CITY OF YPSILANTI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89118378135
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Revised 3-16-2021

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B. Please click here to access the City Council Contact Form. This form can be used to submit any comments/concerns you might have about this agenda.

Resolution No. 2021-050
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

After hearing the presentations and considering the FOIA requests and the denial notices and considering the FOIA act and the facts and circumstances of the matter, it is hereby resolved that:

(Pick one)

The FOIA appeal of James Niswender is granted and any non-exempt material in response to the FOIA requests shall be furnished the appellant.

or

The FOIA appeal of James Niswender is denied.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-050

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MEMORANDUM

To: **Hon. Mayor and Ypsilanti City Council**
From: **John M. Barr, Ypsilanti City Attorney**
Date: **March 5, 2021**
Re: **FOIA appeal by James Niswender**

Mr. James Niswender filed several FOIA requests requesting updates and information on the ongoing Ypsilanti Police Department investigation of the death of Julia Niswender in 2012. Ms. Niswender was found deceased in the Peninsula Apartments in the City of Ypsilanti.

Mr. James Niswender' s FOIA requests were denied. He now appeals to City Council pursuant to the City FOIA policy.

The FOIA requests and denials are attached to this memo.

The reason for the denials is that the FOIA provides exemptions from disclosure for an open police investigation. The FOIA reads in this regard in pertinent part as follows:

"15.243 Exemptions from disclosure; public body as school district, intermediate school district, or public-school academy; withholding of information required by law or in possession of executive office.

Sec. 13. (1) A public body may exempt from disclosure as a public record under this act any of the following:(a) Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy.(b) Investigating records compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that disclosure as a public record would do any of the following:(i) Interfere with law enforcement proceedings.(ii) Deprive a person of the right to a fair trial or impartial administrative adjudication.(iii) Constitute an unwarranted invasion

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of personal privacy.(iv) Disclose the identity of a confidential source, or if the record is compiled by a law enforcement agency in the course of a criminal investigation, disclose confidential information furnished only by a confidential source.(v) Disclose law enforcement investigative techniques or procedures.(vi) Endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel…"

The police chief advises that the investigation is ongoing and release of information at this time could interfere with the investigation.

In addition, the FOIA does not require a municipality to create a new record or answer questions. The act only requires disclosure of records.

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March 3, 2021

Via email: [redacted]

Dear Mr. Niswender:

RE: Freedom of Information Act requests
Request numbers: 2021-04; 2021-05; 2021-06

Thank you for your requests. You sent me several requests under Foia recently. Those requests were for reports, status updates and answers to your questions regarding your loved one, Julia Niswender. I contacted YPD on your behalf with your questions and requests and unfortunately all of those requests were denied for various exemptions (see attached denials) under Foia and mainly due to the fact that the unsolved murder of Julia Niswender remains an open investigation and therefore records cannot be released under Foia.

I further made a request on your behalf to the Ypsilanti City Attorney to inquire as to whether YPD has any time frame to release records on "cold cases" as it has been nearly 10 years since the crime occurred and no arrests were made. It was determined after a conference between YPD Chief and the City Attorney that the records shall remain exempt under Foia and cannot be released under Foia so long as the case remains open for investigation.

You indicated to me that you intend to appeal these denials. I did previously informally indicate to you that your requests were denied by email and I am now attaching 3 formal denials to each of your Foia requests. I am also attaching appeals forms should you decide to move forward with your appeals.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Jennifer A. Merritt
Ypsilanti City Deputy FOIA Coordinator

Encl. – Requests and denials (3)

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Requestor: The City's FOIA Procedures and Guidelines, as well as a summary, may be found at the City's website: www.cityofypsilanti.com/foia.

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Denial Appeal Form

FOIA Appeal Form—To Appeal a Denial of Records

Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, *et seq.*

Request No.: _____ Date Received: _____ Check if received via: ☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Other Electronic Method
Date of This Notice: _____ Date delivered to junk/spam folder: _____

Name James L. Niswender	Phone [redacted]
Firm/Organization	Fax
Street [redacted]	Email [redacted]
City [redacted] State [redacted]	Zip [redacted]

(Please Print or Type) Date discovered in junk/spam folder: _____

Request for: ☐ Copy ☐ Certified copy ☐ Record inspection ☐ Subscription to record issued on regular basis
Delivery Method: ☐ Will pick up ☐ Will make own copies onsite ☐ Mail to address above ☒ Email to address above
☐ Deliver on digital media provided by the City: _____

Record(s) You Requested: *(Listed here or see attached copy of original request)* I have requested records from the Ypsilanti Police Department which have been denied. They have regularily denied requests from the public media merely asking for updates on the 2012 Julia Niswender murder case.

Reason(s) for Appeal:

The appeal must identify the reason(s) for the denial. You may use this form or attach additional sheets:
My two FOIA requests have been denied as "the file is locked because it is an open investigation". I did not request specific facts about the actual case. I am extremely disappointed in the YPD's communications with me. I was Julia's legal guardian for half of her life and feel I deserve better treatment from the YPD. Could their actions be a result of a possible cover-up or "mistakes" on their part? I am begining to wonder.

Requestor's Signature: James L. Niswender **Date:** 3/2/2021

City Response:

The City must provide a response within 10 business days after receiving this appeal, including a determination or taking one 10-day extension.

City Extension: We are extending the date to respond to your FOIA fee appeal for no more than 10 business days, until _____ (*month, day, year*). Only one extension may be taken per FOIA appeal.
Unusual circumstances warranting extension: _____

If you have any questions regarding this extension, contact John M. Barr, City of Ypsilanti FOIA Coordinator, at: 734-481-1234 (phone); info@barrlawfirm.com (email); 105 Pearl Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

City Determination:

☐ Denial Reversed ☐ Denial Upheld ☐ Denial Reversed in Part and Upheld in Part
Written basis for City determination: _____

Notice of Requestor's Right to Seek Judicial Review

You are entitled under Section 10 of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.240, to appeal this determination by commencing an action in the Washtenaw County Circuit Court to compel disclosure of the requested records if you believe they were wrongfully withheld from disclosure. If, after judicial review, the court determines that the City has not complied with MCL 15.235 in making this determination and orders disclosure of all or a portion of a public record, you have the right to receive attorneys' fees and damages as provided in MCL 15.240. (*See back of this form for additional information on your rights.*)

Signature of FOIA Coordinator: _____ **Date:** _____

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 442 of 1976

15.240. Options by requesting person; appeal; actions by public body; receipt of written appeal; judicial review; civil action; venue; de novo proceeding; burden of proof; private view of public record; contempt; assignment of action or appeal for hearing, trial, or argument; attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements; assessment of award; damages.

Sec. 10.

(1) If a public body makes a final determination to deny all or a portion of a request, the requesting person may do 1 of the following at his or her option:

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(4) In an action commenced under subsection (1)(b), a court that determines a public record is not exempt from disclosure shall order the public body to cease withholding or to produce all or a portion of a public record wrongfully withheld, regardless of the location of the public record. Venue for an action against a local public body is proper in the circuit court for the county in which the public record or an office of the public body is located has venue over the action. The court shall determine the matter de novo and the burden is on the public body to sustain its denial. The court, on its own motion, may view the public record in controversy in private before reaching a decision. Failure to comply with an order of the court may be punished as contempt of court.

(5) An action commenced under this section and an appeal from an action commenced under this section shall be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.

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(7) If the court determines in an action commenced under this section that the public body has arbitrarily and capriciously violated this act by refusal or delay in disclosing or providing copies of a public record, the court shall order the public body to pay a civil fine of $1,000.00, which shall be deposited into the general fund of the state treasury. The court shall award, in addition to any actual or compensatory damages, punitive damages in the amount of $1,000.00 to the person seeking the right to inspect or receive a copy of a public record. The damages shall not be assessed against an individual, but shall be assessed against the next succeeding public body that is not an individual and that kept or maintained the public record as part of its public function.

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Notice of Denial of FOIA Request

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Request No.: 2021-05 Date Received: 2/25/21 Check if received via: X☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Other Electronic Method
Date of This Notice: 3-9-2021 Date delivered to junk/spam folder: _____

Name James Niswender	Phone
Firm/Organization	Fax
[redacted]	

(Please Print or Type) Date discovered in junk/spam folder: _____

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Record(s) You Requested: *(Listed here or see attached copy of original request)* See attached request

X☐ **All OR** ☐ **Part** of your request for records has been denied. Please refer to this form for an explanation. If you have any questions regarding this denial, contact John M. Barr, City of Ypsilanti FOIA Coordinator, at: 734-481-1234 (phone); info@barrlawfirm.com (email); 105 Pearl Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Reason for Denial:

X☐ **1. Exempt from Disclosure:** This item is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Section 13, Subsection _____ *(insert number)*, because: All records within the City re Julia Niswender are currently exempt under Foia as the file is an ongoing open investigation and pursuant MCL 15.243 Sec.13.(1)(b)(i) and (v)

X☐ **2. Record Does Not Exist:** This item does not exist under the name provided in your request or by another name reasonably known to the City. A certificate that the public record does not exist under the name given is attached. If you believe this record does exist, provide a description that will enable us to locate the record: There is no record of the requested press release located within the City of Ypsilanti.

☐ **3. Redaction:** A portion of the requested record had to be separated or deleted (redacted) as it is exempt under FOIA Section 13, Subsection _____ *(insert number)*, because:

A brief description of the information that had to be separated or deleted: _____

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2021-05 - Request email

Jennifer Merritt

From: James Niswender [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:08 AM
To: Jennifer Merritt
Subject: FOIA Request - Press Release form YPD

Hi Jennifer,

I'd like to request a copy of the press release from the Ypsilanti Police Department which stated that James Turnquist was a person of interest in the Julia Niswender murder investigation. I believe this press release was in early 2015. It was mentioned in a newspaper article date March 4, 2015.

Thanks,
James Niswender
[redacted]

2021-05-Email reply from YPD

From: Schmidt, Lizbeth
To: Jennifer Merritt
Subject: FW: FOIA Request - Press Release form YPD
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:54:27 PM

Hello Jennifer,

The Chief has informed me that our agency never gave a press release for this case and for that reason we have nothing in the file. if you can please send a denial for this request, we will appreciate it. Please let us know if you have any questions or if you need anything else.

Best,

Lizbeth Schmidt
Records Custodian
P 734.483.8777
F 734.483.7060

From: Coppock, Annette <acoppock@cityofypsilanti.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Schmidt, Lizbeth <lschmidt@cityofypsilanti.com>; DeGiusti, Tony <tdegiusti@cityofypsilanti.com>
Cc: Yuchasz, Brent <byuchasz@cityofypsilanti.com>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request - Press Release form YPD

Liz,

I will forward this to the Chief. He needs to advise you on how to proceed concerning this request.

Thanks,

Detective Annette M. Coppock
Ypsilanti Police Department
505 W. Michigan Ave.

Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197
Office: 734.483.9510
Cell: 734.368.8776
Fax: 734.483.7060
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From: Schmidt, Lizbeth
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Cc: Yuchasz, Brent <byuchasz@cityofypsilanti.com>
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Hi Lizbeth, would you copy me on this if you still have it? We also have a file on this case.

Best,

JENNIFER A. MERRITT, Office Manager/Legal Assistant
BARR, ANHUT & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys at Law

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 442 of 1976

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Notice of Denial of FOIA Request

Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, *et seq.*

Request No.: 2021-06 Date Received: 3/1/21 Check if received via: X☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Other Electronic Method
Date of This Notice: 3-2-2021 Date delivered to junk/spam folder: _____

Name James Niswender	Phone
Firm/Organization	Fax
[redacted]	

(Please Print or Type) Date discovered in junk/spam folder: _____

Request for: X☐ Copy ☐ Certified copy ☐ Record inspection ☐ Subscription to record issued on regular basis

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Record(s) You Requested: *(Listed here or see attached copy of original request)* See attached request

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2021-06 - Request

Jennifer Merritt

From: James Niswender [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Jennifer Merritt
Subject: FOIA Request for YPD

Hi Jennifer,

I'd like to have a few questions answered by the Ypsilanti Police Department concerning the murder of Julia Niswender in December 2012. If I call or email them, they will not respond to me, thus I must file a FOIA request.

