

**RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO
PURSUE CITY STATUS AND INCORPORATE
AS THE CITY OF DEXTER**

Resolution No. 21-2007

Whereas, on May 22, 2006 Dexter Village Council adopted a resolution to establish a Citizen Advisory Committee to explore advantages and disadvantages of incorporating the Village of Dexter into a Home Rule City; and

Whereas, on March 7, 2007 the City Study Committee completed its task and finalized a report that was accepted by Village Council on March 26, 2007, which supported the next steps toward City status; and

Whereas, Village Council believes the City Study Committee was objective, diligent and resolute in its desire to deliver a conscientious recommendation; and

Whereas, Village Council is in agreement with the recommendations of the City Study Committee; and

Whereas, Village Council is prepared to pursue City status in accordance with the "Procedures for City Incorporation" as outlined by the State of Michigan, Department of Labor & Economic Growth (copy attached hereto and made part of this resolution); and

Whereas, Village Council's main reasons to pursue City status are listed below:

- Reduction in property taxes to citizens,
- Simplification of government; village residents are part of two local units of government, and Cities are under one local unit of government,
- Receive the respect bestowed on Cities by other Cities, the County and the State,
- Remove the subservient relationship of a Village to a Township,
- Write our own City Charter, assess and tax our own property, in general have more control over our future,
- Receive bills, pay taxes, and ask questions for all city, county and school taxes at one location,
- Vote for city, county, state and national elections at a single location within the city, and

Whereas, Village Council understands that it is not about success or failure to achieve City status, rather it is about educating the public to make the best decision on behalf of the local unit of government; and

Whereas, Village Council recognizes the rights of individuals inside and outside the proposed incorporated boundary to comment throughout the process and in accordance with the "Procedures for City Incorporation", prescribed by the laws of the State of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Dexter will prepare a Petition for City Incorporation as prescribed by the laws of the State of Michigan; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Village shall attach a map to the petition clearly showing the territory to be incorporated, which is also prescribed by the laws of the State of Michigan.

Moved by: Carson

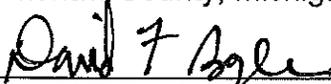
Seconded by: Semifero

Yeas: Cousins, Fisher, Keough, Semifero, Tell, Carson, and Seta

Nays: None

Absent: None

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution passed at a meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Dexter held in the Village of Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan on May 14, 2007



David F. Boyle, Village Clerk