



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing on the City Administrator's Plan to Proceed Toward Implementation of Recommended Best Practices to Receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor was selected for participation in the Redevelopment Ready Communities certification program of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) in 2013;

Whereas, In November 2013, City Council authorized a memorandum of understanding with the MEDC to participate in the Redevelopment Ready Communities certification process;

Whereas, MEDC completed its "Community Assessment Evaluation Findings Report" in October 2014 and concluded that the City of Ann Arbor is currently meeting 32 of the 43 best practices;

Whereas, MEDC identified 11 areas where further work was needed to meet redevelopment ready best practices;

Whereas, The memorandum of understanding between the City and MEDC calls for the City to implement all of the recommendations of the Community Assessment Evaluation Findings Report to receive certification;

Whereas, Identification and implementation of "redevelopment ready" practices have been proposed as a means of streamlining the development process of the City;

Whereas, City Council recognizes that the recommendations are subject to some flexibility and that City staff will engage in discussions with MEDC on proposed changes to policies and ordinances in response to MEDC' recommendations that would permit the City to become eligible for certification;

Whereas, City Council recognizes that the residents of the City have a fundamental interest in the proposed changes to City ordinances governing development within the City;

Whereas, City Council wishes to allow residents an opportunity to comment on the content of the MEDC recommendations;

RESOLVED, The City Council hereby schedules a public hearing on the MEDC's Recommended Best Practices to Receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification to be held during the City Council's regular meeting of April 20, 2015.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Eaton, Briere and Lumm