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**CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL**

**Agenda Item C  
February 25, 2008**

**SUBJECT: Approval to Allow Property Valuation Protest to the Board of Review by Written Petition.**

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Assessing

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL** 

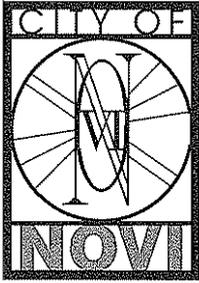
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** MCL 211.30(2) says, in part, "A nonresident taxpayer may file his or her appearance, protest, and papers in support of the protest by letter, and his or her personal appearance is not required." MCL 211.29(7) says that "The governing body of the township or city may authorize, 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 of this option in each assessment notice under section 24c and on each notice or publication of the meeting of the board of review."

Therefore, the law allows nonresident taxpayers to appeal by letter but only allows resident taxpayers to appeal by letter if an ordinance or resolution has been passed by the local governing body. The Novi Assessing Department has historically accepted letter appeals from resident owners. The requested resolution will put the current practice in compliance with MCL 211.29(7). Compliance will allow equal treatment of resident and nonresident taxpayers.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the resolution to Allow Property Valuation Protest to the Board of Review by Written Petition.**

	1	2	Y	N
Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Capello				
Council Member Crawford				
Council Member Gatt				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				



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**RESOLUTION**

**Allowing Protest to the Board of Review by Written Petition**

**WHEREAS**, Michigan Compiled Laws allow property owners of a jurisdiction to protest to the Board of Review by written petition instead of an in-person appearance if the governing body passes a resolution allowing the practice,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Novi City Council hereby allows the aforementioned practice of protest by written petition to the Board of Review by property owners.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Maryanne Cornelius, duly appointed Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a regular meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk