

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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Bid to Block Salem Township Rezoning Referendum to Be Argued Before Michigan Supreme Court

LANSING, MI, October 30, 2012 – A potential vote on a Salem Township rezoning decision -- and a developer's challenge to that referendum -- is at issue in a case that will be argued before the Michigan Supreme Court tomorrow.

In *Salem Springs LLC v Salem Township*, the developer argues that a circuit court judge erred by not granting a preliminary injunction to block the vote. The developer maintains that opponents of the township's rezoning decision failed to meet a statutory timing requirement for filing their petitions, but the developer's opponents contend that their filing was timely.

The Court will hear the oral argument in its courtroom on the sixth floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice on **October 31** starting at **9:30 a.m.** The Court's oral arguments are open to the public.

As a public service, the Court provides summaries of the cases it will hear at <http://courts.michigan.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/Clerks/Oral-Arguments/Pages/default.aspx>.

Please note: The summary is a brief account of the case and may not reflect the way some or all of the Court's seven Justices view the case. The attorneys may also disagree about the case's facts, issues, procedural history, or significance. For further details about the case, please contact the attorneys.

SALEM SPRINGS, L.L.C. v SALEM TOWNSHIP, et al. (case no. 146002)

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Trial Court: Washtenaw County Circuit Court

At issue is whether a circuit court judge should have granted a developer's request for a preliminary injunction to block a vote on a rezoning decision by Salem Township. Those who filed petitions for a referendum on the rezoning claim they satisfied statutory timing requirements – a claim that the developer disputes. [Read more...](#)

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