City of Manistee

RESOLUTION
SUPPORT OF HB 4411 AMENDING PA 58 of 1998 (MCL 436.1509)

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee owns and operates the Ramsdell Theatre and Hall (Ramsdell Theatre), an iconic building listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsdell Theatre is a significant contributor to the economic well-being and quality of life of the City of Manistee, Manistee County and greater Manistee region due to the high-quality educational, community, cultural, artistic and entertainment programming it provides; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsdell Theatre is looking to enhance its patrons' experience, provide a higher level of service to its wedding and meeting customers, and further diversify and enhance its revenue stream to advance the goal of financial sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee is interested in obtaining a municipal civic auditorium liquor license under MCL 436.1509 to help meet these objectives, but is unable to because it does not meet the population threshold established in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee feels the Ramsdell Theatre is exactly the type of facility that merits consideration for this type of liquor license, notwithstanding its population of 6,226 as of the 2010 census, given that Manistee is a regional population center and County seat, and the great significance of the Ramsdell Theatre to the region; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Representative Curt VanderWall and ten co-sponsors have introduced HB 4411 to lower the population threshold for liquor licenses for municipal civic auditoriums from 9,500 to 5,500;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manistee City Council hereby supports the passage of HB 4411 and further appoints the City Manager or designee to work with interested parties in the Legislature, Liquor Control Commission, business community and othes to help advance the bill into law.

6/6/17

James W. Smith
Mayor

Date

Michelle Wright 6/6/17

Michelle Wright
City Clerk

Date