Here's the questions:

Who was the person in charge of the crime scene? (Full name and rank)

Who else was at the crime scene?

Who was responsible for all crime scene photographs?

Who was the evidence technician that was responsible for tagging evidence as well as listing all items gathered (the inventory)?

Was the County Medical Examiner or Medical Examiner Investigator (MEI) at the crime scene?

Who released the crime scene and when? (name, date and time)

Thanks,

Jim Niswender

cell: [redacted]

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Denial Appeal Form

FOIA Appeal Form—To Appeal a Denial of Records

Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, *et seq.*

Request No.: _____ Date Received: _____ Check if received via: ☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Other Electronic Method
Date of This Notice: _____ Date delivered to junk/spam folder: _____

Name		Phone
Firm/Organization		Fax
Street		Email
City	State	Zip

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Record(s) You Requested: *(Listed here or see attached copy of original request)* _____

Reason(s) for Appeal:
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Requestor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Request No.: 2021-04 Date Received: 2/18/21 Check if received via: X☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Other Electronic Method

Name James Niswender	Phone
Firm/Organization	Fax
[redacted]	

Date of This Notice: 3-2-2021
(Please Print or Type)

Date delivered to junk/spam folder: _____
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Request Form
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FOIA Request for Public Records

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Request No.: 2021-04 *Date Received:* 2/19/21 *Check if received via:* ☒ *Email* ☐ *Fax* ☐ *Electronic Method*
Date delivered to junk/spam folder: _____

Name James L. Niswender	Phone 727-744-2392
Firm/Organization	Fax
Street [redacted]	
City	

(Please Print or Type) *Date discovered in junk/spam folder:* _____

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Describe the public record(s) as specifically as possible. You may use this form or attach additional sheets:

I would like to request an update on the murder case of Julia Niswender from the Ypsilanti Police Department. Julia was murdered in December 2012.

Consent to Non-Statutory Extension of City's Response Time

I have requested a copy of records or a subscription to records or the opportunity to inspect records, pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, *et seq.* I understand that the City must respond to this request within five (5) business days after receiving it, and that response may include taking a 10-business day extension. However, I hereby agree and stipulate to extend the City's response time for this request until: _____ (*month, day, year*).

Requestor's Signature	Date
James L. Niswender	2-19-2021

(Complete both sides)

Records Located on Website

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If the City has included the website address for a record in its written response to the requestor and the requestor thereafter stipulates that the public record be provided to him or her in a paper format or other form, including digital media, the City must provide the public records in the specified format (if the City has the technological capability) but may use a fringe benefit multiplier greater than the 50%, not to exceed the actual costs of providing the information in the specified format.

Request for Copies/Duplication of Records on City Website

I hereby stipulate that, even if some or all of the records are located on a City website, I am requesting that the City make copies of those records on the website and deliver them to me in the format I have requested above. I understand that some FOIA fees may apply.

Requestor's Signature James L. Niswender	Date 2-19-2021

Overtime Labor Costs

Overtime wages shall not be included in the calculation of labor costs unless overtime is specifically stipulated by the requestor and clearly noted on the detailed cost itemization form.

Consent to Overtime Labor Costs

I hereby agree and stipulate to the City using overtime wages in calculating the following labor costs as itemized in the following categories:

1. ☒ Labor to copy/duplicate **2.** ☒ Labor to locate **3a.** ☐ Labor to redact **3b.** ☐ Contract labor to redact

6b. ☐ Labor to copy/duplicate records already on City's website

Requestor's Signature James L. Niswender	Date 2-19-2021

Request for Discount: Indigence

A public record search must be made and a copy of a public record must be furnished without charge for the first $20.00 of the fee for each request by an individual who is entitled to information under this act and who:

1) Submits an affidavit stating that the individual is indigent and receiving specific public assistance, OR

2) If not receiving public assistance, stating facts showing inability to pay the cost because of indigence.

If a requestor is ineligible for the discount, the public body shall inform the requestor specifically of the reason for ineligibility in the public body's written response. An individual is ineligible for this fee reduction if **ANY** of the following apply:

(i) The individual has previously received discounted copies of public records from the same public body twice during that calendar year.

(ii) The individual requests the information in conjunction with outside parties who are offering or providing payment or other remuneration to the individual to make the request. A public body may require a statement by the requestor in the affidavit that the request is not being made in conjunction with outside parties in exchange for payment or other remuneration.

Office Use: ☐ Affidavit Received ☐ Eligible for Discount ☐ Ineligible for Discount

Request for Discount: Nonprofit Organization

A public record search must be made and a copy of a public record must be furnished without charge for the first $20.00 of the fee for each request by a nonprofit organization formally designated by the state to carry out activities under subtitle C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 and the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act, if the request meets **ALL** of the following requirements:

(i) Is made directly on behalf of the organization or its clients.

(ii) Is made for a reason wholly consistent with the mission and provisions of those laws under section 931 of the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1931.

(iii) Is accompanied by documentation of its designation by the state, if requested by the City.

Office Use: ☐ Request Form and Documentation Attached ☐ Eligible for Discount ☐ Ineligible for Discount

Request for Reduction or Waiver: Public Interest

The cost of the search for and copying of a public record may be waived or reduced if, in the sole judgment of the City Council, a waiver or reduced fee is in the public interest because searching for or furnishing copies of the public record can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public. The City Council has 10 business days to consider such a request, beginning on the day of its next regularly scheduled meeting. The City is not obligated to provide the public records requested until the fee is otherwise paid or City Council has made a determination. In considering a request for a reduction or waiver of fees for these purposes, the City Council, in its sole discretion, may: (1) deny the request, (2) reduce the cost of the public record search and/or copying of the public record, or (3) waive the cost of the public record search and/or copying of the public record.

Office Use: ☐ Request Form Attached

2021-04 - Email denial

Jennifer Merritt

From: Jennifer Merritt
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:27 AM
To: James Niswender
Subject: RE: FOIA Request - Press Release form YPD

Hi James,

I did send your first request over to YPD and talked to the Chief's secretary about it. I am sorry to report that they will not release any information on an open investigation.

I will ask about the press release.

Best,

JENNIFER A. MERRITT, Office Manager/Legal Assistant
BARR, ANHUT & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
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City of Ypsilanti Deputy FOIA Coordinator
105 Pearl Street, Ypsilanti MI 48197
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From: James Niswender [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:08 AM
To: Jennifer Merritt <jmerritt@barrlawfirm.com>
Subject: FOIA Request - Press Release form YPD

Hi Jennifer,
I'd like to request a copy of the press release from the Ypsilanti Police Department which stated that James Turnquist was a person of interest in the Julia Niswender murder investigation. I believe this press release was in early 2015. It was mentioned in a newspaper article date March 4, 2015.

Thanks,
James Niswender
Cell: [redacted]

2021-04 - Email denial from YPSD

Jennifer Merritt

From: Estey, Wendy <westey@cityofypsilanti.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 10:31 AM
To: Jennifer Healy
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 2-19-2021

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Jennifer. Could you please respond to him that we are denying this based on the fact that it's an open case and is still being investigated? Thank you!

Wendy

From: Jennifer Healy <JHealy@barrlawfirm.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:15 AM
To: Estey, Wendy <westey@cityofypsilanti.com>
Subject: FW: FOIA Request 2-19-2021

Hi, I am sending this to you in case you may want to treat as a just a request instead of a foia. Appears to be from the victim's father/brother?

Best,

JENNIFER A. MERRITT, Office Manager/Legal Assistant
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From: James Niswender <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Jennifer Healy <JHealy@barrlawfirm.com>
Subject: FOIA Request 2-19-2021

Please see the attached pdf file. Thanks.

Jim Niswender

City: Keep original and provide copy of both sides.

Requestor: The City's FOIA Procedures and Guidelines, as well as a summary, may be found at the City's website: www.cityofypsilanti.com/foia.

CITY OF YPSILANTI, WASHTENAW COUNTY
One S. Huron Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-483-1100

Denial Appeal Form

FOIA Appeal Form—To Appeal a Denial of Records

Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, *et seq.*

Request No.: _____ Date Received: _____ Check if received via: ☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ Other Electronic Method
Date of This Notice: _____ Date delivered to junk/spam folder: _____

Name		Phone
Firm/Organization		Fax
Street		Email
City	State	Zip

(Please Print or Type) Date discovered in junk/spam folder: _____

Request for: ☐ Copy ☐ Certified copy ☐ Record inspection ☐ Subscription to record issued on regular basis
Delivery Method: ☐ Will pick up ☐ Will make own copies onsite ☐ Mail to address above ☐ Email to address above
☐ Deliver on digital media provided by the City: _____

Record(s) You Requested: *(Listed here or see attached copy of original request)* _____

Reason(s) for Appeal:

The appeal must identify the reason(s) for the denial. You may use this form or attach additional sheets:

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Requestor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

City Response:

The City must provide a response within 10 business days after receiving this appeal, including a determination or taking one 10-day extension.

City Extension: We are extending the date to respond to your FOIA fee appeal for no more than 10 business days, until _____ (*month, day, year*). Only one extension may be taken per FOIA appeal.
Unusual circumstances warranting extension: _____

_____

If you have any questions regarding this extension, contact John M. Barr, City of Ypsilanti FOIA Coordinator, at: 734-481-1234 (phone); info@barrlawfirm.com (email); 105 Pearl Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

City Determination:

☐ Denial Reversed ☐ Denial Upheld ☐ Denial Reversed in Part and Upheld in Part
Written basis for City determination: _____

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Notice of Requestor's Right to Seek Judicial Review

You are entitled under Section 10 of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.240, to appeal this determination by commencing an action in the Washtenaw County Circuit Court to compel disclosure of the requested records if you believe they were wrongfully withheld from disclosure. If, after judicial review, the court determines that the City has not complied with MCL 15.235 in making this determination and orders disclosure of all or a portion of a public record, you have the right to receive attorneys' fees and damages as provided in MCL 15.240. (*See back of this form for additional information on your rights.*)

Signature of FOIA Coordinator: _____ **Date:**

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 442 of 1976

15.240. Options by requesting person; appeal; actions by public body; receipt of written appeal; judicial review; civil action; venue; de novo proceeding; burden of proof; private view of public record; contempt; assignment of action or appeal for hearing, trial, or argument; attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements; assessment of award; damages.
Sec. 10.
(1) If a public body makes a final determination to deny all or a portion of a request, the requesting person may do 1 of the following at his or her option:

(a) Submit to the head of the public body a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason or reasons for reversal of the denial.

(b) Commence a civil action in the circuit court, or if the decision of a state public body is at issue, the court of claims, to compel the public body's disclosure of the public records within 180 days after a public body's final determination to deny a request.

(2) Within 10 business days after receiving a written appeal pursuant to subsection (1)(a), the head of a public body shall do 1 of the following:

(a) Reverse the disclosure denial.

(b) Issue a written notice to the requesting person upholding the disclosure denial.

(c) Reverse the disclosure denial in part and issue a written notice to the requesting person upholding the disclosure denial in part.

(d) Under unusual circumstances, issue a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the head of the public body shall respond to the written appeal. The head of a public body shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular written appeal.

(3) A board or commission that is the head of a public body is not considered to have received a written appeal under subsection (2) until the first regularly scheduled meeting of that board or commission following submission of the written appeal under subsection (1)(a). If the head of the public body fails to respond to a written appeal pursuant to subsection (2), or if the head of the public body upholds all or a portion of the disclosure denial that is the subject of the written appeal, the requesting person may seek judicial review of the nondisclosure by commencing a civil action under subsection (1)(b).

(4) In an action commenced under subsection (1)(b), a court that determines a public record is not exempt from disclosure shall order the public body to cease withholding or to produce all or a portion of a public record wrongfully withheld, regardless of the location of the public record. Venue for an action against a local public body is proper in the circuit court for the county in which the public record or an office of the public body is located has venue over the action. The court shall determine the matter de novo and the burden is on the public body to sustain its denial. The court, on its own motion, may view the public record in controversy in private before reaching a decision. Failure to comply with an order of the court may be punished as contempt of court.

(5) An action commenced under this section and an appeal from an action commenced under this section shall be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.

