

Synopsis: This Resolution, if adopted, would provide evidence of the support of the Common Council of the City of Huntington, Indiana for the passage of Senate Bill 248 which would provide a process, in certain limited circumstances, for undocumented immigrants now residing in Indiana to obtain a card providing them with driving privileges.

RESOLUTION 1-R-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON ENDORING THE PASSAGE OF INDIANA LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING DRIVER CARDS FOR UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that all Indiana drivers should be trained, certified, and insured in order to promote public safety, a growing economy, and positive relations with law enforcement because the safety of all people using Indiana roads should be a primary consideration of elected officials in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, under current Indiana law, undocumented immigrants are not allowed to obtain a driver's license but, regardless, still drive Indiana streets and highways, without adequate training, certification, or insurance; and

WHEREAS, it is documented that 19 states and the District of Columbia currently offer driving privileges to undocumented immigrants in some manner; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to endorse a similar solution encouraging the Indiana General Assembly to adopt appropriate legislation that benefits Indiana's insurance industry by reducing costs per policyholder and increasing the number of insured state residents, promotes commerce, improves public safety, and much more; and

WHEREAS, members of the Huntington community, including residents, clergy and law enforcement have expressed support for the Indiana General Assembly to adopt legislation that would provide a process for undocumented immigrants now residing in Indiana to obtain a card providing them with driving privileges; and

WHEREAS, a bill addressing the issue and filed as Senate Bill 248 in the 2023 legislative session estimates a one-time expenditure of \$1.38 million by the BMV, equating to 20 cents per Hoosier while at the same time saving each Indiana driver an average of \$25 in insurance annually; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will improve public safety by requiring all undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to pass a written test of knowledge of driving laws and road signs, a vision test, and a driving test; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will promote commerce by permitting undocumented residents desiring to drive legally to support the State of Indiana's businesses for their basic needs and contribute to the tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will promote positive relations with law enforcement by reducing the fear of traffic stops and by reducing any incentive to leave the scene of an accident and providing greater clarity in identifying drivers; and

WHEREAS, a Driver Card will provide an easily identifiable and distinguishable identification that will not be valid for voter identification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Huntington Common Council as follows:

Section I. The Huntington Common Council endorses and urges passage of legislation developing a process for undocumented immigrants now residing in Indiana to obtain driving privileges upon obtaining appropriate training, certification, insurance, or other prerequisites.

Section II. The Huntington Common Council urges residents of the City of Huntington to support the passage of such legislation by making their opinions known to their state legislators.

[Signature Block Next Page]

Duly adopted on first and final reading this 28 day of March, 2023, by a vote of 1 in favor and 6 in opposition.

CITY OF HUNTINGTON, INDIANA by its COMMON COUNCIL

Voting in Favor:

[Signature]

Charles Chapman
(President)

Joe Blomeke

P J Felton

Dave Funk

Todd Johnson

Seth Marshall

Paul Pike

Voting in Opposition:

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

remote

[Signature]

Attest:

[Signature]
Christi A. McElhaney
City Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor for approval or veto, this 28 day of March, 2023.

[Signature]
Christi A. McElhaney
City Clerk-Treasurer

This resolution having been adopted by the Common Council and presented to me is [APPROVED or VETOED], this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Richard Strick
Mayor of the City of Huntington, Indiana