - Records identifying the design, capacity, and intended function of any storm or sewer lines in the easement area behind 220 Paris Ave and near E. Hodge Ave - Maintenance logs, inspection records, or work orders for those systems
4. Inspection and Enforcement Records - Records of any inspections conducted at or near 220 Paris Ave related to drainage, moisture, or property conditions - Code enforcement records relating to drainage, runoff, sump pump discharge, or improper water diversion affecting the property - Any determinations, findings, or internal notes regarding whether conditions at or affecting 220 Paris Ave constitute a violation of City code
5. Policies, Procedures, and Standards - Policies, procedures, or guidelines governing drainage complaints, stormwater management, and sump pump discharge enforcement - Any standards used by the City to determine responsibility for drainage between private properties versus municipal systems
6. System Documentation - User manuals, system descriptions, report menus, or dashboards used by the City to track drainage complaints, infrastructure maintenance, or service requests - Identification of software systems or vendors used to manage such records

Search Requirements This request requires a reasonable search of all relevant departments, including but not limited to Public Service, Engineering, Code Enforcement, and the City Attorney's Office. The search must include all relevant custodians, systems, and locations where responsive records are reasonably likely to be found, including email, internal messaging platforms, and document management systems. Please include drafts, informal records, attachments, and communications conducted via text message, Teams, Slack, or similar platforms. If any records are withheld, please provide a privilege log describing the record, the basis for withholding, and the applicable exemption. If no records exist for any portion of this request, please provide a written certification of nonexistence identifying the departments, custodians, and systems searched.

Fee Waiver Request Pursuant to MCL 15.234, I request a waiver of all fees on the basis that this request is made in the public interest. The requested records relate to infrastructure performance, public safety, and governmental accountability. Disclosure will contribute significantly to public understanding of municipal operations and conditions affecting multiple properties. If any fees are anticipated, please provide an itemized estimate in advance. This request is structured to require minimal labor and no substantive review, and any fees must be limited to actual incremental costs.

Production Format Please provide all records in electronic format, preferably native files with associated metadata where available. Please do not narrow or exclude any portion of this request without prior written clarification. This request seeks existing public records, including policies, directives, reports, templates, dashboards, schedules, memoranda, or database exports sufficient to

show the requested information. This request does not require the creation of new records. Please confirm receipt of this request and provide a response within the time required by statute.”

Attached is the estimated fees and time needed for the retrieval and production of the records you have requested.

This is an estimate; actual charges may increase or decrease.

Agreement to Pay – Reply by any of the following methods:

1. Reply to this email – advise that you agree to the estimated charges.

2. Reply by regular mail or in person -
City of Lansing
Attn: FOIA Coordinator
124 W Michigan Avenue
5th Floor
Lansing, MI 48933-1603

3. Reply by phone - (517) 483-4320. Please have your request Reference Number available when you call.

Deposit Requirements: Per our policy, estimates that cost more than \$50.00 require a fifty percent (50%) paid deposit prior to the production of records. Once we receive your agreement to pay, you will be sent an invoice with instruction on how to pay the Deposit Due.

No work will begin until we receive agreement to pay and your deposit, if required.

Please contact us and let us know how you would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Krochmalny
Assistant City Attorney
Office of the City Attorney

Swope, Chris

From: Ali Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2026 6:06 PM
To: FOIA Request; Spadafore, Peter; Staples, Matthew; City Council; Clerk, City
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOIA request system "bug"

All,

Below is the message that I receive when an invoice has waited over 44 days to be paid.

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Dear Ali Peeler,

In regards to the City - FOIA Request received on 1/7/2026 requesting records, the records have been in "Waiting for Acceptance of Charges" status for more than 45 days. The City of Lansing considers this request closed. If you would still like the records, please submit another City - FOIA Request. Thank you for using the FOIA Records Center.

Request Details:

Reference # C048402-010626”

When I do submit another similar request it gets denied because it's a duplicate.

This is impossible to resolve.

Please correct your process to allow for the resubmission that you inform us we can do.

Reply expected.

Ali Peeler

Sent from my iPhone

Swope, Chris

From: Ali Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 9:06 AM
To: LPDinternalaffairs; Police Chief; Clerk, City; City Council; CityAtty; Lansing Mayor; policecommissioners@listserv.lansingmi.gov
Cc: Matt Mencarini
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Amendment to IA Complaint 250263-1, filed with LPD Internal Affairs on October 24, 2025.
Attachments: IA Complaint Amendment Ali Peeler.pdf

[Ali Peeler](#)
alipeeler@icloud.com

Sent from my iPhone

AMENDMENT TO COMPLAINT

Systemic Misconduct and Dereliction of Duty

Neighborhood Watch Exclusion and Paris Avenue Service Failures

Complainant: Ali Peeler & Dan Peeler

Filed: May 2026 | Amendment to Original Complaint dated January 2, 2026

I. Purpose of Amendment

This amendment supplements the original complaint filed January 2, 2026, incorporating newly published findings from the Lansing State Journal's ongoing investigative reporting into Lansing Police Department (LPD) conduct and the internal affairs investigation of former Lieutenant Ryan Wilcox, and formally documenting a material conflict of interest in the origination of the complaint that led to the Neighborhood Watch exclusion of Ali Peeler.

This amendment also documents the city's response to the formal complaint letter submitted May 6, 2026, which resulted in deflection by City Council and non-response by the Mayor's office.

