## RESOLUTION TO THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF DTE SMART METERS IN THE CITY OF WARREN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Warren, County of
Macomb, Michigan, held on October 11 , 2011, at 8 p.m. Eastern
<u>Daylight Savings</u> Time, in the Council Chamber at the Warren Community
Center Auditorium, 5460 Arden, Warren, Michigan.
PRESENT: Councilperson Kamp, Caumartin, Sadowski, Stevens,
Boccomino, Green, Liss, Vogt and Warner
ABSENT: Councilpersonnone
The following preamble and resolution was offered by Councilmember
Caumartin and supported by Councilmember Stevens .

A DTE Energy SMART meter (SMART meter) is modern type electric meter which sends electric meter readings to the public utility automatically by using a radio frequency network rather than the traditional on-site meter reading. SMART meters use digital technology and have no moving parts unlike traditional meters that have gears and dials.

Public utilities state they are deploying SMART meters throughout the country in order to improve energy reliability and promote energy efficiency while providing improved services to customers.

DTE Energy has begun the installation of SMART meters throughout southeastern Michigan and has advised that it will begin the installation of SMART meters in the City of Warren sometime in 2013.

At several council meetings, citizens concerned with the installation of SMART meters presented information to the City Council regarding the detrimental effects that SMART meters may impose on the residents of Warren. These concerns include, but are not limited to: 1) negative heath effects as a result of the radio frequency exposure; 2) invasion of privacy; 3) meter accuracy; 4) nonconsensual interruption of service; 5) inadequate installation; and 6) no right to "opt out" of the SMART meter installation.

On April 26, 2011, City Council discussed whether it was permissible to impose a moratorium on the installation of SMART meters until such time as a study of the effects can be conducted and a Committee of the Whole can be scheduled to discuss the findings.

On August 6, 2011, the City Council conducted a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss SMART Meters. City Council wants to be assured that the installation of SMART meters will not adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Warren.

Although the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC") has jurisdiction to regulate SMART meters, the City Council has determined that it must communicate the concerns of those opposed to the installation of SMART meter technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the City Council is requesting the following:

 That the MPSC investigate all the concerns submitted by those opposed to SMART meters as referenced in the resolution;

- 2) That the MPSC forward to the City Council any information or evidence it has gathered that would eliminate the concerns of those individuals opposed to the installation of SMART meters.
- 3) That the MPSC consider requiring public utilities to allow those opposed to SMART meters, especially those individuals with proven health conditions, to opt out of the program.

AYES: Councilperson Caumartin, Stevens, Vogt, Warner, Sadowski
Liss, Green, Boccomino, and Kamp
NAYS: Councilpersonnone
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED this 11th day of Dotober , 2011.
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KEITH J. SADOWSKI
Secretary of the Council

## CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
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COUNTY OF MACOMB)

I, PAUL WOJNO, duly elected City Clerk for the City of Warren,
Macomb County, Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and
correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Warren at its
meeting held on October 11.

Paul Wojno

City Clerk

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