

Resolution #2026-###

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the Home Rule City Act allows for initiatory petitions to propose amendments to a City Charter if signed by at least 5% of the qualified and registered electors of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Michigan submitted an initiatory petition to the City Clerk's Office on June 24, 2026 to amend the Lansing City Charter to mandate the creation of a Healthcare Action Plan; to establish a Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board ("Citizens' Action Board") to create the Healthcare Action Plan and make recommendations to address healthcare costs and healthcare inaccessibility; to prescribe the powers and duties of the Citizens' Action Board; to prescribe the Citizens' Action Board's composition and organization; and to require the publication, a public overview, and adoption of the Healthcare Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk's Office has canvassed the petition signatures and found that a sufficient number of Lansing electors have signed the petition; and

WHEREAS, the full text of the proposal to add Chapter 7 to Article 5 of the Lansing Charter is as follows:

Chapter 7. CITIZENS' ADVISORY HEALTHCARE ACTION BOARD

5-701 CITIZENS' ADVISORY HEALTHCARE ACTION BOARD

.1 A Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board ("Citizens' Action Board") is hereby created to prepare a Healthcare Action Plan and make recommendations to address prohibitive healthcare costs and healthcare inaccessibility in a biennial action plan.

.2 The health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Lansing are served by regular, transparent, and public evaluation of healthcare affordability, accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability. A recurring process for collecting public testimony, reviewing data, and evaluating policy impacts will assist the City and the jurisdiction's federal and state representatives in identifying barriers to healthcare access and in recommending effective responses. It is thus the purpose and intent of this Chapter to establish the Citizens' Action Board that will prepare a biennial Healthcare Action Plan and make recommendations to the City, and to provide a public process through which the public will be heard and needs assessed.

. 3 In making appointments to the Citizen's Action Board, the Mayor and Council should consider those residents who may have research, analytical, and community engagement skills helpful to execute the powers and duties

of the Citizens' Action Board and produce an Healthcare Action Plan, for example healthcare workers, uninsured or underinsured community members, public health professionals, patient advocates, and organized labor

5-702 POWERS & DUTIES

.1 A Healthcare Action Plan shall be developed by the Citizens' Action Board and presented to the City Council by October 1 of every even-numbered year. At a minimum, the Healthcare Action Plan shall set out:

(a) How healthcare affordability and accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability have changed for City residents over the prior two years based on available population and public health data, hospital and other health care provider records, and public testimony;

(b) What federal, state, and local policy decisions and other factors have contributed to changes in healthcare affordability and accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and service availability;

(c) How federal and state elected officials who represent the City voted on relevant policies, including budgets and legislation, and the extent to which those actions and inactions were consistent with the prior Healthcare Action Plan; and

(d) Recommendations for concrete actions that the City and its federal and state representatives can take to improve healthcare affordability and accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability.

.2 The Citizens' Action Board shall have the duty to:

(a) Hold multiple community forums each year for the purpose of hearing first-hand accounts of community members' ability to afford and access primary, emergency, and necessary specialty medical care, in compliance with open meeting and public records requirements;

(b) Hold multiple community forums each year for the purpose of hearing views on how federal, state, and local policy changes have impacted healthcare affordability, accessibility, and service availability, in compliance with open meeting and public records requirements;

(c) Compile data relevant to assessing the current state of healthcare affordability, accessibility, and service availability;

(d) Assess how federal, state, and local policies and recent policy changes have impacted healthcare affordability, accessibility, and service availability;

(e) Identify how the City's federal and state representatives voted on relevant policy decisions;

(f) Measure the City's federal and state representatives' actions or inactions against the prior Healthcare Action Plan; and

(g) Issue a Healthcare Action Plan that compiles its findings and makes recommendations.

.3 The Citizens' Action Board shall have the power to coordinate with researchers, research institutions, state and local agencies and departments, foundations, and consultants to assist in its assessments and the performance of its duties.

5-703 PUBLICATION AND ACTION PLAN MEETING

.1 No later than October 1 of every even-numbered year, the City Council shall publish the Citizens' Action Board's Healthcare Action Plan, recommendations, and all relevant research and findings in a manner that achieves broad public engagement. Minority members may append dissenting views to the published plan.

.2 No later than October 15 of every even-numbered year, the City Council shall hold a special meeting with the Citizens' Action Board to provide a public overview of the Healthcare Action Plan and to adopt a Healthcare Action Plan.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council to establish the ballot wording for the initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,
that in accordance with the Home Rule City Act (MCL 117.1, et. seq.), the question shall be captioned and stated on the ballot as follows:

Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board Charter Amendment

Shall the Lansing City Charter be amended to mandate the creation of a Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Board ("Citizens' Action Board") to create a Lansing Healthcare Action Plan and make recommendations to the community to address

healthcare costs and healthcare inaccessibility; to prescribe the powers and duties of the Citizens' Action Board; to prescribe the Citizens' Action Board's composition and organization; and to require the publication, a public overview, and implementation in the community of the Healthcare Action Plan?

YES (☐)

NO (☐)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to, in accordance with the Home Rule City Act (MCL 117.1, et. seq.), to transmit a copy of this resolution and roll call vote on it, along with a copy of the proposed amendment to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval and a copy to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval as to the form in which the proposal shall be presented to the electors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause the above proposal to be placed on the ballot at the election to be held on November 3, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ballot wording is hereby certified to the City Clerk for submission to the City's electors at the election to be held on November 3, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration therefore in the manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the ballot proposal to the vote of the electors as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with law, the City Clerk shall post the proposed Charter amendment in full at each polling place.

BE IN FINALLY RESOLVED that the canvass and determination of the votes of said question shall be made in accordance with laws of the State of Michigan and Charter of the City of Lansing.