This amendment does not alter or retract any prior finding. It adds material context establishing that the misconduct documented in the original complaint occurred within — and was enabled by — a broader institutional culture of command-level inaction, oversight failure, and record suppression within LPD.

II. New Evidence: Pattern of Command-Level Non-Intervention

A. Chief Robert Backus — Documented Pattern of Affirming Known Failures

The original complaint found Chief Backus responsible for affirming and continuing an adverse administrative action known to lack documented findings or process. The Lansing State Journal's May 2026 reporting confirms this same pattern of non-intervention in a separate and more severe context:

- Backus was informed by Captain Justin Moore in May 2024 about Lieutenant Wilcox's misconduct, which included misuse of city resources, falsified overtime, and unauthorized outside employment.
- Internal affairs findings subsequently confirmed Wilcox's conduct likely constituted 'additional criminal acts' beyond those charged.
- Backus did not respond to State Journal inquiries about whether he wants criminal charges pursued for Wilcox's unaccounted overtime.
- Backus failed to respond to questions about whether LPD leadership had knowledge of Wilcox's conduct and failed to act — despite previously stating that was a goal of the investigation.

This pattern — affirming adverse decisions, failing to investigate known deficiencies, and deflecting accountability — is identical to the conduct documented in the original complaint regarding Complainant's Neighborhood Watch exclusion.

B. Chief Ellery Sosebee — Oversight Failure Confirmed in Separate Record

The original complaint identified Chief Sosebee as responsible for the improper exclusion of Ali Peeler from the Neighborhood Watch program without adjudication, findings, or process. State Journal reporting now further documents that:

- Sosebee's city-issued credit card reflected charges occurring after his employment ended — a specific finding identified by name in published investigative reporting on LPD financial oversight failures.
- Sosebee led the department during the period when Wilcox's misconduct was ongoing and internally acknowledged through 'more than a decade of jokes and rumors' within LPD.
- No corrective action was taken under Sosebee's leadership to address the known pattern of misconduct.

These findings confirm that Sosebee operated within — and contributed to — a command culture that routinely failed to act on known information. This context directly supports the original finding that his July 26, 2023 exclusion decision reflected administrative misconduct, not isolated error.

III. New Evidence: Systemic Culture of Non-Accountability

The original complaint concluded in Section VIII that this matter 'reflects systemic administrative misconduct and repeated dereliction of duty at multiple levels, not isolated error.' The Wilcox investigative record provides direct institutional corroboration of that finding:

- Captain Moore told state police investigators there had been 'more than a decade of jokes and rumors' within LPD about Wilcox's unlawful conduct — with no corrective action taken.
- Wilcox stored lawn equipment used during city time at the LPD firing range, a location accessible to and likely visited by current and former LPD leadership.
- The internal affairs summary concluded Wilcox's conduct 'discredited the department, impaired the efficiency of its operations and greatly affected the reputation LPD has with the community it serves' — language that equally describes the impact of the conduct documented in this complaint.
- The city's internal investigation confirmed the \$18,500 criminal restitution figure was an undercount, suggesting that even formal accountability mechanisms understated the scope of failure.

A department in which command-level misconduct can persist for over a decade without intervention is a department in which the systematic failures documented in this complaint — non-enforcement, caller blame, exclusion without process — are not anomalies. They are predictable outcomes of an entrenched institutional culture.

IV. New Evidence: Record Suppression as Institutional Pattern

The State Journal's reporting documents that the City of Lansing has actively suppressed accountability-related records across multiple investigations:

- The city released only a four-page 'charge sheet' in response to a public records request for the full internal affairs investigation report, withholding all other documents.
- Assistant City Attorney Matthew Staples denied release on grounds that disclosure 'would divulge internal affairs investigatory techniques and have a substantial chilling effect on participation in future investigations.'
- City Council President Peter Spadafore has denied multiple State Journal records appeals, including one involving a separate fire department investigation, citing the city's 'supreme interest in encouraging frank communications.'
- This same posture — institutional self-protection framed as procedural necessity — describes the response Complainant has received in seeking resolution of this matter.

The record suppression pattern is material to this complaint because it demonstrates that the lack of corrective response is not an oversight. It reflects a deliberate institutional posture of deflecting external scrutiny — the same posture that enabled the underlying misconduct to persist.

V. New Evidence: Conflict of Interest in Origination of Exclusion

The May 6, 2026 communication to the Lansing City Council formally documented a material conflict of interest in the origination of the complaint that led to Ali Peeler's Neighborhood Watch exclusion. This conflict was not addressed in prior proceedings and constitutes an independent basis for the misconduct finding against Chief Sosebee.

Documented Facts

- The complaint against Ali Peeler that Chief Sosebee acted upon was delivered by Paul Brown — a personal friend of Chief Sosebee and the licensed real estate agent holding the listing on 218 Paris Avenue.
- Mr. Brown had previously refused to disclose known flooding issues at 218 Paris Avenue to prospective buyers — the very concerns Ali Peeler had raised in her capacity as a Neighborhood Watch participant.
- Chief Sosebee received this complaint from a personal acquaintance with a direct financial interest in silencing the resident raising concerns about that acquaintance's property transactions.
- Chief Sosebee acted on the complaint without investigation, without process, and without disclosing the personal and financial relationship to any reviewing authority.

