

CITY OF BELDING
Resolution # 2021-02-05

**A 2021 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELDING,
IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO ALLOW LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PROTEST TO
BOARD OF REVIEW IN WRITING**

A regular meeting conducted virtually of the City Council of the City of Belding, County of Ionia, Michigan, was held in said City on the 16th day of February, 2021.

PRESENT: Council Members Bruce Meyers, Jorel Davis, Doug Feehan, Bonita Steele and Mike Scheid.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Council Member Feehan and seconded by Council Member Davis.

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.30(4) states that, when appealing to the Board of Review, “a nonresident taxpayer may file his or her appearance, protest, and papers in support of the protest by letter, and his or her personal appearance is not required”; and

WHEREAS, MCL 211.30(8) states that “The governing body of the township or city may authorize, by adoption of an ordinance or resolution, a resident taxpayer to file his or her protest before the board of review by letter without a personal appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. If that ordinance or resolution is adopted, the township or city shall include a statement notifying taxpayers of this option in each assessment notice under section 24c and on each notice or publication of the meeting of the board of review”; and

WHEREAS, under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.263a, a meeting of a public body may be held electronically through March 30, 2021, and “a public body may use technology to facilitate typed public comments during the meeting submitted by members of the public participating in the meeting that may be read to or shared with members of the public body and other participants to satisfy the requirement under this subsection that members of the public be heard by others during the electronic meeting and the requirement under section 3(5) that members of the public be permitted to address the electronic meeting”;

