

1. Resolution Recognizing Sacred Beginnings as a Local Civic Organization



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

Item Number: 1

DATE: March 25, 2025

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Committee

LIAISON: Scott Saindon, Acting Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Philip Strom, Deputy City Attorney
Department of Law

SUBJECT: **Resolution Recognizing Sacred Beginnings as a Local Civic Organization**

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The organization's Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and Tax Exemption Letter are also on file in our office if you should desire to see them.

Attached is a resolution by which the City Commission can grant the requested recognition if it so chooses.

Your FISCAL COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution Recognizing Sacred Beginnings as a local civic organization pursuant to MCLA 432.103a(i)(ii).

WHEREAS, Sacred Beginnings, of 339 S. Division Ave., Ste. B, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, has applied to the Bureau of State Lottery for a Bingo/Raffle License and, as part of the required licensing procedure, has requested recognition as a local civic organization from the City Commission pursuant to MCLA 432.103a(i)(ii); therefore

RESOLVED that the City Commission hereby finds that, to the best of its knowledge, Sacred Beginnings exists as a non-profit local civic organization which conducts a major portion of its activities within the City of Grand Rapids and, therefore, hereby officially recognizes Sacred Beginnings as a local civic organization pursuant to MCLA 432.103a(i)(ii).


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City Attorney's Office
300 Monroe Ave., NW, Room 620
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Dear Mayor David LaGrand,

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