Misconduct and Dereliction Finding — Amended

The conflict of interest materially strengthens the misconduct finding against Chief Sosebee. The original finding was that he issued a formal exclusion based solely on allegations without findings or process. This amendment adds that the complaint originated from a personal acquaintance with a financial stake in the outcome, and that this relationship was neither disclosed nor investigated. The decision to exclude Ali Peeler

therefore cannot be characterized as an administrative error. It bears the hallmarks of a decision made in the interest of a third party rather than in the interest of program governance or public safety.

This conflict of interest also extends the dereliction finding to any reviewing authority that sustained the exclusion without inquiring into its origins — including Chief Backus, who reaffirmed the exclusion on multiple occasions without ordering an independent review of the underlying complaint.

VI. New Evidence: Council Deflection Confirms Accountability Gap

On May 6, 2026, Ali Peeler submitted a formal complaint letter to the Lansing City Council, the Mayor's office, the City Attorney, the City Clerk, the Police Chief, and LPD Internal Affairs — with a copy to Lansing State Journal reporter Matt Mencarini. The letter documented the Neighborhood Watch exclusion, the conflict of interest, and the Paris Avenue service failures, and requested independent investigation and corrective action.

Council Member Ryan Kost, 1st Ward, responded the same day. His response stated in full:

"Your requested corrective actions are not within city councils charter rights or responsibility. It would constitute a direct order from council to the administration and we do not have that power as a strong mayor form of government. Your issues are administrative in nature and is solely the mayors office."

— Council Member Ryan Kost, 1st Ward, May 6, 2026

Significance of This Response

- Council Member Kost's response did not dispute any factual finding in the complaint. No finding was challenged, no investigation was promised, and no follow-up was offered.
- The response explicitly redirected the matter to the Mayor's office. As of the date of this amendment, the Mayor's office has not responded to the May 6, 2026 complaint.
- The deflection from City Council to the Mayor — combined with the Mayor's non-response — confirms that no accountable body within city government has accepted responsibility for investigating or correcting the documented misconduct.
- This institutional deflection is consistent with the record suppression pattern documented in Section IV and corroborated by the State Journal's investigative reporting on LPD.

The non-response of the Mayor's office following Council Member Kost's explicit referral is now part of the record. Every day that passes without a substantive response from the Mayor strengthens the finding that the city's failure to act is deliberate rather than inadvertent.

VII. Amended Systemic Finding

In light of the foregoing, the systemic finding in Section VIII of the original complaint is amended and strengthened as follows:

The misconduct and dereliction of duty documented in this complaint did not occur in isolation. It occurred within an institution whose command culture has been independently documented — through criminal investigation, internal affairs findings, and sustained investigative journalism — to have tolerated known misconduct at the highest levels for periods exceeding a decade. The named officials in this complaint operated within and contributed to that culture. The conflict of interest at the origin of the exclusion, the deflection by City Council, and the silence of the Mayor's office confirm that corrective action is not merely appropriate. It is overdue.

VIII. Renewed Request for Corrective Action

The corrective actions identified in Section IX of the original complaint are reaffirmed and renewed. In light of the expanded record, the following additional actions are requested:

1. An independent review of the conflict of interest between Chief Sosebee and Paul Brown, including the nature of their relationship and Mr. Brown's financial interest in 218 Paris Avenue at the time the complaint was filed.
2. An independent review of whether command personnel with knowledge of the misconduct documented in this complaint took adequate corrective action.
3. A written response from Mayor Schor's office to the May 6, 2026 complaint letter, as explicitly referred by Council Member Kost, within 14 days of receipt of this amendment.
4. Disclosure of any internal affairs findings related to supervisory awareness of the conduct documented herein.
5. Confirmation that the Neighborhood Watch exclusion of Ali Peeler has been referred for independent procedural review as requested in the original complaint.
6. Written response to each finding in the original complaint and this amendment within 30 days of receipt.

This amendment is submitted in good faith and in reliance on the public record. The complainants reserve all rights.

Ali Peeler, Complainant

Dan Peeler, Complainant

Paris Avenue, Lansing, MI

May 2026

Swope, Chris

From: Ali Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 3:25 PM
To: City Council; Clerk, City; CityAtty; Lansing Mayor
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Request: Predatory Fees on Housing Voucher Holders via US Bank ReliaCard

Dear Lansing City Council,

I am writing to request that the following matter be placed on the agenda for the next City Council meeting: the fee structure imposed on low-income housing voucher holders through the Lansing Housing Commission's use of the US Bank ReliaCard for utility payments.

Voucher holders are currently charged \$3 per withdrawal to access their own funds through this system. These residents have no alternative payment method — they are a captive audience being charged fees simply to use benefits they are entitled to. For individuals and families already living on limited incomes, these fees represent a meaningful and avoidable financial burden.

This arrangement raises serious concerns:

- Voucher holders cannot opt out — participation is mandatory
- \$3 per transaction can constitute a significant percentage of a low-income household's monthly benefit
- The fee structure disproportionately impacts protected classes, raising fair housing concerns
- Other housing authorities have successfully implemented fee-free alternatives such as ACH direct deposit

I respectfully request that the Council:

1. Direct the Lansing Housing Commission to appear before the Council to explain the current payment arrangement
2. Explore alternatives including free ACH transfers or credit union partnerships
3. Consider requiring LHC to absorb transaction fees rather than passing them to residents

This is a matter of basic fairness to some of our most vulnerable residents. I appreciate your attention and look forward to seeing this addressed.

