

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE
ANN ARBOR/YPSILANTI SMARTZONE LDFA
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN
TO THE CITY COUNCILS OF ANN ARBOR AND YPSILANTI

Whereas, The State of Michigan, through PA 248 of 200, has established the SmartZone program designed to foster development of high technology enterprises in Michigan;

Whereas, The SmartZone program facilitates the capture of certain taxes for use by the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) to create and/or promote the development and attraction of high-technology activities to the designated SmartZone;

Whereas, The Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti have created a multi-jurisdictional LDFA which has received designation as a SmartZone;

Whereas, The State of Michigan, through PA 290 of 2012, provided for the extension of the existing term of SmartZone LDFAs and tax capture within their districts for an additional period of 15-yrs if certain statutory conditions were met and subject to approval of the State Treasurer and President of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC),

Whereas, The City Councils of the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti LDFA Board recognize the opportunities provided by PA 290 of 2012 and have taken the required pre-requisite statutory actions necessary to seek the proposed additional 15-yr period:

- On June 4, 2014 and September 2, 2014, respectively, the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti affirmed the continuing public purpose of the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone LDFA and supported application to the MEDC for extension of its term for an additional 15 years (commencing in 2018), or at minimum an additional 5 years.
- On September 2, 2014, the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti approved entering into an agreement with the Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA creating another SmartZone associated with the distinct geography of Adrian and Tecumseh in Lenawee County.
- On December 17, 2014 and January 6, 2015, respectively, the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti approved amendment to the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone Agreement between the Cities, the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti LDFA and the MEDC.

Whereas, An Amendment and Extension of the 2002 Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan for the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone LDFA districts has been prepared in connection with the City of Ann Arbor Administration and City Attorney's Office and reviewed by this Board;

Whereas, The above Amendment and Extension document was submitted for review to the appropriate State agencies and comments having been received and incorporated in the terms of the Amendment and Extension document; and

Whereas, This Board being fully apprised of provisions of the Amended and Extended Plan and its supporting Agreement and procedural requirements;

RESOLVED, That the Board acknowledges and accepts its individual responsibilities under the Plan, including all required reporting requirements to the Cities and the State of Michigan; and

RESOLVED, That the Board formally recommends the Amended and Extended Plan substantially in the form attached hereto for adoption by the City Councils of the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti after notice and public hearing as required by law.

Enactment Number: R-17-____
Date: _____, 2017