COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 13

A Resolution In Support of the City of Hobart's Formal Objection to the Closure of the Hobart Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Located at 7744 E. Ridge Road, Hobart, IN

WHEREAS, the Common Council ("Council") of the City of Hobart, Indiana ("City") and Mayor Brian K. Snedecor, on behalf of the City, have responded to Indiana BMV's Notice of Public Hearing to take public comment regarding the proposed closure of the Hobart BMV located at 7744 E. Ridge Road, Hobart, IN, 46342 through correspondence to the Indiana BMV formally objecting to the proposed closure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Hobart BMV closure by the Indiana BMV will create a burden to our residents, especially those with lower income levels, in accessing the services required by the BMV;

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2022, Mayor Brian K. Snedecor tendered the City's formal objection to the proposed closure to the Executive Director of Public Policy and Legislation for the Indiana BMV which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated in its entirety by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City's objection was a response to an announcement by the Indiana BMV for public hearing to be held on the 5th of October, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Community Center at Festival Park, 111 E. Old Ridge Road, Hobart, IN, 46342 for the purpose of taking public comment, including the submission of written comment, regarding the proposed Hobart BMV location closure; and

WHEREAS, the Council fully endorses and adopts the position of Mayor Snedecor's attached formal objection to the closure of the Hobart BMV located at 7744 E. Ridge Rd, Hobart, IN 46342 and requests its inclusion with the public comments to be heard at the upcoming BMV public hearing;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart that:

That the Common Council of the City of Hobart adopts the formal objection and the reasons set forth which are attached hereto as the City's public comment to the closure of the Hobart BMV located at 7744 E. Ridge Road, Hobart, IN 46342 and the formal objection of the

City of Hobart be included in the public record at the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles public hearing to be held October 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

ALL OF WHICH, is adopted as the Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hobart on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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MATTHEW CLAUSSEN, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____
DEBORAH A. LONGER, Clerk Treasurer

Members of the Hobart Common Council:

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MARK KOPIL

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JOSHAUA HUDDLESTUN

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P. LINO MAGGIO

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DAVE VINZANT

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CHRISTOPHER WELLS

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MATTHEW CLAUSSEN

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DAN WALDROP

THE CITY OF HOBART

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

September 21, 2022

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Abbigail R. Raben
Executive Director of Public Policy and Legislation
100 N Senate Avenue, Room N404
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Hobart BMV Proposed Closure

Ms. Abbigail Raben,

The City of Hobart is in receipt of your correspondence regarding a Public Hearing for the proposed closure of the Hobart BMV. Please accept this letter as the City of Hobart's formal objection to the closure of the 7744 E. Ridge Rd., Hobart, IN 46342 BMV location.

The BMV being considered for closure is in an area of Hobart which is most accessible to our lower income residents, as well as to residents whom live in the surrounding areas of New Chicago, Lake Station, and Gary. We feel this closure would have a profound impact on those who rely on this specific location for their BMV needs. With inflation this past year making the cost of everyday living for the average American already unprecedented, adding significant distance to those most underprivileged is clearly objectionable.

The City of Hobart is in the process of reaching out to our residents and neighboring community officials whose area this would impact with hopes to have a large showing of objection to this closure at your scheduled Public Hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian K. Snedecor
Mayor

EXHIBIT A