



## Maggie Lacy Candidate Statement

Hi, I'm Maggie Lacy, a full-time resident of Harbor Springs for 10 years. I choose to call Harbor Springs home because of its truly unique charm, close-knit local community, and natural beauty. I'm running for City Council to fight for these qualities — the character of Harbor Springs that drew me and so many fellow full-time and seasonal residents here.

As your City Council representative, I'd work to bring transparency to issues that matter to the Harbor Springs community. Recent articles and letters written to the Harbor Light News suggest a few concerns: higher taxes, paid parking, the closure of our beloved boardwalk, zoning, and moving the electrical transformer to within the city limits. My goal is to be a communicator around these issues and others as they arise; to elevate both community concerns and excitement for new ideas to the decision makers in our local government.

I know the people of Harbor Springs want to keep our small town feel and life. We live here for this very reason! We need to come together to ensure a better outcome for our city's spirit and commerce. Growth at the cost of our city's soul isn't what we need to thrive. Currently our voices are often dismissed. We, as taxpayers, should not only be acknowledged and heard but our input should be THE driving decision making factor! We should lean into what makes us special and embrace the values that have kept our town charming.

My focus is maintaining Harbor Springs values and principles, not just a charming resort-style town but a well-functioning year-round satisfactory residential community, minimizing government overreach, and striving for better resolutions with the assistance of the taxpayers of Harbor Springs. By keeping a small, local governmental footprint guided by the citizens of Harbor Springs and discouraging outside entities and forces, we can stop outside influences from gaining access to our lifestyles and community. At the

end of the day, I know change will happen as we work to bring more year-round residents and businesses to our community. My commitment is that these changes will honor the charm of Harbor Springs and the wishes of you and your neighbors. We should be deliberate, think of long-term consequences, and make sure we're focused on what will make Harbor Springs a more welcoming and prosperous community for all.

Help Keep Harbor Springs Charming on November 8!

Thank you for considering me to serve on the City Council,

Maggie Lacy