

## Redevelopment Ready Communities® Joint Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") by and between the Michigan Economic Development Corporation ("MEDC"), 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan and the City of Adrian ("Community"), 135 East Maumee Street, Adrian, Michigan, jointly referred to as the "Parties" and individually as the "Party" is effective as of October 17, 2016 ("Effective Date").

The Community is interested in applying to the MEDC under the Redevelopment Ready Communities® Program ("Program") to become certified as a Redevelopment Ready Community ("RRC") and receive assistance from the Program in promoting sites within the Community.

The MEDC is interested in evaluating the Community and making recommendations for the Community to become certified as a RRC under the Program and help market the Community to the public for redevelopment purposes.

Therefore, the above entities have come together in a strategic collaboration to achieve the above stated goals. This collaboration is based on the following understandings:

## Community Responsibilities

- 1. Identifying a primary Program contact who will serve as the lead contact and provide overall technical support for all aspects of this project on behalf of the Community.
- 2. Provide adequate staff personnel to attend trainings, perform research collection and assessment of current practices of the Community, respond in a timely manner to MEDC questions, and to implement the needed actions to achieve certification of the Program after the evaluation.
- 3. Provide monthly updates to the Community's elected governing body on status of Program progress.
- 4. Within fourteen (14) days of receiving the draft Community Report of Findings, provide comments and any additional documentation, and schedule the report out presentation for the Community's elected governing body.
- 5. Within thirty (30) days of the Community Report of Findings presentation, provide a resolution adopted by the Community's elected governing body that supports the Community's intent to implement the needed actions to achieve certification, if necessary, to meet the Program best practices.
- 6. Provide progress reports to the MEDC both pre-certification and post-certification on a quarterly or biannual basis, respectively.
- 7. Within three hundred sixty-five (365) days, complete implementation of the needed actions to achieve certification, if necessary, to meet the Program best practices. Additional time to complete implementation may be provided at the discretion of the MEDC Program staff.
- 8. Provide documentation that the Community meets the Program best practices as determined by the MEDC prior to being awarded certification.

## MEDC Responsibilities

1. Provide general training on the Program.



- 2. Provide general technical support to the primary Program contact of the Community in collecting the information necessary to complete the Program evaluation and implementation of the best practices.
- 3. Evaluate information collected from the Community and produce a Community Report of Findings.
- 4. If necessary, make recommendations of steps to meet the best practices as identified by the MEDC.
- 5. Once the Program evaluation is completed, the MEDC will coordinate with the RRC Advisory Council to receive input on certifying the Community as a RRC.
- 6. If certified as a RRC, assist the Community in marketing to the public up to three sites as redevelopment ready.
- 7. Prepare a license agreement between the Community and the MEDC for Community's use of the RRC certification logo.

This MOU sets forth the intent of the Parties only and does not, and is not intended to, impose any binding obligations on the Parties nor shall it be the basis for any legal claims or liabilities by or among the Parties. Any liability of the Parties, whether in contract, tort or under any other legal or equitable theory, arising out of or in connection with this MOU shall be explicitly excluded. Neither Party shall be entitled to claim compensation for any expenses or losses incurred in bad faith if the intention of this MOU cannot be reached entirely or in part.

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties hereto. This MOU may be modified, altered, revised, extended or renewed by mutual written consent of all Parties, by the issuance of a written amendment, signed and dated by all the Parties.

This MOU may be signed in multiple copies and in counterparts which, when taken together, shall constitute the executed MOU. Faxed or scanned copies shall be considered an original.

This MOU is effective until the three year anniversary of the date the Community is certified as a RRC, unless terminated earlier. However, either Party may terminate the MOU by providing notice in writing to the other Party thirty (30) days in advance of the termination. Upon the expiration of the Community's certification as a RRC, the Community may elect to reapply for certification and enter in to a new Memorandum of Understanding with the MEDC.

Adam Robach, Manager, Contract Services
Michigan Economic Development Corporation

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RE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Authorization of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the City of Adrian in support of the City of Adrian's engagement in the Redevelopment Ready Communities program

WHEREAS, the City of Adrian has participated in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities program, including attending staff training provided by the MEDC, completing a self-evaluation, and receiving a Report of findings completed by MEDC staff dated October, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City of Adrian, through its commission, has approved engagement with the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities program; and

WHEREAS, city staff have worked with MEDC staff and recommend proceeding with the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities program; and

WHEREAS, relevant City Boards and Commissions have been appraised of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Adrian, through its City Commission, herby authorizes the Memorandum of Understanding with the MEDC to engage in the Redevelopment Ready Communities program and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Adrian.

On motion by Commissioner Commissioner by a7-0 vote.		econded by
Jelly Man Jem Berryman, Mayor	Pat Baker, City Clerk	