

History of the PROTEST PETITION 4.26.2024

On April 26, 2024 We Love Harbor Springs began an outreach with a new petition. Called #2 Protest Petition, the call to action was like this:

Sign the [NEW petition #2](#) if you are a property owner in the city of Harbor Springs **IMMEDIATELY** SEE BELOW.

This is a legal petition (**different from [change.org](#)**) that requires $\frac{2}{3}$ of the five member City Council votes to pass the proposed zoning plan and will be presented to the City Council prior to their vote on May 6 or May 20th. (We were hoping for 3 members of the City Council to side with the community and PAUSE the vote).

WE ASK YOU TO

Write to the City Council via citymgr@cityofharborsprings.com.

- Feel free to use the email template we have provided to create an email, and then personalize with your specific concerns.
- Be sure your emails ask for your letter to be included in the next city council agenda package, so that other readers see your concerns.
- If you live in an association, or as a landowner , or as a member, please discuss with your association's Board President your concerns and ask them to sign the petition on the association's behalf. Get your neighbors involved.
- **Share this email** with your friends and family.

We appreciate your ongoing support. Our effort will only be successful with a united group of voices and property owners.

-We Love Harbor Springs Team

PETITION IN PROTEST

AGAINST THE PROPOSED HARBOR SPRINGS 2024 DRAFT ZONING CODE **For Submission to: City of Harbor Springs | Clerk's Office**

160 Zoll St. | P.O. Box 678 Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Filing a Valid Protest Petition

In accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, an amendment to a zoning ordinance by a city is subject to a protest petition which, if filed, shall require a 2/3 vote of the legislative body for approval of the amendment. To be considered valid, a protest petition must:

(1) Be signed by the owner(s) of 20% or more of the area of land included in the proposed change or by the owner(s) of 20% or more of the area of land included within an area extending outward 100 feet from any point on the boundary of the land included in the proposed change, excluding publicly owned land.

(2) Be signed by all persons having an ownership interest in the property as represented on the property deed – i.e., both spouses, the managing partner of a partnership, etc.

(3) Include a clear and concise statement of opposition on each page of signatures at the top of the petition.

(4) Be submitted to the City Clerk’s office at or before 12:00 p.m. on the date the amendment to the zoning ordinance is scheduled for final legislative action.

Statement of Opposition:

I, the undersigned citizen of Harbor Springs, Michigan, represent I am the owner of the real property legally described below and that, as such property owner, respectfully protest the enactment of the proposed Harbor Springs 2024 Draft Zoning Code. My reason(s) for protest include a fear this zoning overhaul will result in the loss of Harbor Springs’ local character due to undesired increase in density, overdevelopment, and failure to protect the unique features fundamental to our community. Residents have expressed the draft’s developmental nature does not align with the values of our community and rushing to implement such amidst significant opposition reflects a disconnect between city officials and those they were elected to serve. Despite assurance of the opportunity to adequately contribute to a solution, I consistently question the intentions of the elected as well as the legitimacy and reliability of the governmental processes involved. At this time, legislative action is planned for May 6, 2024.

YOUR SIGNATURE HERE. _____

The results are in:

Valid Petitions – 319

Signed Acres 113+

All valid acres 558 +

We reached our benchmark of 20.36% We want to thank everyone that took part in this effort. You were and are part of the vocal majority.

On May 20th, 5 members of the City Council voted unanimously to PASS the proposed zoning and to not pause, engage or further communicate with the majority of the community they represent.

