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February 8, 2010

Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor, State of Michigan
The George Romney Building
Lansing, MI 48909

Attention: Steven C. Liedel
Legal Counsel to the Governor

Dear Governor Granholm:

Re: **City of Kentwood – proposed charter amendment**

Chapter VIII, Section 8.1 – authorizes the city council to levy an additional 2 mills of earmarked millage for police and fire protection thereby increasing the total of earmarked millage for police and fire protection to 6.2620 mills

You have referred to this office for examination this proposed charter amendment adopted by resolution of the Kentwood City Council at its meeting held on January 19, 2010.

We have examined the proposed amendment in light of the Home Rule City Act (HRCA), 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.1 *et seq.*, and conclude that the amendment is consistent with the HRCA.

The Attorney General has a separate responsibility to review the proposed ballot language for compliance with the requirements of Section 21 of the HRCA. We have examined the ballot language for the proposed amendment as set forth in the City Council's resolution, and conclude that the ballot language conforms to the requirements of Section 21 of the HRCA.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George M. Elworth".

George M. Elworth

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara J. Brown".

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