



Legislation Text

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Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Collaborate with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission to Provide Coordinated Analysis on the Feasibility of the City-Owned Property at 353 S. Main as a Potential Location for Affordable Housing

City Council has adopted the strategic goal of establishing Ann Arbor as a safe, warm and welcoming community. Consistent with that goal, the ability to provide affordable housing options is essential to that goal. The redevelopment of City-owned parcels of land that lie in the urban core, along transit corridors, and in the vicinities of employment centers can serve as a means to reduce the costs.

The City enacted Resolution 19-138 directing the City Administrator to collaborate with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission to conduct an analysis of the following properties as possible affordable housing developments (with corrected addresses for the 3400 Block of Platt:

721 N. Main Street

2000 S. Industrial

1501 E. Stadium Boulevard (Fire Station #2)

350 S. Fifth Avenue surface parking lot (formerly the Y site)

Surface parking lot often referred to as the Kline's Lot (309/335/337 S. Ashley Street and 104/116/120 William Street)

216 W. William Street surface parking lot

415 W. Washington Street

404/406 N Ashley Street

121 Catherine surface parking lot (at the northwest corner of Fourth Ave. and Catherine)

3400 Block of Platt (3432/3440 Platt Road and 3435/3443 Springbrook Avenue).

The surface parking lot at 353 S. Main Street is also a city-owned property and was not originally included in R-19-138. The purpose of this resolution is to add 353 S. Main Street to the feasibility analysis being conducted. The analysis of 353 S. Main Street will not delay the analysis of the aforementioned public properties, but will be an addition to that analysis as soon as it is completed.

The intent of this resolution is to provide a coordinated approach to evaluating the feasibility of these sites to provide affordable housing options.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: Staff support for this effort is already included in the FY20 budgets. No additional funding is needed to conduct an analysis of 353 S Main.

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Approved by: Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator

Whereas, City Council has adopted the strategic goal of being a warm, welcoming, and safe community and providing affordable housing options is essential to that goal;

Whereas, Redevelopment of City-owned properties to provide building sites for affordable housing

units can significantly lower the cost of these developments;

Whereas, Council adopted R-19-138 to address the redevelopment of City-owned properties at 721 N. Main Street; 2000 S. Industrial; 1501 E. Stadium Boulevard (Fire Station #2); 350 S. Fifth Avenue surface parking lot (formerly the Y site); Surface parking lot often referred to as the Kline's Lot (309/335/337 S. Ashley Street and 104/116/120 William Street); 216 W. William Street surface parking lot; 415 W. Washington Street; 404/406 N Ashley Street; 121 Catherine surface parking lot (at the northwest corner of Fourth Ave. and Catherine); 3400 Block of Platt (3432/3440 Platt Road and 3435/3443 Springbrook Avenue);

Whereas, The surface parking lot at 353 S. Main is also a publicly owned property; and

Whereas, The City's interests are best served by analyzing the redevelopment of these properties in a coordinated manner;

RESOLVED, That the City Council direct the City Administrator to collaborate with the Executive Director of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission to utilize the properties cited above to create the optimal amount of affordable housing units; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator will provide a report to City Council that provides recommendations on how the property at 353 S Main should be prioritized for consideration for development as affordable housing;

Sponsored by: Mayor Taylor and Councilmembers Ramlawi, Smith and Ackerman