(6) If a person asserting the right to inspect, copy, or receive a copy of all or a portion of a public record prevails in an action commenced under this section, the court shall award reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. If the person or public body prevails in part, the court may, in its discretion, award all or an appropriate portion of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. The award shall be assessed against the public body liable for damages under subsection (7).

(7) If the court determines in an action commenced under this section that the public body has arbitrarily and capriciously violated this act by refusal or delay in disclosing or providing copies of a public record, the court shall order the public body to pay a civil fine of $1,000.00, which shall be deposited into the general fund of the state treasury. The court shall award, in addition to any actual or compensatory damages, punitive damages in the amount of $1,000.00 to the person seeking the right to inspect or receive a copy of a public record. The damages shall not be assessed against an individual, but shall be assessed against the next succeeding public body that is not an individual and that kept or maintained the public record as part of its public function.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977 ;-- Am. 1978, Act 329, Imd. Eff. July 11, 1978 ;-- Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997 ;-- Am. 2014, Act 563, Eff. July 1, 2015.

CITY OF YPSILANTI

FOIA Procedures and Guidelines

Preamble: Statement of Principles

It is the policy of the City of Ypsilanti that all persons, except those incarcerated, consistent with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. The people shall be informed so that they fully participate in the democratic process.

The City's policy with respect to FOIA requests is to comply with State law in all respects and to respond to FOIA requests in a consistent, fair, and even-handed manner regardless of who makes such a request.

The City acknowledges that it has a legal obligation to disclose all nonexempt public records in its possession pursuant to a FOIA request. The City acknowledges that sometimes it is necessary to invoke the exemptions identified under FOIA in order to ensure the effective operation of government and to protect the privacy of individuals.
The City of Ypsilanti will protect the public's interest in disclosure, while balancing the requirement to withhold or redact portions of certain records. The City's policy is to disclose public records consistent with and in compliance with State law.

The City Council has established the following written procedures and guidelines to implement the FOIA and will create a written public summary of the specific procedures and guidelines relevant to the general public regarding how to submit written requests to the public body and explaining how to understand a public body's written responses, deposit requirements, fee calculations, and avenues for challenge and appeal. The written public summary will be written in a manner so as to be easily understood by the general public.

Section 1: General Policies

The City Council, acting pursuant to the authority at MCL 15.236, designates the City Attorney as the FOIA Coordinator. He or she is authorized to designate other individuals to act on his or her behalf to accept and process written requests for the City's public records and approve denials.

If a request for a public record is received by fax or email, the request is deemed to have been received on the following business day. If a request is sent by email and delivered to a spam or junk-mail folder, the request is not deemed received until one day after the FOIA Coordinator first becomes aware of the request. The FOIA Coordinator shall note in the FOIA log both the date the request was delivered to the spam or junk-mail folder and the date the FOIA Coordinator became aware of the request.

Spam and junk-mail folders are to be reviewed on a regular basis, which shall be no less than once a month.

The FOIA Coordinator may, in his or her discretion, implement administrative rules, consistent with State law and these Procedures and Guidelines to administer the acceptance and processing of FOIA requests.

The City is not obligated to create a new public record or make a compilation or summary of information which does not already exist. Neither the FOIA Coordinator nor other City staff are obligated to provide answers to questions contained in requests for public records or regarding the content of the records themselves.
The FOIA Coordinator shall keep a copy of all written requests for public records received by the City on file for a period of at least one year.

The City will make this Procedures and Guidelines document and the Written Public Summary publicly available without charge. If it does not, the City cannot require deposits or charge fees otherwise permitted under the FOIA until it is in compliance.

A copy of this Procedures and Guidelines document and the City's Written Public Summary must be publicly available on the City's website. A link to the location of these documents will be provided in both the City's response to a written request and upon request by visitors at the City's offices.

Section 2: Requesting a Public Record

Requests to inspect or obtain copies of public records prepared, owned, used, possessed or retained by the City must be submitted in writing. Requests may be submitted on the City's FOIA Request Form, but use of this form is not required. Requests may be in any other form of writing (letter, fax, email, etc.).

A request must sufficiently describe a public record so as to enable City personnel to identify and find the requested public record.

Written requests for public records may be submitted in person or by mail to any City office. Requests may also be submitted electronically by fax and email. Upon their receipt, requests for public records shall be promptly forwarded to the FOIA Coordinator for processing.

A person may request that public records be provided on non-paper physical media, emailed or other otherwise provided to him or her in digital form in lieu of paper copies. The City will comply with the request only if it possesses the necessary technological capability to provide records in the requested non-paper physical media format.

A person may subscribe to future issues of public records that are created, issued or disseminated by City on a regular basis. A subscription is valid for up to 6 months and may be renewed by the subscriber.

A person serving a sentence of imprisonment in a local, state or federal correctional facility is not entitled to submit a request for a public record. The FOIA Coordinator will deny all such requests.

Section 3: Processing a Request

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the person making the request, the City will issue a response within 5 business days of receipt of a FOIA request. If a request is received by fax, email or other electronic transmission, the request is deemed to have been received on the following business day.

The City will respond to a request in one of the following ways:

- Grant the request.
- Issue a written notice denying the request.
- Grant the request in part and issue a written notice denying in part the request.
- Issue a notice indicating that due to the nature of the request the City needs an additional 10 business days to respond for a total of no more than 15 business days. Only one such extension is permitted.
- Issue a written notice indicating that the public record requested is available at no charge on the City's website.

When a request is granted:

If the request is granted, or granted in part, the FOIA Coordinator will require that payment be made in full for the allowable fees associated with responding to the request before the public record is made available.

The FOIA Coordinator shall provide a detailed itemization of the allowable costs incurred to process the request to the person making the request.

Because these Procedures and Guidelines, and the Written Public Summary are maintained on the City's website, a link to these documents will be provided with the response to a written request for public records in lieu of providing paper copies of those documents.

If the cost of processing a FOIA request is $50 or less, the requester will be notified of the amount due and where the documents can be obtained.

If the cost of processing a FOIA request is expected to exceed $50 based on a good-faith calculation, or if the requestor has not paid in full for a previously granted request, the City will require a good-faith deposit pursuant to Section 4 of this policy before processing the request.

In making the request for a good-faith deposit the FOIA Coordinator shall provide the requestor with a detailed itemization of the allowable costs estimated to be incurred by the City to process the request and also provide a best efforts estimate of a time frame it will take the City to provide the records to the requestor. The best efforts estimate shall be nonbinding

on the City, but will be made in good faith and will strive to be reasonably accurate, given the nature of the request in the particular instance, so as to provide the requested records in a manner based on the public policy expressed by Section 1 of the FOIA.

When a request is denied or denied in part:
If the request is denied or denied in part, the FOIA Coordinator will issue a Notice of Denial which shall provide in the applicable circumstance:

- An explanation as to why a requested public record is exempt from disclosure; or
- A certificate that the requested record does not exist under the name or description provided by the requestor, or another name reasonably known by the City; or
- An explanation or description of the public record or information within a public record that is separated or deleted from the public record; and
- An explanation of the person's right to submit an appeal of the denial to either the office of the City Manager or seek judicial review in the Washtenaw County Circuit Court;
- An explanation of the right to receive attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements as well actual or compensatory damages, and punitive damages of $1,000, should they prevail in Circuit Court.
- The Notice of Denial shall be signed by the FOIA Coordinator.

Requests to inspect public records:
The City shall provide reasonable facilities and opportunities for persons to examine and inspect public records during normal business hours. The FOIA Coordinator is authorized to promulgate rules regulating the manner in which records may be viewed so as to protect City records from loss, alteration, mutilation or destruction and to prevent excessive interference with normal City operations.

Requests for certified copies:
The FOIA Coordinator shall, upon written request, furnish a certified copy of a public record at no additional cost to the person requesting the public record.

Section 4: Fee Deposits

If the fee estimate is expected to exceed $50.00 based on a good-faith calculation, the requestor will be asked to provide a deposit not exceeding one-half of the total estimated fee.

If a request for public records is from a person who has not paid the City in full for copies of public records made in fulfillment of a previously granted written request, the FOIA Coordinator will require a deposit of 100% of the estimated processing fee before beginning to search for a public record for any subsequent written request by that person when all of the following conditions exist:

- The final fee for the prior written request is not more than 105% of the estimated fee;

- The public records made available contained the information sought in the prior written request and remain in the City's possession;
- The public records were made available to the individual, subject to payment, within the time frame estimated by the City to provide the records;
- Ninety (90) days have passed since the FOIA Coordinator notified the individual in writing that the public records were available for pickup or mailing;
- The individual is unable to show proof of prior payment to the City; and
- The FOIA Coordinator has calculated a detailed itemization that is the basis for the current written request's increased estimated fee deposit.

The FOIA Coordinator will not require an increased estimated fee deposit if any of the following apply:

- The person making the request is able to show proof of prior payment in full to the City;
- The City is subsequently paid in full for the applicable prior written request; or
- Three hundred sixty five (365) days have passed since the person made the request for which full payment was not remitted to the City.

Section 5: Calculation of Fees

A fee may be charged for the labor cost of copying/duplication.

A fee will not be charged for the labor cost of search, examination, review and the deletion and separation of exempt from nonexempt information unless failure to charge a fee would result in unreasonably high costs to the City because of the nature of the request in the particular instance, and the City specifically identifies the nature of the unreasonably high costs.

Costs for the search, examination review, and deletion and separation of exempt from non-exempt information are "unreasonably high" when they are excessive and beyond the normal or usual amount for those services compared to the costs of the City's usual FOIA requests, not compared to the City's operating budget.

The following factors shall be used to determine an unreasonably high cost to the City:

- Volume of the public record requested
- Amount of time spent to search for, examine, review and separate exempt from non-exempt information in the record requested.
- Whether the public records are from more than one City department or whether various City offices are necessary to respond to the request.
- The available staffing to respond to the request.
- Any other similar factors identified by the FOIA Coordinator in responding to the particular request.

The Michigan FOIA statute permits the City to charge for the following costs associated with processing a request:

- Labor costs associated with copying or duplication, which includes making paper copies, making digital copies, or transferring digital public records to non-paper physical media or through the Internet.
- Labor costs associated with searching for, locating and examining a requested public record, when failure to charge a fee will result in unreasonably high costs to the City.
- Labor costs associated with a review of a record to separate and delete information exempt from disclosure, when failure to charge a fee will result in unreasonably high costs to the City.
- The cost of copying or duplication, not including labor, of paper copies of public records. This may include the cost for copies of records already on the City's website if the City is asked to make such copies.
- The cost of computer discs, computer tapes or other digital or similar media when the requester asks for records in non-paper physical media. This may include the cost for copies of records already on the City's website if the City is asked to make such copies.
- The cost to mail or send a public record to a requestor.

Labor costs will be calculated based on the following requirements:

- All labor costs will be estimated and charged in 15-minute increments, with all partial time increments rounded down. If the time involved is less than 15 minutes, there will be no charge.
- Labor costs will be charged at the hourly wage of the lowest-paid City employee capable of doing the work in the specific fee category, regardless of who actually performs work.
- Labor costs will also include a charge to cover or partially cover the cost of fringe benefits.
- The City may add up to 50% to the applicable labor charge amount to cover or partially cover the cost of fringe benefits, but in no case may it exceed the actual cost of fringe benefits.
- Overtime wages will not be included in labor costs unless agreed to by the requestor; overtime costs will not be used to calculate the fringe benefit cost.
- Contracted labor costs will be charged at the hourly rate of $48.90 (6 times the state minimum hourly wage).

The cost to provide records on non-paper physical media when so requested will be based on the following requirements:

- Computer disks, computer tapes or other digital or similar media will be at the actual and most reasonably economical cost for the non-paper media.
- This cost will only be assessed if the City has the technological capability necessary to provide the public record in the requested non-paper physical media format.
- The City will procure any non-paper media and will not accept media from the requestor in order to ensure integrity of the City's technology infrastructure.

The cost to provide paper copies of records will be based on the following requirements:

- Paper copies of public records made on standard letter (8 ½ x 11) or legal (8 ½ x 14) sized paper will not exceed $.10 per sheet of paper. Copies for non-standard sized sheets of paper will reflect the actual cost of reproduction.
- The City will provide records using double-sided printing, if it is cost-saving and available.

