RESOLUTION 12-

A RESOLUTION Directed to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC") Regarding the Installation and Use of Smart Meters

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brighton, a Michigan Home Rule City pursuant to Act 279 of 1909 as amended, is a public body with a duty to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

WHEREAS, technology is being developed regarding smart utility meters, whereby usage data is transmitted via radio frequency, and utility companies are given the ability to collect data and/ or shut off or interrupt service remotely, without the consent of the customer;

WHEREAS, the MPSC has the power and authority to regulate public utility companies and, thus, the installation and use of smart meters in the City of Brighton and State of Michigan;

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised, including those of citizens of the City of Brighton to this Council, as to the potential health hazards and invasions of privacy due to the installation and use of smart meters;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Brighton hereby requests that the MPSC take the following actions to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Brighton:

1) That the MPSC conduct a study as to the potential health risks to citizens of the City and of the State of Michigan, posed by the installation and use of smart meters;
2) That the MPSC conduct a study as to the potential detrimental effects on the privacy rights of citizens of the City and of the State of Michigan;
3) That the MPSC publish such findings and take such actions as will address the potential health risks and/or potential invasions of the rights of the citizens of the City and of the State of Michigan; and
4) That the MPSC consider requiring public utility companies employing smart meter technology to provide for an "opt out" option for citizens of the City and of the State of Michigan.

The foregoing resolution was proposed by Council Member _____ and supported by Council Member _____.

AYES:_____

NAYS:_____

ABSTAIN:_____

ABSENT:_____

This Resolution was adopted this day of _____