Respectfully,
Alison Peeler
220 Paris Ave
Lansing, MI 48910
517-708-7779
alipeeler@icloud.com

Sent from my iPhone

Swope, Chris

From: Ali Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 11:46 AM
To: LPDinternalaffairs; Police Chief; Clerk, City; City Council; CityAtty; Lansing Mayor
Cc: salvi-waller@ingham.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Formal Complaint — False Police Report, Incident Report No. 26-02963, Filed April 13, 2026

Alison Peeler

220 Paris Ave, Lansing, MI 48910

Phone: 517-708-7779

Email: alipeeler@icloud.com

May 13, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Chief of Police
Lansing Police Department
120 W. Michigan Ave.
Lansing, MI 48933

AND

City Attorney
City of Lansing
124 W. Michigan Ave.
Lansing, MI 48933

RE: Formal Complaint — False Police Report, Incident Report No. 26-02963, Filed April 13, 2026

Dear Chief of Police and City Attorney:

I. PURPOSE OF THIS COMPLAINT

I, Alison Peeler, submit this formal written complaint to the Lansing Police Department and the Office of the City Attorney regarding a false police report filed against me on April 13, 2026, documented as Incident Report No. 26-02963, authored by Officer DeSmith, Alleyne (Badge No. 23848).

The report was filed by a third party — whose identity is redacted in the FOIA-obtained copy — who made materially false and unsupported allegations against me under Michigan Penal Code Section 1384, Computer/Internet Used for Harassment — Threats — Felony. I am requesting a formal investigation into the filing of this false report, appropriate corrective action, and documentation of this complaint in the official record.

II. BACKGROUND

I obtained Incident Report No. 26-02963 through a FOIA request to the Lansing Police Department. The report reveals the following:

- The report was filed by a named complainant (redacted) who alleged I had been driving around her residence, parking outside, circling the block, calling her from an anonymous number, and harassing her via social media since October 2025.
- The offense recorded was Computer/Internet Used for Harassment — Threats — Felony (MCL 1384), classified as Intimidation/Stalking, with a severity level of Felony.
- The Accused is listed in the report as "Unknown Person" — the officer could not confirm my identity as the perpetrator of any alleged acts.
- The complainant admitted to Officer DeSmith that she does not know where I live and does not know my phone number.
- The complainant admitted she has never met me in any meaningful way.
- When asked to provide evidence, the complainant refused. She was noted as uncooperative with the investigation process.
- The report was ultimately dispositioned RTI-NIC — Referred to Investigator, No Identifiable Cause — meaning no actionable evidence existed to support any of the allegations.
- The complainant referenced a previously retracted third-party essay as the basis of her beliefs about me — not any direct knowledge or personal contact.

III. THE ALLEGATIONS ARE FALSE

I categorically deny each and every allegation contained in Incident Report No. 26-02963. Specifically:

- I have never driven to, around, or near the complainant's residence.
- I have never parked outside the complainant's home or circled her block.
- I have never called the complainant from any number, anonymous or otherwise.
- I have never met the complainant in any meaningful capacity. She has confirmed this herself.
- The complainant does not know my address or phone number — by her own admission to the responding officer — yet alleged I was physically present at her home on multiple occasions. This is internally contradictory and impossible to reconcile.
- Two prior reports referencing the same parties (Axon Reports 26-01825 and 25-06017) were previously taken and resulted in no charges, reflecting a pattern of complaint filing without evidentiary support.

IV. APPLICABLE LAW

Under Michigan law, filing a false police report is a criminal offense. MCL 750.411a prohibits making a false report of a felony, misdemeanor, or other law violation to a peace officer, knowing the report is false. The complainant's filing of a felony-level harassment report — with no evidence, no confirmed identity of the accused, and with the disposition RTI-NIC — constitutes a false report under this statute.

Furthermore, the pattern of conduct — repeated filings, refusal to cooperate, and reports that do not result in charges — reflects an abuse of the police reporting process that this complaint formally documents for the record.

V. RELIEF REQUESTED

I respectfully request the following:

- A formal investigation into whether the complainant knowingly filed a false report in violation of MCL 750.411a.
- A formal notation in the department's record that this complaint has been filed and the allegations in Report No. 26-02963 were unsupported and unsubstantiated.
- Written confirmation to me of the outcome of any review or investigation initiated as a result of this complaint.
- Referral to the City Attorney's Office for review of whether civil or criminal proceedings against the reporting party are appropriate.
- Preservation of all records related to Incident Report No. 26-02963 and related Axon Reports 26-01825 and 25-06017, including all officer notes, recordings, and communications.

VI. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation is available upon request:

- FOIA-obtained copy of Lansing Police Department Incident Report No. 26-02963, dated April 13, 2026.
- Prior Axon Reports 26-01825 and 25-06017, referenced within Report No. 26-02963.
- Records demonstrating my whereabouts on the date and time in question.
- Evidence of the ongoing coordinated campaign of defamation from which this false report arises.