The cost to mail records to a requestor will be based on the following requirements:

- The actual cost to mail public records using a reasonably economical and justified means.
- The City may charge for the least expensive form of postal delivery confirmation.
- No cost will be made for expedited shipping or insurance unless specified by the requestor.

If the FOIA Coordinator does not respond to a written request in a timely manner, the City must:

- Reduce the labor costs by 5% for each day the City exceeds the time permitted under FOIA up to a 50% maximum reduction, if ***any*** of the following applies:
    - The City's late response was willful and intentional,
    - The written request conveyed a request for information within the first 250 words of the body of a letter facsimile, email or email attachment, or
    - The written request included the words, characters, or abbreviations for "freedom of information," "information," "FOIA," "copy" or a recognizable misspelling of such, or legal code reference to MCL 15. 231, et seq. or 1976 Public Act 442 on the front of an envelope or in the subject line of an email, letter or facsimile cover page.

- Fully note the charge reduction in the Detailed Itemization of Costs Form.

Section 6: Waiver of Fees

The cost of the search for and copying of a public record may be waived or reduced if, in the sole judgment of the City Council, a waiver or reduced fee is in the public interest because searching for or furnishing copies of the public record can be considered as primarily

benefiting the general public. Requests under this section must be made in writing. The FOIA Coordinator may make a Fee Waiver Form available for use by the public.

The City Council has 10 business days to consider such a request, beginning on the day of its next regularly scheduled meeting. The City is not obligated to provide the public records requested until the fee is otherwise paid or the City Council has made a determination. In considering a request for a reduction or waiver of fees for these purposes, the City Council, in its sole discretion, may: deny the request, reduce the cost of the public record search and/or copying of the public record, or waive the cost of the public record search and/or copying of the public record.

The City Council may identify specific records or types of records it deems should be made available for no charge or at a reduced cost. If such a determination is made, the FOIA Coordinator may grant a request under this section without prior consideration of the City Council pursuant to the said determination.

Section 7: Discounted Fees

Indigence

The FOIA Coordinator will discount the first $20.00 of the processing fee for a request if the person requesting a public record submits an affidavit stating that they are:

- Indigent and receiving specific public assistance, or
- If not receiving public assistance, stating facts demonstrating an inability to pay because of indigence.

An individual is not eligible to receive the waiver if:

- The requestor has previously received discounted copies of public records from the City twice during the calendar year; or
- The requestor requests information in connection with other persons who are offering or providing payment to make the request.

An affidavit is a sworn statement. Requests under this section must be notarized. The FOIA Coordinator may make a Fee Waiver Affidavit Form available for use by the public.

Nonprofit organization advocating for developmentally disabled or mentally ill individuals

The FOIA Coordinator will discount the first $20.00 of the processing fee for a request from:

- A nonprofit organization formally designated by the state to carry out activities under subtitle C of the federal developmental disabilities assistance and bill of rights act of 2000, Public Law 106-402, and the protection and advocacy for individuals with mental illness act, Public Law 99-319, or their successors, if the request meets all of the

following requirements:

- Is made directly on behalf of the organization or its clients.
- Is made for a reason wholly consistent with the mission and provisions of those laws under section 931 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1931.
- Is accompanied by documentation of its designation by the state, if requested by the public body.

Section 8: Appeal of a Denial of a Public Record

When a requestor believes that all or a portion of a public record has not been disclosed or has been improperly exempted from disclosure, he or she may appeal to the City Council by filing an appeal of the denial with the office of the City Clerk.

The appeal must be in writing, specifically state the word "appeal," and identify the reason or reasons the requestor is seeking a reversal of the denial. A City FOIA Appeal Form (To Appeal a Denial of Records), may be used. The City Council is not considered to have received a written appeal until the first regularly scheduled City Council meeting following submission of the written appeal.

Within 10 business days of receiving the appeal the City Council will respond in writing by:

- Reversing the disclosure denial;
- Upholding the disclosure denial; or
- Reverse the disclosure denial in part and uphold the disclosure denial in part; or
- Under unusual circumstances, issue a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the City Council shall respond to the written appeal. The City Council shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular written appeal.

If the City Council fails to respond to a written appeal, or if the City Council upholds all or a portion of the disclosure denial that is the subject of the written appeal, the requesting person may seek judicial review of the nondisclosure by commencing a civil action in Circuit Court.

Whether or not a requestor submitted an appeal of a denial to the City Council, he or she may file a civil action in the Washtenaw County Circuit Court within 180 days after the City's final determination to deny the request.

Section 9: Appeal of an Excessive FOIA Processing Fee

"Fee" means the total fee or any component of the total fee calculated under section 4 of the FOIA, including any deposit.

If a requestor believes that the fee charged by the City to process a FOIA request exceeds the amount permitted by state law or under this policy, he or she must first appeal to the City Council by submitting a written appeal for a fee reduction to the office of the City Clerk.

The appeal must be in writing, specifically state the word "appeal" and identify how the required fee exceeds the amount permitted. A City FOIA Appeal Form (To Appeal an Excess Fee) may be used.

The City Council is not considered to have received a written appeal until the first regularly scheduled City Council meeting following submission of the written appeal.

Within 10 business days after receiving the appeal, the City Council will respond in writing by:

- Waiving the fee;
- Reducing the fee and issuing a written determination indicating the specific basis that supports the remaining fee;
- Upholding the fee and issuing a written determination indicating the specific basis that supports the required fee; or
- Issuing a notice detailing the reason or reasons for extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the City Council will respond to the written appeal. The City Council shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular written appeal.

Where the City Council reduces or upholds the fee, the determination must include a certification from the City Council that the statements in the determination are accurate and that the reduced fee amount complies with its publicly available procedures and guidelines and Section 4 of the FOIA.

Within 45 days after receiving notice of the City Council's determination of an appeal, the requesting person may commence a civil action in the Washtenaw County Circuit Court for a fee reduction.

If a civil action is commenced against the City for an excess fee, the City is not obligated to complete the processing of the written request for the public record at issue until the court resolves the fee dispute.

An action shall not be filed in circuit court unless one of the following applies:

- The City does not provide for appeals of fees,
- The City Council failed to respond to a written appeal as required, or
- The City Council issued a determination to a written appeal.

Section 10: Conflict with Prior FOIA Policies and Procedures; Effective Date

To the extent that these Procedures and Guidelines conflict with previous FOIA policies promulgated by City Council or the City Administration, these Procedures and Guidelines are controlling. To the extent that any administrative rule promulgated by the FOIA Coordinator subsequent to the adoption of this resolution is found to be in conflict with any previous policy

promulgated by the City Council or the City Administration, the administrative rule promulgated by the FOIA Coordinator is controlling.

To the extent that any provision of these Procedures and Guidelines or any administrative rule promulgated by the FOIA Coordinator pertaining to the release of public records is found to be in conflict with any State statute, the applicable statute shall control. The FOIA Coordinator is authorized to modify this policy and all previous policies adopted by the City Council or the City Administration, and to adopt such administrative rules as he or she may deem necessary, to facilitate the legal review and processing of requests for public records made pursuant to Michigan's FOIA statute, provided that such modifications and rules are consistent with State law. The FOIA Coordinator shall inform the City Council of any change these Policies and Guidelines.

These FOIA Policies and Guidelines become effective July 1, 2015.

Section 11: Appendix of City of Ypsilanti FOIA Forms

- Request for Public Records Form
- Notice to Extend Response Time Form
- Notice of Denial Form
- Detailed Cost Itemization Form
- Appeal of Denial of Records Form
- Appeal of Excess Fee Form
- Request for Fee Discount/Waiver Form

PROCLAMATION

Equal Pay Day

WHEREAS, forty-seven years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, women, especially minority women, continue to suffer the consequences of unequal pay; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, year-round, full-time working women in 2010 earned only 77% of the earnings of year-round, full-time working men, indicating little change or progress in pay equity; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was signed into law which amends Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and now we must pass The Paycheck Fairness Act, which amends the Equal Pay Act by closing loopholes and improving the laws effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, wage disparity persists across all educational levels and in all states, as women with a college degree or higher lose $713,000 over a 40-year period versus a $270,000 loss for women who did not finish high school; and

WHEREAS, there were 68 million women in the workforce in 2008, a significant increase from 18.4 million in 1950, and women were 46.8 percent of the labor force in 2010; and

WHEREAS, over a working lifetime, this wage disparity costs the average American woman and her family an estimated $700,000 to $2 million in lost wages, impacting Social Security benefits and pensions; and

WHEREAS, fair pay equity policies can be implemented simply and without undue costs or hardship in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, fair pay strengthens the security of families today and eases future retirement costs, while enhancing the American economy; and

WHEREAS, Wednesday, March 24, 2021 symbolizes the time in the year that the wages paid to American women catch up to the wages paid to men from the previous year,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOIS ALLEN-RICHARDSON, MAYOR of the City of Ypsilanti hereby proclaim March 24, 2021 as Equal Pay Day in the City of Ypsilanti.

Given under my hand and seal of the
City of Ypsilanti March 16, 2021.

Lois Allen-Richardson, Mayor

TheRide

Service Recovery Proposal

Final Service Recovery Plan to Begin August 29, 2021

Subject to change. Valid 2/24/21

Thank you for taking the time to learn about TheRide's Service Recovery Proposal.

First and most important, we hope you and yours are safe and supported during these uncertain times.

TheRide has been constantly adjusting to the changing realities of COVID-19 to ensure the continuity and safety of our essential services.

Last year at this time, we adjusted our service to focus on essential travel along key corridors and to essential destinations. Since then, we have taken a cautious and measured approach to add back more service while continuing to prioritize the safety of our riders and staff.

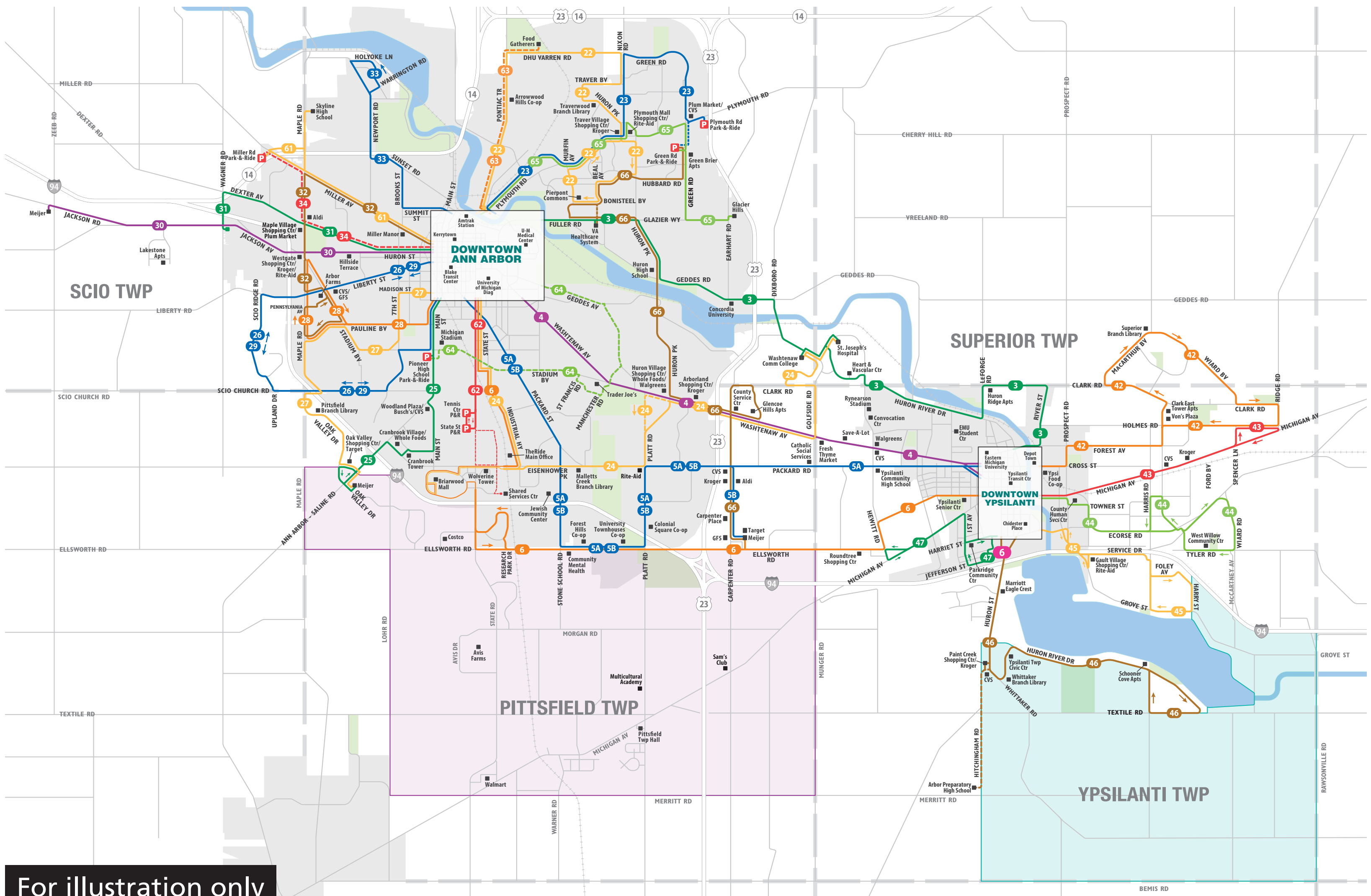
We are hopeful that the availability of vaccines will allow our businesses and schools to fully open soon, and that we can return to enjoying all this community has to offer.

