

A RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT WASHTENAW COUNTY TAXES FROM CAPTURE
WITHIN THE PROPOSED EXPANSION AREA OF THE ANN ARBOR DOWNTOWN
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 18, 2026

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners recognizes the important role that Downtown Development Authorities play in supporting vibrant downtowns, economic development, and infrastructure improvements across our communities; and

WHEREAS, several Downtown Development Authorities operate successfully throughout Washtenaw County, including in communities such as Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Chelsea, Dexter, Milan, and Saline, contributing to local economic vitality and placemaking; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has long participated as a partner in the existing Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing district, contributing property tax capture over many years that has supported downtown infrastructure, transportation improvements, housing initiatives, and economic development in the City of Ann Arbor; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners values its longstanding partnership with local municipalities, including the City of Ann Arbor, in promoting economic opportunity and strong communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority has proposed an expansion of its Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district to include additional areas beyond the existing downtown boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners wishes to preserve the property tax revenues associated with this proposed expansion area in order to support the County's voter-approved millages and core countywide services, including public health, public safety, and social safety-net programs; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the long-term fiscal stability of Washtenaw County is a priority, particularly during a time of increased demand for services that support residents across the entire county; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners remains committed to continued collaboration with the City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority on shared goals including economic development, housing, transportation, and the long-term vitality of the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Michigan law allows taxing jurisdictions to exempt their taxes from capture in connection with a proposed expansion of a Downtown Development Authority district;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of a taxing jurisdiction levying ad valorem property taxes that would otherwise be subject to capture, hereby exercises its statutory option pursuant to MCL 125.4201 et. seq. to exempt County taxes from capture within the proposed expansion area of the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this action applies only to the proposed expansion area that was the subject of the Ann Arbor City Council's February 2, 2026 hearing and does not affect the County's participation in the existing Tax Increment Financing district administered by the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the City of Ann Arbor.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Beeman	X			Maciejewski		X		Somerville	X		
Hodge	X			Rabhi	X						
LaBarre	X			Sanders	X						
Lyte	X			Scott		X					

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 2 0

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on March 18, 2026, as it appears of record in my office. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 19th day of March 2026.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)SS.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY:


Brenden McArthur, Deputy Clerk 

BY:


Kelli Scott, District 9
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 

Res. No. 26-051