I am prepared to cooperate fully with any investigation and to provide additional documentation as needed. I request that this complaint be acknowledged in writing and that I be informed of next steps within fifteen (15) business days of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Peeler

Alison Peeler

220 Paris Ave, Lansing, MI 48910

517-708-7779

alipeeler@icloud.com

cc: File / Ingham County Circuit Court

Sent from my iPhone

Swope, Chris

From: Ali Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 11:03 AM
To: Venker, Gregory; Staples, Matthew; Lansing Mayor; Clerk, City; City Council; Van Fossen, Rawley; Police Chief; miag@michigan.gov
Cc: aclu@aclumich.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Formal Demand for Corrective Action — Civil Rights Violations, Due Process Deprivation, and Biased Delivery of Municipal Services

Alison Peeler

220 Paris Ave, Lansing, MI 48910

Phone: 517-708-7779

Email: alipeeler@icloud.com

May 14, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Mayor Andy Schor

City of Lansing

124 W. Michigan Ave.

Lansing, MI 48933

- cc: City Attorney Matthew Staples, City of Lansing
- cc: Chief Robert Backus, Lansing Police Department
- cc: Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel
- cc: ACLU of Michigan

RE: Formal Demand for Corrective Action — Civil Rights Violations, Due Process Deprivation, and Biased Delivery of Municipal Services

Dear Mayor Schor:

I. PURPOSE OF THIS DEMAND

I, Alison Peeler, a resident of 220 Paris Ave, Lansing, MI 48910, submit this formal demand for corrective action to the Office of the Mayor of the City of Lansing. This demand arises from a documented pattern of civil rights violations, due process deprivations, and biased delivery of municipal services carried out by employees and officials of the City of Lansing and the Lansing Police Department over a period of more than three years.

I am not seeking monetary compensation. I am demanding that the City of Lansing rectify, to the fullest extent possible, the harm it has caused and continues to cause through the conduct described herein. That harm escalates daily. The time for administrative delay has passed.

II. BACKGROUND

Beginning in 2023, I became involved in a neighbor dispute at 218 Paris Ave, Lansing, MI — the adjacent property to my residence. In connection with that dispute, I engaged the Lansing Police Department's Community Service Unit and neighborhood watch program in my capacity as a block captain.

What followed was not the delivery of impartial municipal services. It was a coordinated pattern of retaliation, silencing, and deprivation of rights that has caused documented, ongoing harm to my reputation, my standing in the community, my access to city services, and my ability to participate in civic life.

III. DOCUMENTED VIOLATIONS

A. The Neighborhood Watch Suspension — April 2023

On or about April 2023, Community Service Officer Anthony VandeVoorde invited me and my husband to what was represented as a mediation meeting at the LPD Operations Building at 5815 Wise Rd. That invitation, sent via email and copied to Sgt. David Burke, made no reference to any disciplinary action or suspension.

Upon arrival, Officer VandeVoorde unilaterally suspended our neighborhood watch participation — without advance notice, without stated cause, without criminal charges, without adjudicated findings, without a hearing, and without any appeal process. The meeting was not a mediation. It was a pretextual termination of our participation in a government-administered program, carried out without due process of any kind.

In July 2023, then-Chief Ellery Sosebee formalized that exclusion in writing, citing unsubstantiated allegations of harassment. Current Chief Robert Backus has since upheld and reaffirmed that exclusion without correcting its procedural deficiencies.

B. Lt. Spoelma's Direction to Officers — Retaliatory Charging

Following the suspension, Lt. Michelle Spoelma refused to reverse Officer VandeVoorde's decision. She compounded the harm by directing officers to charge me with harassment when I made legitimate noise complaints — turning my lawful use of police services into a weapon against me. No charges were ever filed, because no basis for charges existed. But the directive itself represents a retaliatory abuse of command authority that constitutes biased delivery of police services.

C. The Internal Flags — Discovered May 4, 2026

Through a FOIA request, I obtained city records revealing that two internal flags had been placed on my property file without my knowledge, without notice, and without any opportunity to respond:

- Flag 1: "PER DIRECTOR DO NOT RETURN CALLS TO OWNERS THEY HAVE A CASE IN LAW DIRECT THEM TO HIS OFFICE" — This flag directed city departments not to communicate with me, effectively cutting off my access to municipal services without notice, hearing, or legal process.
- Flag 2: "DO NOT APPROACH ALONE — The residents of this property are very confrontational and aggressive. May require an LPD Officer to be present" — This flag labeled me as dangerous and aggressive in an official city record, without evidence, without notice, and without any opportunity to contest it.

On May 4, 2026, I sent a written demand to Sgt. VandeVoorde demanding immediate removal of these flags. He has not responded.

D. The Do Not Respond Directive — City Attorney Matthew Staples

The internal flag directing city departments not to return my calls was issued per a director — documented in official city records obtained through FOIA. This directive effectively silenced me as a citizen, denied me access to municipal services I am entitled to, and was carried out without any legal basis, notice, or process.

This conduct, carried out under the authority of the City Attorney's office, constitutes a deprivation of my constitutional right to petition the government and my right to equal access to municipal services.

E. Internal Affairs Complaint No. 250263-1 — Seven Months Without Resolution

On October 24, 2025, I filed a formal complaint with LPD Internal Affairs, assigned Complaint No. 250263-1. More than seven months have passed with no investigative findings, no status update, and no resolution.

Chief Robert Backus — a named subject in the complaint — holds command authority over Internal Affairs, creating a direct and irreconcilable conflict of interest that prevents impartial review. This structural conflict has been allowed to persist for seven months without correction.