We are preparing to restore our service levels. Our proposed recovery plan includes recommendations to adjust all routes and services. We encourage you to provide your comments during the public engagement period. The final recovery plan will be introduced at public meetings in June and implemented at the end of August 2021.

In this presentation, we will walk through the proposed recovery plan.

Beginning August 29, 2021

TheRide's Service Recovery Proposal will replace the current Temporary Service Plan.



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Ann Arbor–Ypsilanti Routes

Routes that travel between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

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Route 3: Huron River

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Route 4: Washtenaw

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Route 5: Packard

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Route 6: Ellsworth

Route 3: Huron River

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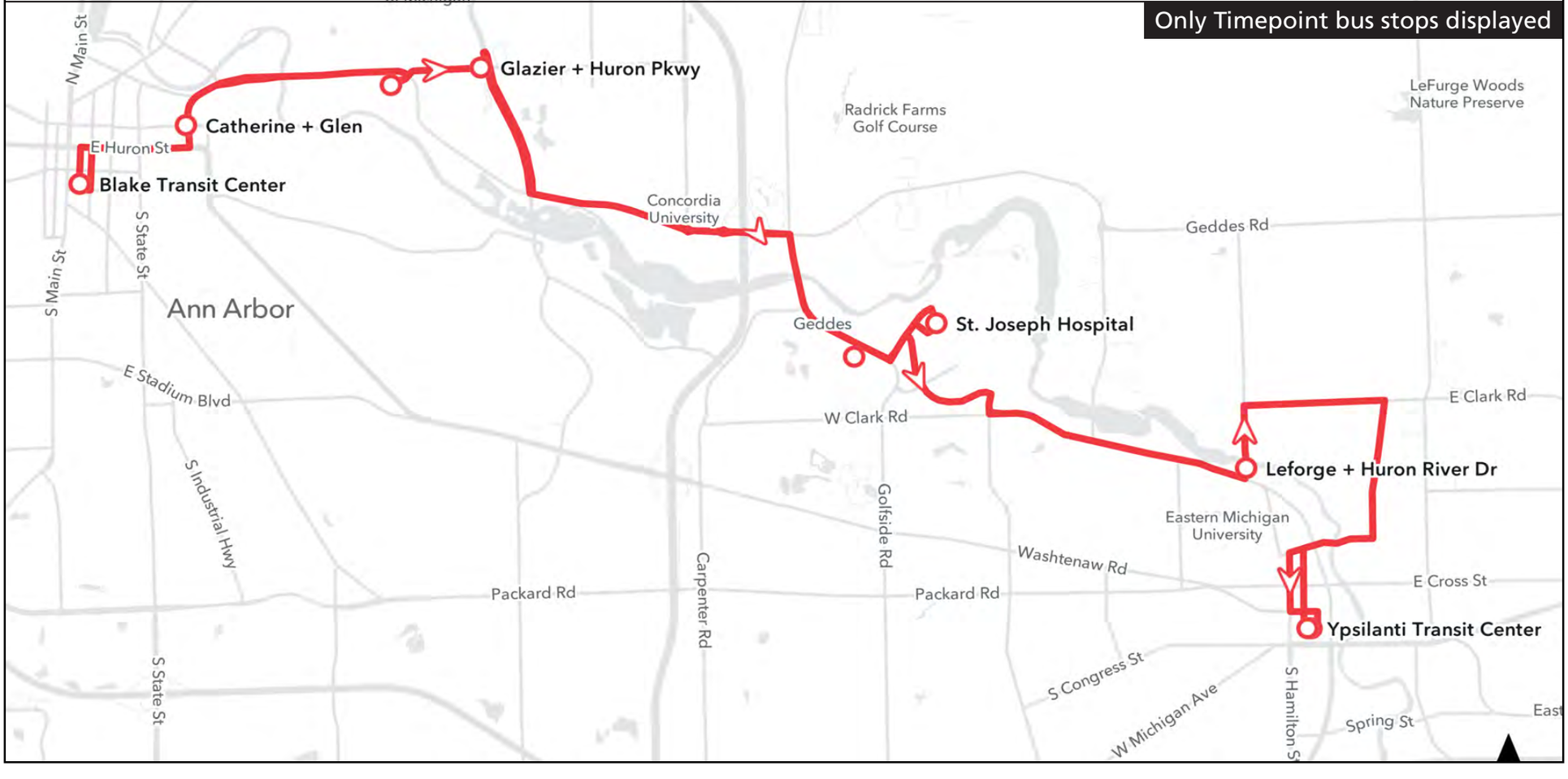
Schedule		Frequency (minutes) *peak / midday / evening*
Weekdays	6:15am–9:45pm	30 / 30 / 60
Saturday	8:15am–9:15pm	60
Sunday	8:15am–6:15pm	60

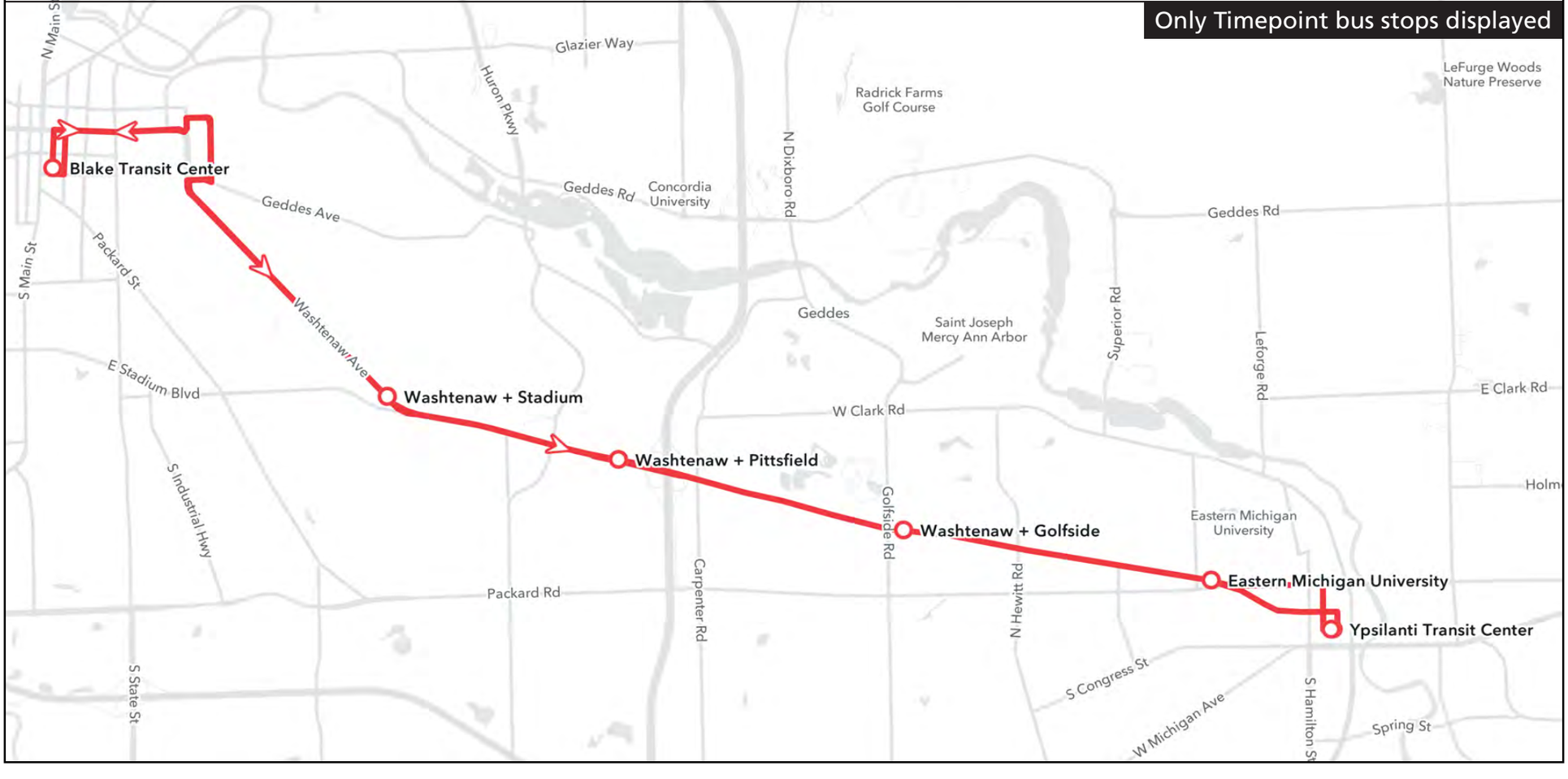
Add weekend service. Reinstate service to LeForge Rd area. Move routing in the downtown Ann Arbor area from Washington St, Ann St, and Catherine St to Huron St to improve on-time performance.



Route 4: Washtenaw

Schedule		Frequency (minutes) *peak / midday / evening*
Weekdays	6:00am–11:45pm	8 / 15 / 30
Saturday	7:30am–10:15pm	30
Sunday	8:00am–6:45pm	30

