

RESOLUTION 04-06-22-3

Resolution in Support of Annexation Reform: Restoration of Landowner Voting Rights

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 414 provides numerous processes of annexation of property from a township to a nearby city;

Whereas, townships and landowners have very few or no options to prevent annexation of property to a nearby city;

Whereas, under previous versions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 414 provided landowners with a vote on whether their property would be annexed into a nearby city;

Whereas, landowners were stripped of their rights to vote on certain proposed annexations;

Whereas, some parcels are annexed into a city without the consent of the landowners and without the parcel being or expected to become urban or suburban in character;

Whereas, townships and landowners are placed at an unfair disadvantage in annexation matters;

Whereas, the Stearns County Township Association favors the consideration of landowners' preferences in annexation matters to a reasonable extent;

Whereas, Senate File 1969, of the 92nd Legislature (2021-2022), as authored by Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, along with its companion House bill HF2282 as authored by Rep. Shane Mekeland, seeks to restore to landowners a right to vote on proposed annexations;

Whereas, the Stearns County Township Association supports the restoration of voting rights to landowners in annexation matters, as described in Senate File 1969 and House File 2282;

Be it Therefore Resolved that, the Stearns County Township Association supports the restoration of voting rights to landowners in annexation matters;

Be it Further Resolved that the Stearns County Township Association supports the passage of Senate File 1969 of the 92nd Legislature (2021-2022) along with House File 2282 and those bills that would provide similar rights to landowners.

Adopted by the Avon Township Board this 6th day, in the month of April in the year 2022.

BY THE TOWN BOARD

	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor _____ Richard Bresnahan	___	___	___
Supervisor _____ LeRoy Gondringer	___	___	___
Supervisor _____ Rich Sanoski	___	___	___

Attest:

Stephen Saupe, Town Clerk

date