I submitted a complaint to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES), which responded that the conduct falls outside the scope of their authority under MCL 28.609.

IV. LEGAL BASIS

The conduct described herein implicates the following legal frameworks:

- 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 — Deprivation of constitutional rights under color of state law, including due process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment and First Amendment rights to petition the government.
- Michigan Constitution, Article I, Section 17 — Due process protections applicable to deprivation of liberty and property interests by state actors.

- MCL 750.411a — False reporting, applicable to the pattern of complaint filing against me that produced no charges and no findings.
- Michigan FOIA, MCL 15.231 et seq. — Obligations of public bodies to respond to citizens, implicated by the documented do not respond directive.

V. RELIEF DEMANDED

I demand the following corrective actions, in writing, within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this letter:

1. Immediate removal of all internal flags from my city property file, including but not limited to the do not return calls flag and the do not approach alone flag, with written confirmation of removal.
2. Formal written acknowledgment from the Office of the Mayor that the flags were placed without notice, without evidence, and without due process, and that their placement was improper.
3. Appointment of an independent external reviewer — with no reporting relationship to Chief Backus or the City Attorney's office — to conduct and complete a review of Internal Affairs Complaint No. 250263-1 within sixty (60) days.
4. Formal reinstatement of my neighborhood watch participation, with written documentation confirming reinstatement and removal of the suspension from all city records.
5. A written directive, signed by the Mayor, rescinding the do not respond order placed on my property and confirming my right to full and equal access to all municipal services.
6. A formal written response from Sgt. VandeVoorde or his designee to my May 4, 2026 demand for flag removal, which has gone unanswered for ten days.
7. A written commitment from the Office of the Mayor to ensure equitable and unbiased delivery of police services to my household going forward, with a designated point of contact for any future service concerns.

VI. NOTICE OF ESCALATION

Please be advised that this matter has been submitted to the ACLU of Michigan and is being reviewed for potential federal civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983. Copies of this demand have been provided to the Michigan Attorney General's office.

Failure to respond substantively within fifteen (15) business days will be treated as confirmation that the City of Lansing does not intend to voluntarily correct these violations, and I will proceed accordingly with all available legal remedies.

I am prepared to meet with appropriate City representatives to discuss resolution. However, that meeting must include individuals with authority to act — not further referral to the offices whose conduct is the subject of this complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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Swope, Chris

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Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 5:30 PM
To: Ali Peeler
Cc: Venker, Gregory; Staples, Matthew; Lansing Mayor; Clerk, City; City Council; Van Fossen, Rawley; Police Chief; miag@michigan.gov; aclu@aclumich.org; McNamara, Shawn
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Formal Demand for Corrective Action — Civil Rights Violations, Due Process Deprivation, and Biased Delivery of Municipal Services

SUPPLEMENT TO FORMAL DEMAND LETTER

Dated May 14, 2026

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May 14, 2026

VIA EMAIL

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RE: Supplement to Formal Demand Letter — Additional Conflict of Interest: Spoelma Marital Command Conflict

Dear Mayor Schor:

This supplement is submitted in addition to my formal demand letter dated May 14, 2026. It documents a conflict of interest that was not included in the original letter and that requires immediate corrective action independent of the relief already demanded.

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The Spoelma marital command conflict is not a matter of appearance alone. It is a structural conflict that has produced documented adverse outcomes across multiple cases over a period of three years.

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Chief Backus — himself a named subject in Internal Affairs Complaint No. 250263-1 — cannot resolve this conflict.

The City Attorney's office, which issued the do not respond directive, cannot resolve this conflict.

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The fifteen business day response deadline stated in my May 14, 2026 demand letter applies equally to this supplement.

Respectfully submitted,
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On May 14, 2026, at 11:02 AM, Ali Peeler <alipeeler@icloud.com> wrote:

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RE: Formal Demand for Corrective Action — Civil Rights Violations, Due Process Deprivation, and Biased Delivery of Municipal Services

Dear Mayor Schor:

I. PURPOSE OF THIS DEMAND

I, Alison Peeler, a resident of 220 Paris Ave, Lansing, MI 48910, submit this formal demand for corrective action to the Office of the Mayor of the City of Lansing. This demand arises from a documented pattern of civil rights violations, due process deprivations, and biased delivery of municipal services carried out by employees and officials of the City of Lansing and the Lansing Police Department over a period of more than three years.

I am not seeking monetary compensation. I am demanding that the City of Lansing rectify, to the fullest extent possible, the harm it has caused and continues to cause through the conduct described herein. That harm escalates daily. The time for administrative delay has passed.

II. BACKGROUND

Beginning in 2023, I became involved in a neighbor dispute at 218 Paris Ave, Lansing, MI — the adjacent property to my residence. In connection with that dispute, I engaged the Lansing Police Department's Community Service Unit and neighborhood watch program in my capacity as a block captain.

What followed was not the delivery of impartial municipal services. It was a coordinated pattern of retaliation, silencing, and deprivation of rights that has caused documented, ongoing harm to my reputation, my standing in the community, my access to city services, and my ability to participate in civic life.

III. DOCUMENTED VIOLATIONS

A. The Neighborhood Watch Suspension — April 2023

On or about April 2023, Community Service Officer Anthony VandeVoorde invited me and my husband to what was represented as a mediation meeting at the LPD Operations Building at 5815 Wise Rd. That invitation, sent via email and copied to Sgt. David Burke, made no reference to any disciplinary action or suspension.