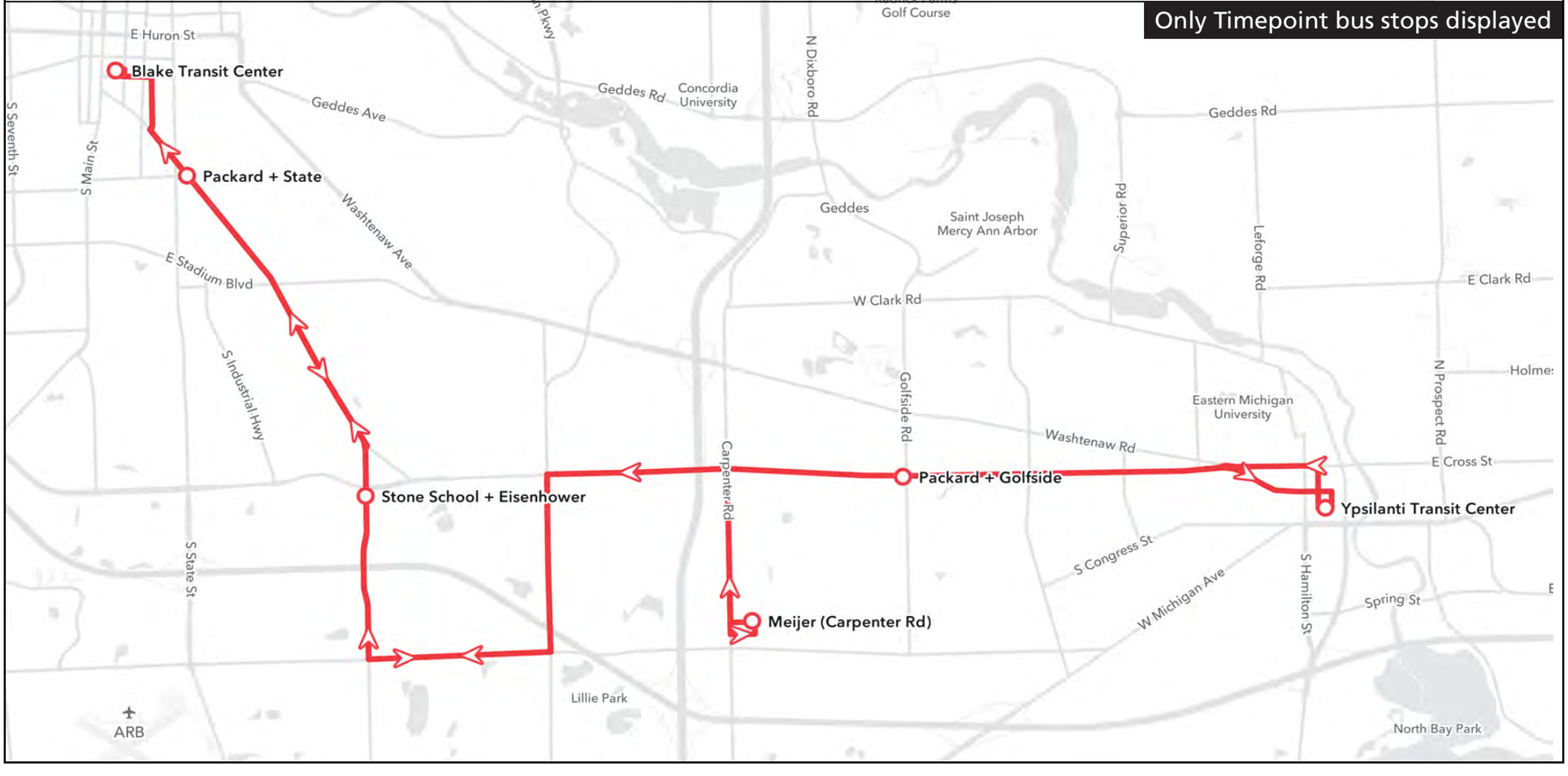
Revise Route 4 to serve UM Hospital on all trips. Eliminate route variations. Install new stop at Washtenaw/Geddes to replace the Central Campus Transit Center stop. Move routing in the downtown Ann Arbor area from Washington St to Huron St. Add time to peak hour trips to improve on-time performance.



Route 5: Packard

Schedule		Frequency (minutes) *peak / midday / evening*
Weekdays	6:15am–11:15pm	15 / 15 / 30
Saturday	8:15am–10:00pm	60
Sunday	8:15am–6:15pm	60

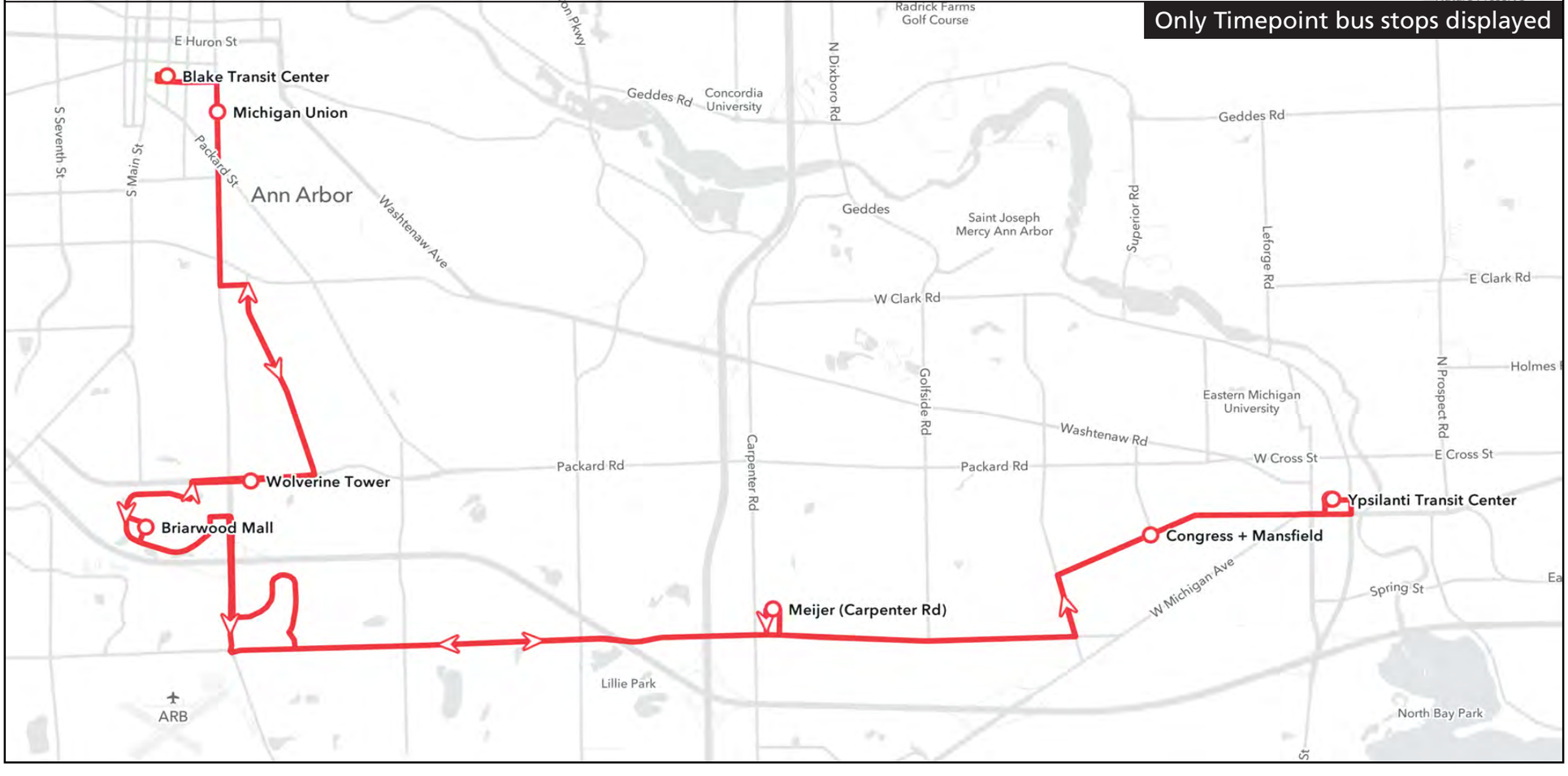
Revise Route 5 to two variations: 5A trips will serve Ypsilanti and 5B trips will serve Meijer on Carpenter Rd. Add time to trips to improve on-time performance.



Route 6: Ellsworth

Schedule		Frequency (minutes) *peak / midday / evening*
Weekdays	6:15am–10:15pm	30 / 30 / 60
Saturday	8:15am–10:15pm	60
Sunday	8:15am–6:15pm	60

Revise Route 6 to serve Hewitt and Congress in Ypsilanti on all trips. Eliminate route variations. 6C trips will be replaced by Route 24. Trips will alternate with Route 24 to provide service every 30 minutes in Ann Arbor.



Ypsilanti Area Routes

Routes to operate in Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township

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Route 42: MacArthur–Michigan Ave

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Route 43: E. Michigan Ave

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Route 44: Ecorse–Tyler

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Route 45: Grove

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Route 46: Paint Creek

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Route 47: Harriet–W. Michigan

Route 42: Forest–MacArthur

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Schedule		Frequency (minutes) *peak / midday / evening*
Weekdays	6:05am–10:15pm	30 / 30 / 60
Saturday	7:15am–10:15pm	60
Sunday	8:15am–6:15pm	60

Reinstate service to Forest Ave and Holmes Rd areas.

Route 43: E. Michigan Ave.

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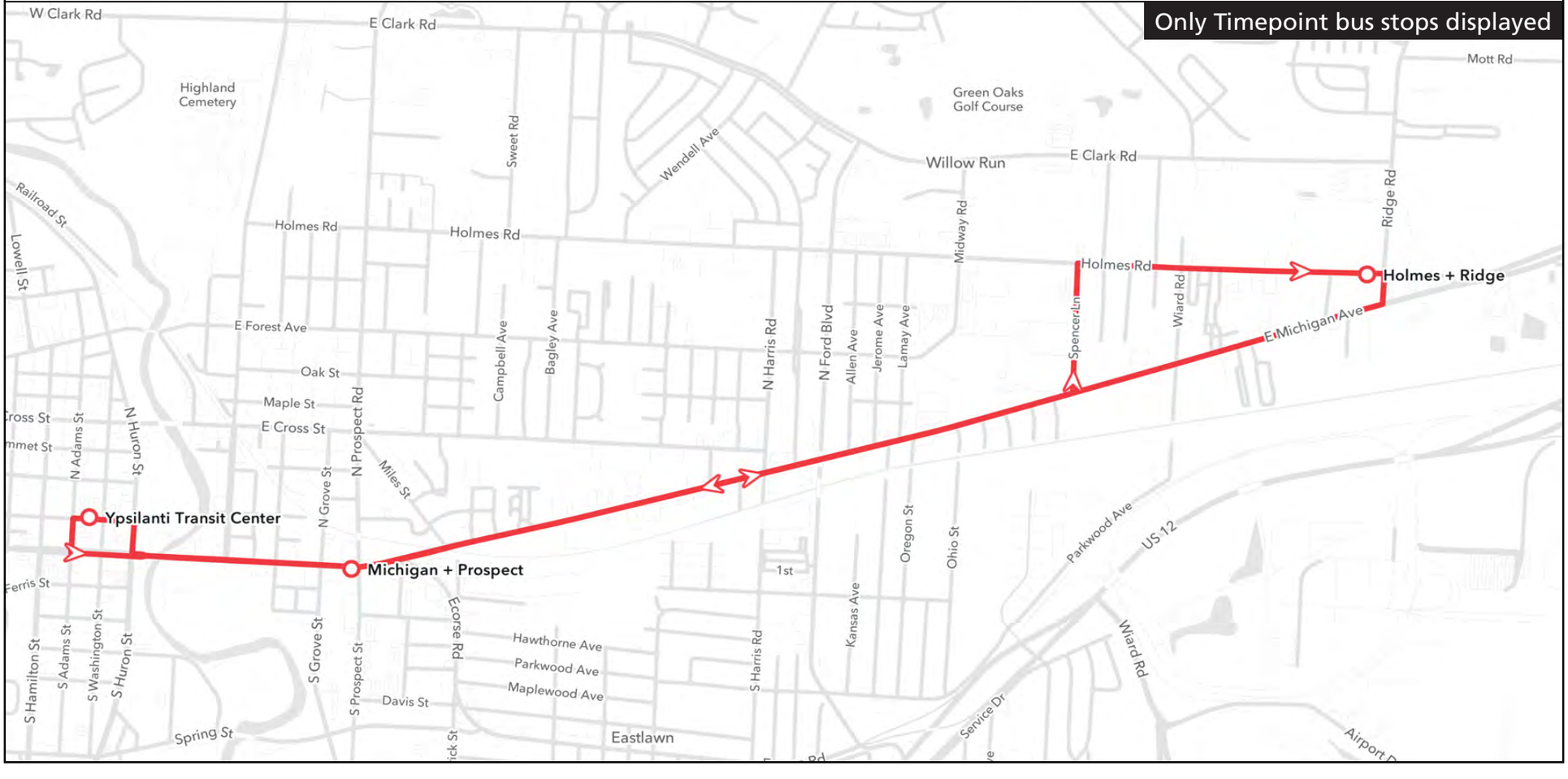
Schedule		Frequency (minutes) *peak / midday / evening*
Weekdays	6:00am–11:00pm	30 / 30 / 60
Saturday	8:00am–10:00pm	60
Sunday	8:00am–6:00pm	60

Reinstate temporarily suspended route.



Route 44: Ecorse–Tyler

Schedule		Frequency (minutes) *peak / midday / evening*
Weekdays	6:15am–10:45pm	30 / 30 / 60
Saturday	7:45am–9:45pm	60
Sunday	8:15am–6:15pm	60

Continue current routing from Ypsilanti Transit Center to Tyler Rd. and Nash Ave. area.

