

RESOLUTION 17-02
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, local elected decision-makers are in the best position to determine what health, safety and welfare regulations best serve their constituents; and

WHEREAS, just like state legislative leaders, local elected officials are held accountable through Minnesota's robust elections process; and

WHEREAS, ordinances at the local level are enacted only after a comprehensive, legal and open process; and

WHEREAS, local units of government are required to publish notices about meetings where policies will be discussed and decisions will be made; and

WHEREAS, under the state's Open Meeting Law, public policy discussions and decisions must occur in meetings that are accessible to members of the public; and

WHEREAS, cities are often laboratories for determining public policy approaches to the challenges that face residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, preservation of local control in Minnesota has yielded statewide benefits such as the 2007 Freedom to Breathe Act, an amendment to the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act; and

WHEREAS, more than two dozen bills that restrict local decision-making have been introduced in 2017 to date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE EARTH that this Council supports local decision-making authority and opposes legislation that removes the ability for local elected officials to respond to the needs of their businesses and constituents.

ADOPTED by the City of Blue Earth this 3rd day of April, 2017.

ATTEST:

Richard Scholtes
Mayor

Timothy P. Ibisch
City Administrator

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