RESOLUTION
CITY OF ESCANABA
A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SOCIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 124 of 2020 (the Law) was signed into law on July 1, 2020; to allow qualified licensees to obtain a social district permit from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to utilize expanded areas for the consumption of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the Law allows Michigan municipalities to establish Social Districts that allow for "Commons Areas" where two or more contiguous licensed establishments can be permitted to sell alcoholic beverages in special cups to be taken into the Commons Areas for consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Escanaba Social District would be created and managed by the City and the Escanaba Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Escanaba Social District boundaries are generally Ludington Street, Municipal Dock, and Escanaba Marina; and

WHEREAS, the Social District boundary includes Ludington Street from 14th Street on the west and Ludington Park on the east, 1st Avenue North on the north, and 1st Avenue South on the south, Municipal Dock to Escanaba Marina. The Commons Areas also includes the sidewalks within the Social District. In accordance with the Law, The Commons Area does not include the premises of "Qualified Licensees" as defined in the Law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escanaba will follow all stipulations of Michigan Public Act 124 of 2020 and follow established best practices in the creation and maintenance of the Social District; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Escanaba Social District should assist downtown businesses in attracting customers for enhanced outdoor dining and entertainment experiences in downtown Escanaba.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Escanaba City Council does hereby approve the creation of the Escanaba Social District as depicted in the attached map (Exhibit A) for consideration by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Dated: _____

BY ORDER OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR
AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ESCANABA

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Mark Ammel, Mayor