Route 45: Grove

Schedule		Frequency (minutes) *peak / midday / evening*
Weekdays	6:30am–10:00pm	30 / 30 / 60
Saturday	7:45am–9:45pm	60
Sunday	8:45am–6:45pm	60

Continue current routing. Service in the area east of Harry St/Grove Rd to be provided by FlexRide-East.

Route 46: Paint Creek

Schedule		Frequency (minutes) *peak / midday / evening*
Weekdays	6:00am–10:00pm	30 / 30 / 60
Saturday	8:00am–10:00pm	60
Sunday	8:00am–6:00pm	60

Reinstate service to the Huron River Dr/Tuttle Hill Rd area. Rename route from "Huron-Textile" to "Huron-Paint Creek." Service in the area south of Huron River Dr to be provided by FlexRide-East.

Route 47: Harriet–W. Michigan

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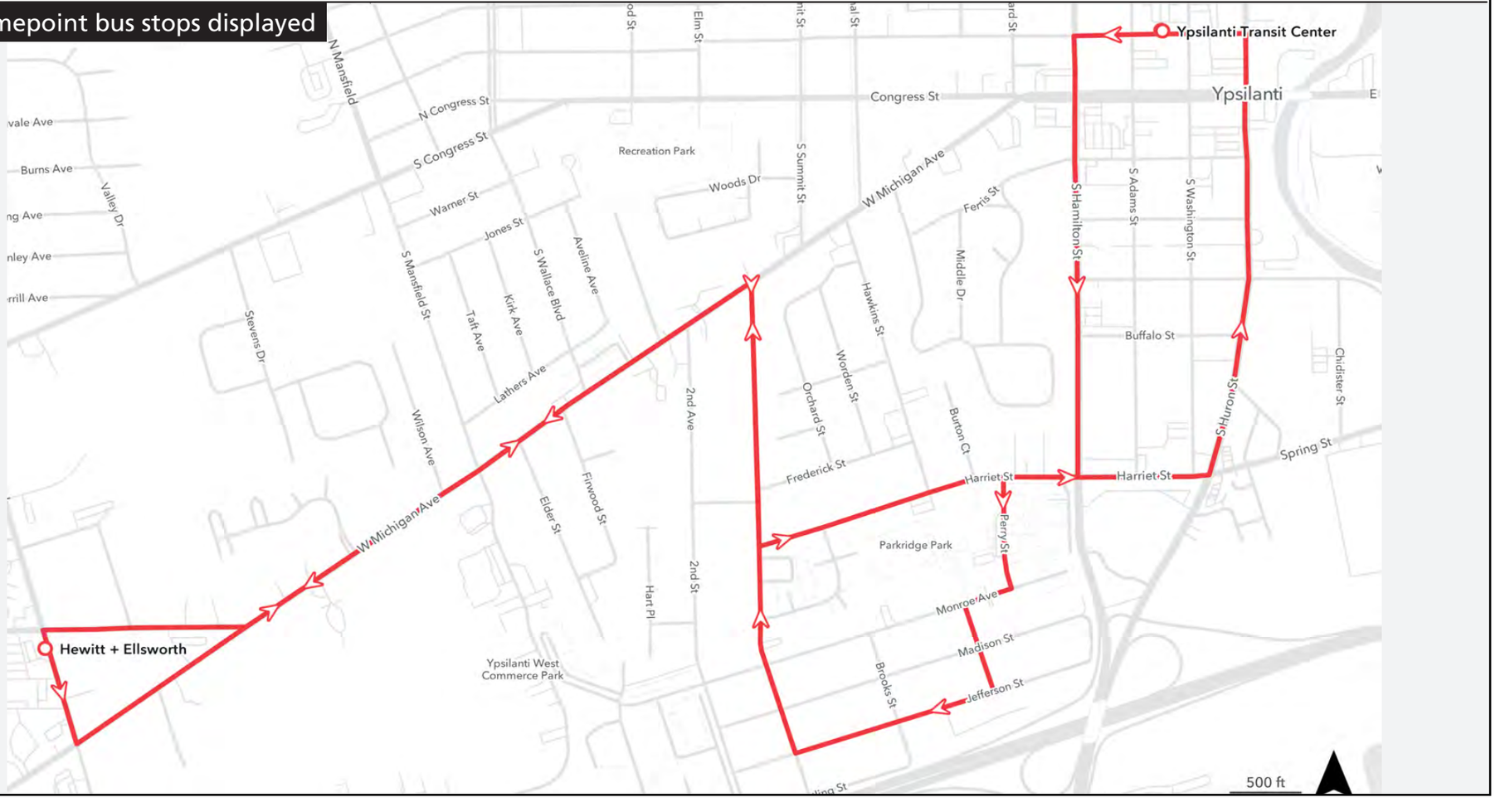
Schedule		Frequency (minutes) *peak / midday / evening*
Weekdays	6:00am–10:30pm	30 / 30 / 60
Saturday	8:30am–9:30pm	60
Sunday	8:30am–6:30pm	60

Continue current routing from the Ypsilanti Transit Center to the Ellsworth Rd/Hewitt Rd area.

Only Timepoint bus stops displayed



Discontinued Routes

The following routes would be discontinued, and we suggest using an alternative route.

Discontinued Route	Suggested Alternative(s)
Route 21: Amtrak–Depot	Route 33
Route 41: EMU COB Shuttle	Routes 3, 4, 5 connect from the Ypsilanti Transit Center to EMU's main campus.
Route 68: Harris–Ford	Use Routes 42, 43, 44, or 45
Route 81: Ypsilanti Express	Use vanpools as an alternative
Route 91: ExpressRide Chelsea	Use vanpools as an alternative
Route 92: ExpressRide Canton	Use vanpools as an alternative

Visit MyVanRide.org for Vanpool information.

FlexRide

(East)

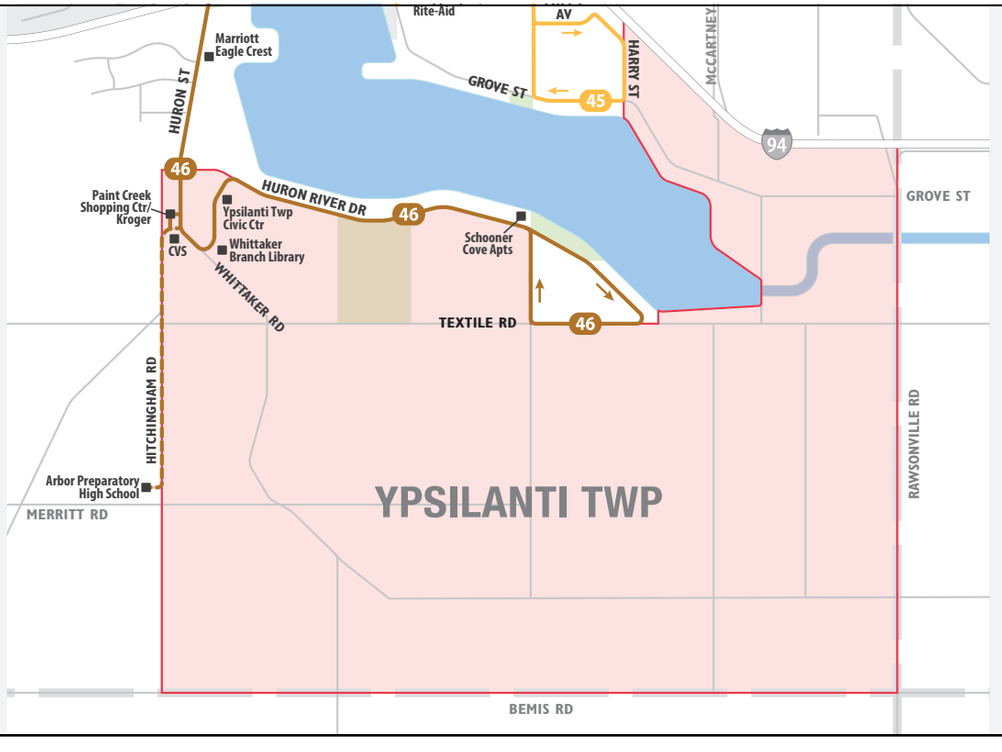
Service Hours

Weekdays	6:00am–10:00pm
Saturday	8:00am–9:00pm
Sunday	9:00am–7:00pm

Service Area

Continue FlexRide-East service south of Huron River Dr and east of Harry St. Areas served during the Temporary Service Plan north of Huron River Dr. to be served by reinstated Route 46. Maintain direct connection to the Ypsilanti Transit Center. Adjust expanded service hours.

Transfers are free between fixed route and FlexRide



FlexRide
(Late Night & Holiday)

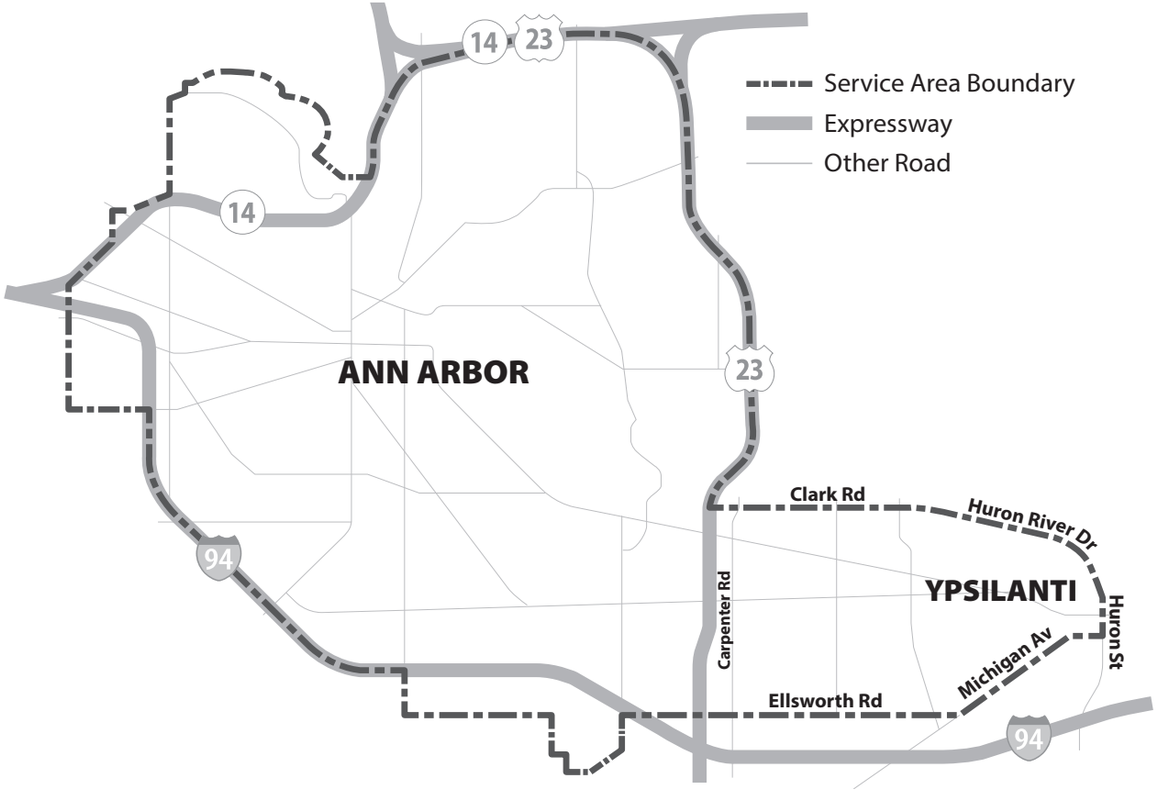
Service Hours

Weekdays	11:45pm–6:00am
Saturday	10:45pm–8:00am
Sunday	8:00pm–6:00am
Holidays	All Day

Trips available in the City of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti between Clark Road/East Huron River Drive on the north and Ellsworth Road/Michigan Avenue on the south.

Curb-to-curb service during late-night hours and on major holidays when regular fixed-route service is not available to be provided by FlexRide. Service is provided in accessible vehicles.

Maintain current service allowing trips to begin and end anywhere within the same designated service area at the same fare.