Upon arrival, Officer VandeVoorde unilaterally suspended our neighborhood watch participation — without advance notice, without stated cause, without criminal charges, without adjudicated findings, without a hearing, and without any appeal process. The meeting was not a mediation. It was a pretextual termination of our participation in a government-administered program, carried out without due process of any kind.

In July 2023, then-Chief Ellery Sosebee formalized that exclusion in writing, citing unsubstantiated allegations of harassment. Current Chief Robert Backus has since upheld and reaffirmed that exclusion without correcting its procedural deficiencies.

B. Lt. Spoelma's Direction to Officers — Retaliatory Charging

Following the suspension, Lt. Michelle Spoelma refused to reverse Officer VandeVoorde's decision. She compounded the harm by directing officers to charge me with harassment when I made legitimate noise complaints — turning my lawful use of police services into a weapon against me. No charges were ever filed, because no basis for charges existed. But the directive itself represents a retaliatory abuse of command authority that constitutes biased delivery of police services.

C. The Internal Flags — Discovered May 4, 2026

Through a FOIA request, I obtained city records revealing that two internal flags had been placed on my property file without my knowledge, without notice, and without any opportunity to respond:

- Flag 1: "PER DIRECTOR DO NOT RETURN CALLS TO OWNERS THEY HAVE A CASE IN LAW DIRECT THEM TO HIS OFFICE" — This flag directed city departments not to communicate with me, effectively cutting off my access to municipal services without notice, hearing, or legal process.
- Flag 2: "DO NOT APPROACH ALONE — The residents of this property are very confrontational and aggressive. May require an LPD Officer to be present" — This flag labeled me as dangerous and aggressive in an official city record, without evidence, without notice, and without any opportunity to contest it.

On May 4, 2026, I sent a written demand to Sgt. VandeVoorde demanding immediate removal of these flags. He has not responded.

D. The Do Not Respond Directive — City Attorney Matthew Staples

The internal flag directing city departments not to return my calls was issued per a director — documented in official city records obtained through FOIA. This directive effectively silenced me as a citizen, denied me access to municipal services I am entitled to, and was carried out without any legal basis, notice, or process.

This conduct, carried out under the authority of the City Attorney's office, constitutes a deprivation of my constitutional right to petition the government and my right to equal access to municipal services.

E. Internal Affairs Complaint No. 250263-1 — Seven Months Without Resolution

On October 24, 2025, I filed a formal complaint with LPD Internal Affairs, assigned Complaint No. 250263-1. More than seven months have passed with no investigative findings, no status update, and no resolution.

Chief Robert Backus — a named subject in the complaint — holds command authority over Internal Affairs, creating a direct and irreconcilable conflict of interest that prevents impartial review. This structural conflict has been allowed to persist for seven months without correction.

I submitted a complaint to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES), which responded that the conduct falls outside the scope of their authority under MCL 28.609.

IV. LEGAL BASIS

The conduct described herein implicates the following legal frameworks:

- 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 — Deprivation of constitutional rights under color of state law, including due process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment and First Amendment rights to petition the government.
- Michigan Constitution, Article I, Section 17 — Due process protections applicable to deprivation of liberty and property interests by state actors.
- MCL 750.411a — False reporting, applicable to the pattern of complaint filing against me that produced no charges and no findings.
- Michigan FOIA, MCL 15.231 et seq. — Obligations of public bodies to respond to citizens, implicated by the documented do not respond directive.

V. RELIEF DEMANDED

I demand the following corrective actions, in writing, within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this letter:

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VI. NOTICE OF ESCALATION

Please be advised that this matter has been submitted to the ACLU of Michigan and is being reviewed for potential federal civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983. Copies of this demand have been provided to the Michigan Attorney General's office.

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NOTICE OF POTENTIAL SPOILIATION OF EVIDENCE

Supplemental to Internal Affairs Complaint No. 250263-1 and False Police Report Complaint dated May 13, 2026

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RE: Notice of Potential Spoliation of Evidence by Tamara Arend aka Tammie Arend aka Tamara Rose — Case 26-02963 and Related Complaints

Dear Internal Affairs:

I submit this notice to formally document potential destruction of evidence by Tamara Arend, the complainant in Case 26-02963, filed April 13, 2026.

I. DOCUMENTED PATTERN OF EVIDENCE DESTRUCTION

The following three events, taken together, establish a documented pattern of intentional evidence destruction by Tamara Arend:

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Event 3 — April 15, 2026: Tamara Arend contacted Officer DeSmith by phone and explicitly requested that everything be destroyed as if it never existed. She refused to provide the flash drive a third time. This statement is documented in Officer DeSmith's narrative in Case 26-02963.

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II. LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE

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This pattern is directly relevant to:

- Case 26-02963, in which she is the complainant
- My false police report complaint submitted May 13, 2026
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I request the following immediate actions:

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Exhibit A: Screenshot of Tamara Arend's social media post documenting computer disposal, dated on or about May 14, 2026.

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Cc: LPDinternalaffairs; Police Chief; Clerk, City; Venker, Gregory; City Council; Lansing Mayor
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Formal Complaint — LPD Misconduct and Dereliction of Duty | Citizen Complaint No. 250263-1
Attachments: MCOLES Complaint Peeler.docx

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting a formal complaint against named officials of the Lansing Police Department for systemic misconduct and dereliction of duty. Please see the attached letter for the full complaint.

