



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve Distribution of the Draft City Master Plan: Land Use Element

After obtaining support from City Council in 2007, the City Planning Commission and Planning and Development Services staff have been working on a master plan effort, which consists of consolidating the four City area plans (South, West, Northeast and Central) into one document. The intent of this consolidation is to create a document that includes all substantive information from each area plan that can be updated more regularly and include goals and objectives that that can be applied more broadly. No substantive information has been added or removed during this consolidation process; major changes will be proposed in the second phase of this planning effort which may be initiated in 2009.

MCL 125.37b of the Municipal Planning Act (PA 285 of 1931 as amended) requires that the legislative body of the municipality approve the distribution of a proposed Master Plan element. This approval of distribution must take place in order for the process of considering the draft plan to proceed. On December 16, 2008, the City Planning Commission recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the distribution of the draft City of Ann Arbor Master Plan: Land Use Element to initiate formal review by the County and adjoining communities.

After the Mayor and Council approval of the distribution of the plan, the secretary of the municipal planning commission must submit a copy of the draft plan to the following as required by State law: the planning commission or legislative body of each city, village or township located within or contiguous to the municipality; the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners; and local public utility and railroad companies. In addition, a copy of the draft plan should be submitted to other groups and organizations that may be interested in the City of Ann Arbor Master Plan: Land Use Element.

Adoption of this resolution will allow the process of receiving public comment to proceed. The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing after the public comment period.

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Whereas, MCL 125.37b of the Municipal Planning Act (PA 285 of 1931 as amended) requires that the legislative body of the municipality approve the distribution of any draft master plan and notify the secretary of the municipal planning commission to distribute the plan accordingly;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve the distribution of the City of Ann Arbor Draft Master Plan: Land Use Element; and

RESOLVED, That City Council notify the secretary of the City Planning Commission to submit a copy of the proposed master plan for review and comment to the following, as required by State law: the

planning commission or legislative body of each city, village or township located within or contiguous to the municipality; the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners; and local public utility and railroad companies, and that a copy of the draft plan also be submitted to other relevant groups and organizations that may be interested in the City of Ann Arbor Master Plan: Land Use Element.