



## 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 Property at 2857 Packard 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 property at 2857 Packard Road is privately owned, however it may present and opportunity for the City to work with other parties to determine the feasibility of affordable housing on this property along with preserving existing heritage trees that serve as significant carbon sequestration assets consistent with City Council's adopted Climate Crisis resolution. The purpose of this resolution is to add 2857 to the feasibility analysis being conducted. The analysis of 2857 Packard 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 2857 Packard.

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 property at 2857 Packard Road is privately owned;

Whereas, The property at 2857 Packard provides an opportunity for the City to balance the needs to provide affordable housing along major transportation corridors along with the preservation of heritage trees consistent with the City Council's adopted Climate Crisis resolution, and explore preservation options and other uses, such as a year-round community center and farmer's market, for the historic Collins House from 1849; 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 directs the City Administrator to collaborate with the Executive Director of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission all other necessary and involved parties 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 recommendation on how the property at 2857 Packard Road could be obtained, financed, and utilized as both a carbon sequestration asset and developed to incorporate affordable housing."

Sponsored by: Councilmember Bannister