

RESOLUTION 2013-24

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ABILITY OF CITY RESIDENTS
AND PROPERTY OWNERS TO ELECT TO OPT -OUT OF
RECEIVING ADVANCED UTILITY METERS (SMART METERS)**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilmember Wade and supported by Mayor Hornung with modifications.

WHEREAS, DTE Energy SMART meters (SMART meters) are modern electric meters which send electric meter readings automatically by using a radio frequency network rather than a traditional on-site meter reading method, and

WHEREAS, DTE Energy is actively installing SMART meters throughout southeastern Michigan and has recently mailed a letter to the City of Vassar pertaining to the ability of City residents to opt-out of receiving a SMART meter, and

WHEREAS, a number of City residents have expressed concerns regarding negative health conditions that may result from the use of SMART meters, the accuracy of SMART meters, and the possibility that the use of SMART meters may contribute to a loss of personal privacy, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission has recently decided to investigate several aspects pertaining to the use and installation of SMART meters, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission, as a component of this investigation, is requesting that utility companies disclose information regarding the potential adverse health effects associated with the use of smart meters, and

WHEREAS, the Vassar City Council is charged with securing and defending the overall health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City and their guests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vassar City Council hereby supports the ability of its residents and property owners to elect to opt-out of receiving SMART meters installed. *Utility customers who opt out of the smart meter installation should be able to opt out with no economic penalty.*

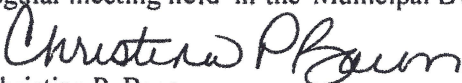
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vassar City Council supports the investigation by the Michigan Public Service Commission of SMART meters.

AYES: Councilor Wade, Councilor Gamet, Councilor Hembling, Mayor Hornung and Mayor Pro-Tem Stedry

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

THIS RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF August 2013. I, Christina P. Bacon, City Clerk, City of Vassar, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the forgoing Resolution No. 2013-24 was duly adopted by the Vassar City Council during its regular meeting held in the Municipal Building in the City of Vassar on August 5, 2013.


Christina P. Bacon