By way of summary:

- A formal complaint (No. 250263-1) was filed with LPD Internal Affairs on October 24, 2025
- As of today, more than seven months have passed with no investigative findings, status update, or resolution
- The sitting Chief of Police, Chief Robert Backus, is a named subject in the complaint and holds command authority over Internal Affairs — a direct conflict of interest that prevents impartial self-investigation

The complaint addresses improper Neighborhood Watch exclusion, systematic enforcement failures across approximately fifty calls for service on Paris Avenue, bias in service delivery, and risk management failure that preceded a physical assault.

Supporting documentation — including the LPD acknowledgment email confirming complaint number 250263-1 — is available upon request.

I respectfully request that MCOLES open an independent review and require a written response from LPD.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES)

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RE: Formal Complaint — Systemic Misconduct and Dereliction of Duty, Lansing Police Department | LPD Internal Affairs Complaint No. 250263-1

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I am writing to request that the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) conduct an independent review of systemic misconduct and dereliction of duty by named officials of the Lansing Police Department (LPD). This complaint is submitted because the department's Internal Affairs process has produced no resolution in over seven months — and because the sitting Chief of Police, who is a named subject in the complaint, holds supervisory authority over Internal Affairs.

I. Internal Affairs Complaint — Background and Status

On October 24, 2025, I submitted a formal written complaint to the Lansing Police Department Office of Internal Affairs, titled "Systemic Misconduct and Dereliction of Duty." The complaint was received, recorded, and assigned Citizen Complaint Number 250263-1.

As of the date of this letter — more than seven months later — no investigative findings, status updates, closure notice, or corrective action has been communicated to me. The complaint remains unresolved.

A critical structural conflict exists: Chief Robert Backus, the current Chief of Police, is a named subject in complaint 250263-1. Internal Affairs operates under his command authority. The department cannot be expected to impartially investigate a complaint naming its own Chief without independent oversight.

II. Named Individuals and Misconduct Findings

A. Chief Ellery Sosebee — Improper Program Exclusion

On July 26, 2023, then-Chief Sosebee issued a written decision declining renewal of my Neighborhood Watch participation, based solely on unsubstantiated allegations of harassment. The decision:

- Did not cite criminal charges, convictions, civil findings, or adjudicated determinations
- Did not provide documented investigative findings
- Did not provide a hearing, appeal process, or neutral review
- Constitutes administrative misconduct and dereliction of duty in program governance

B. Chief Robert Backus — Affirmation of Improper Action

Chief Backus formally upheld and reaffirmed the exclusion decision. He did not cure its procedural deficiencies, order investigation or review, or provide a hearing. He directed future communications away from the department without resolving the underlying governance questions. Affirming and continuing an adverse action known to lack documented findings constitutes administrative misconduct and dereliction of duty in command oversight.

C. Patty Farhat — Failure of Oversight Intervention

Ms. Farhat, a City of Lansing official, was included on at least six emails related to the Neighborhood Watch exclusion and had contemporaneous knowledge of the allegations, the exclusion, and the absence of adjudication. To the extent her role included oversight or advisory responsibility, the failure to question or intervene in a procedurally deficient exclusion constitutes dereliction of duty.

D. Patrol Officers and Supervisory Personnel — Paris Avenue Enforcement Failures

Approximately fifty calls for service were placed involving the same locations on Paris Avenue. Officers acknowledged ongoing disturbances in multiple reports but issued only warnings — no citations. Supervisors took no documented corrective action despite the clear pattern. At least one record explicitly characterized the reporting party (myself) as the problem. This pattern constitutes:

- Professional misconduct in ordinance enforcement
- Dereliction of duty in patrol enforcement and supervisory responsibility
- Bias in service delivery by shifting focus from the conduct to the reporting party
- Risk management failure, as the unresolved escalation preceded a subsequent physical assault

III. Basis for MCOLES Review

MCOLES review is warranted on the following independent grounds:

1. The Internal Affairs process has been inactive for over seven months on a formally filed complaint
2. A direct conflict of interest exists — the sitting Chief is a named subject and holds command authority over Internal Affairs
3. The misconduct alleged — improper adverse action, enforcement failure, caller bias, and risk management failure — implicates professional standards applicable to licensed law enforcement officers

4. The pattern of failures is systemic and documented across multiple levels of the department, not an isolated incident

IV. Requested Actions

I respectfully request that MCOLES:

5. Open an independent review of the professional conduct of the named officers and command staff of the Lansing Police Department
6. Evaluate whether the seven-month non-response to Complaint 250263-1 constitutes a further violation of professional standards
7. Assess the structural conflict of interest inherent in the department's self-investigation of a complaint naming the Chief of Police
8. Require the Lansing Police Department to provide a written response and timeline for resolution of Complaint 250263-1
9. Take appropriate action under MCOLES authority regarding the professional standing of the identified officers

Supporting documentation, including the full text of the complaint submitted to LPD Internal Affairs, the LPD acknowledgment email confirming Complaint 250263-1, and underlying records, are available upon request.

I am available to provide any additional information MCOLES requires. I ask that this matter be treated with the urgency that seven months of departmental inaction warrants.

Respectfully submitted,

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