

City of Ann Arbor

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Council Action

Resolution: R-13-364

File Number: 13-1327 Enactment Number: R-13-364

Resolution to Authorize City of Ann Arbor Participation in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification Program

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council has identified economic development as a community priority, in particular the need to expand the City's tax base and increase and diversify private sector employment in the economy;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council and City Planning Commission have adopted sustainability goals as part of the City Master Plan, including a goal for economic vitality that calls for developing a prosperous, resilient local economy that provides opportunity by creating jobs, retaining and attracting talent, supporting a diversity of businesses across all sectors, and rewarding investment in our community;

Whereas, Identification and implementation of "redevelopment ready" practices are important strategies to support placemaking investments that benefit the economic vitality of the community;

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor seeks certification as a Redevelopment Ready Community to demonstrate its commitment to economic vitality and sustainable development;

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

Whereas, The MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities certification program will provide the City a no-cost, comprehensive assessment, report of findings and recommended strategies and support for implementation; and

Whereas, The MEDC requires entry into a Memorandum of Understanding to identify roles and responsibilities for the Redevelopment Ready Communities certification program;

RESOLVED, The City Council hereby approves the Redevelopment Ready Communities Joint Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, substantially in the form of that attached; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to sign the Memorandum of Understanding after approval as to substance by the City Administrator and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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At a meeting of the City Council on 11/18/2013, a motion was made by Sabra Briere, seconded by Sally Petersen, that this Resolution R-13-364 be Approved. The motion passed.