A-Ride

General Operating Hours

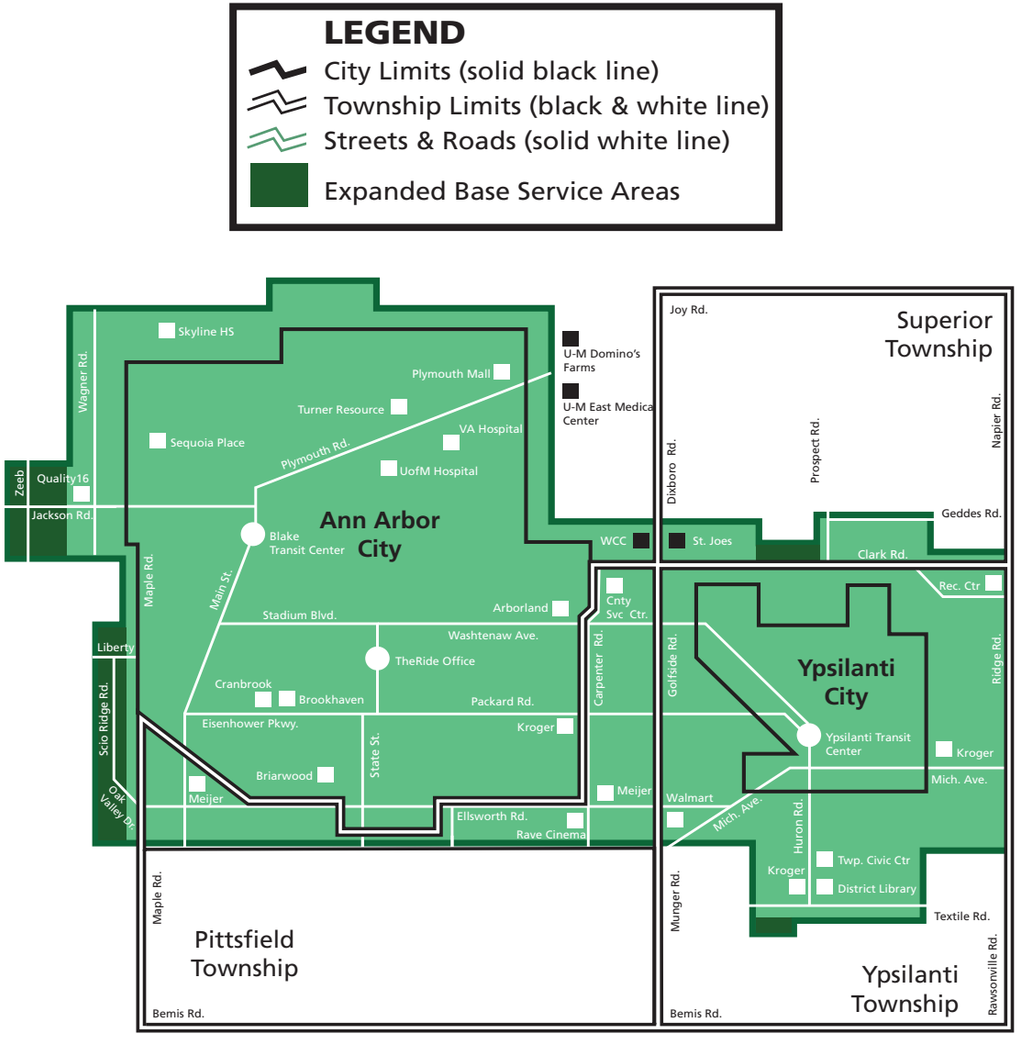
A-Ride (ADA) service is available during TheRide's regularly scheduled fixed route bus service. All A-Ride trips must be completed by the end of these scheduled service hours. If published scheduled fixed route times change, the A-Ride times will change as well.

While Will-Calls can be activated same day, a customer must request a Will-Call return trip in advance when scheduling their initial trip.

Will-Call return trips can be requested for travel from medical appointments, health and human services, Secretary of State and Social Security Administration only.

Base Service Area

The A-Ride Base Service Area is defined by a 3/4 mile radius either side of TheRide's scheduled fixed route bus service. Advance reserved trips, that begin and end within the Base Service Area, are considered ADA trips. Whenever the scheduled fixed route bus service area changes, the A-Ride Base Service Area changes as well.

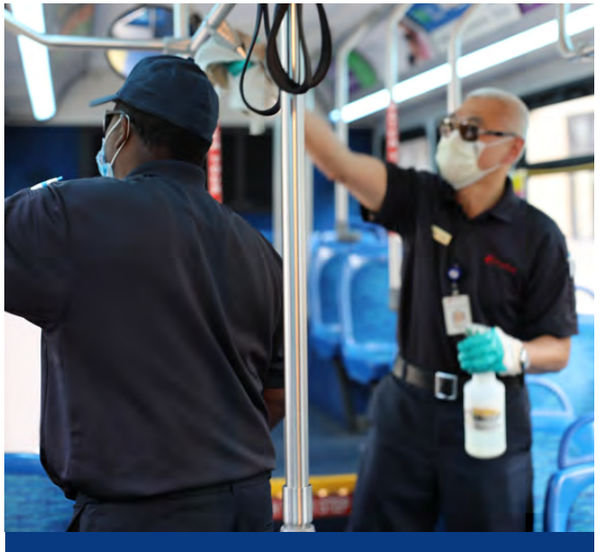


COVID-19 Updates and Information

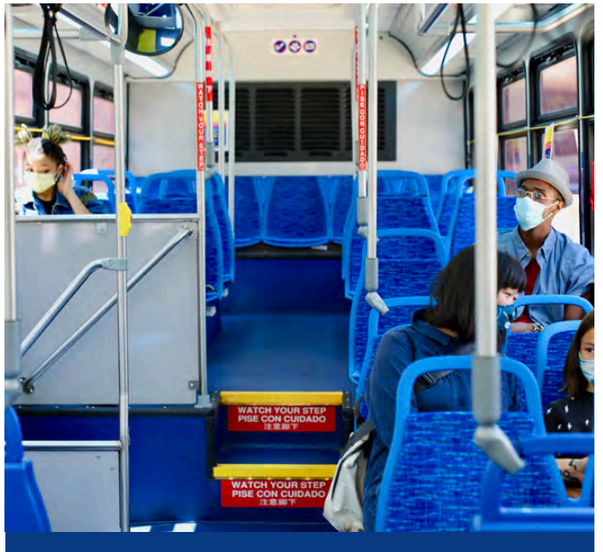
We want you to know that we are committed to protecting the health and safety of our customers and our employees.

While we are encouraged about the promises of the COVID vaccines and their impact on opening back up our community, we need everyone to continue to do their part in reducing the spread.

Masks are required by federal law when using public transit at all times.



Our buses are cleaned and sanitized frequently throughout the day.



Our Buses have limited capacity to encourage physical distance.

For more information about what we are doing to keep you safe, visit TheRide.org/Coronavirus

Townhall Meeting Schedule

Learn more about the Service Recovery Proposal by joining a Townhall meeting. The upcoming schedule is below:

Monday, March 22, 2021	**12:00 p.m.**
Tuesday, March 23, 2021	**6:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, March 24, 2021	**12:00 p.m.**
Tuesday, March 30, 2021	**6:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, March 31, 2021	**12:00 p.m.**
Thursday, April 1, 2021	**6:00 p.m.**

For details on how to join, visit **TheRide.org**.

Public comment period is March 4–April 2.
The final plan will be presented in June public engagement meetings and implemented in August 2021.

To provide comments:

- Use the online form at **TheRide.org**
- Call 734-794-1882
- Send an email to **planning@TheRide.org**
- Mail a letter to:
  Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority
  ATTN: Service Recovery Proposal
  2700 South Industrial Highway
  Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Thank You

A copy of this presentation and a summary chart of proposed changes are available at TheRide.org.

100 FAMILIES – 100 HOMES ROUTE TO A SMART CITY

LOCATION

The City of Inkster Michigan

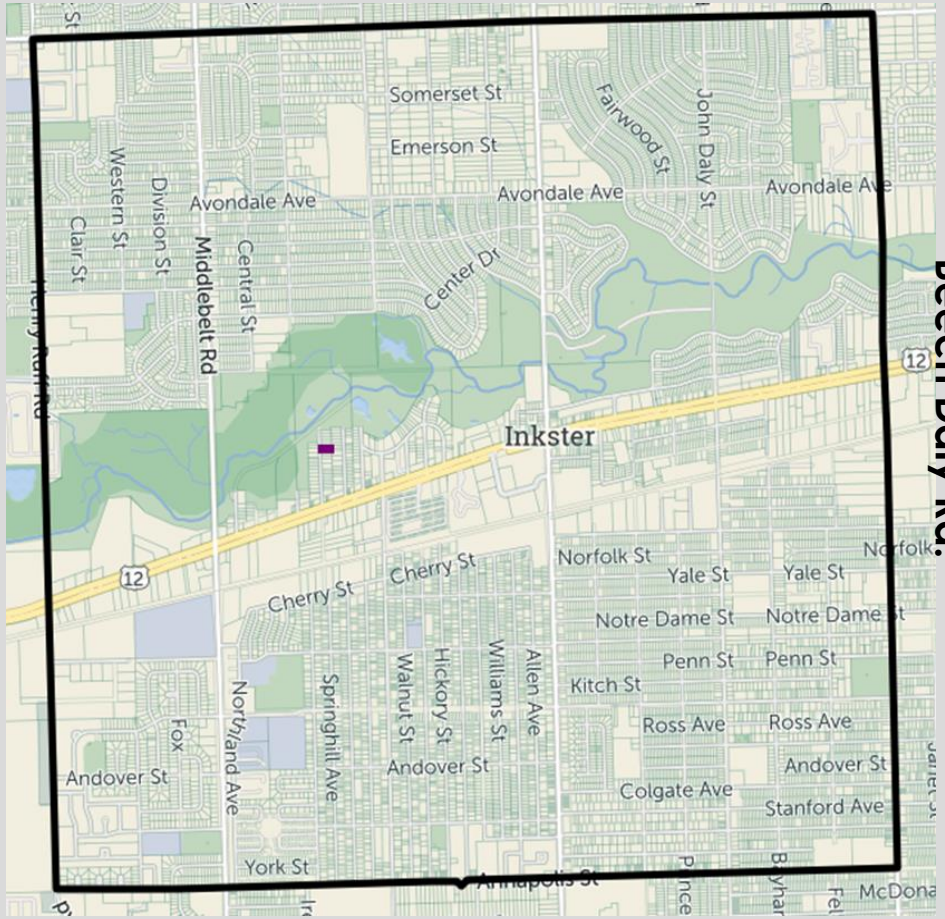
- 12 minutes 6.4 miles from **Detroit Metro Airport**
- 25 minutes 21.2 miles from **the City of Detroit**

Surrounding Cities

- Dearborn Heights (58,264)
- Detroit (951,270)
- Dearborn (94,491)
- Garden City (26,650)
- Wayne (16,947)
- Westland (81,747)

Cherry Hill Rd.

Henry Ruff Rd.



Beech Daly Rd.

Annapolis Rd.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

CITY OF INKSTER
Profile

Inkster Demographics Profile

Statistic	Inkster	Michigan	National
Population	24,738	9,909,600	318,558,162
Population density (sq mi)	3,956	101	91
Median age	34.0	39.5	37.7
Male/Female ratio	1.0:1	1.0:1	1.0:1
Married (15yrs & older)	36%	55%	55%
Families w/ Kids under 18	48%	41%	43%
Speak English	93%	91%	79%
Speak Spanish	2%	3%	13%

Inkster, MI has a population of 24,738 and is the 1,760th largest city in the United States. The population density is 3,956 per sq mi which is 3823% higher than the Michigan average and 4267% higher than the national average. The median age in Inkster is 34 which is approximately 14% lower than the Michigan average of 40. In Inkster, 36% of the population over 15 years of age are married, 93% speak English and 2% speak Spanish. 80% of Inkster residents were born in Michigan, 15% were born out of state, 1% were born outside of the United States and 4% were foreign born.

DEMOGRAPHICS

CITY OF INKSTER
2016 MEDIAN AGE

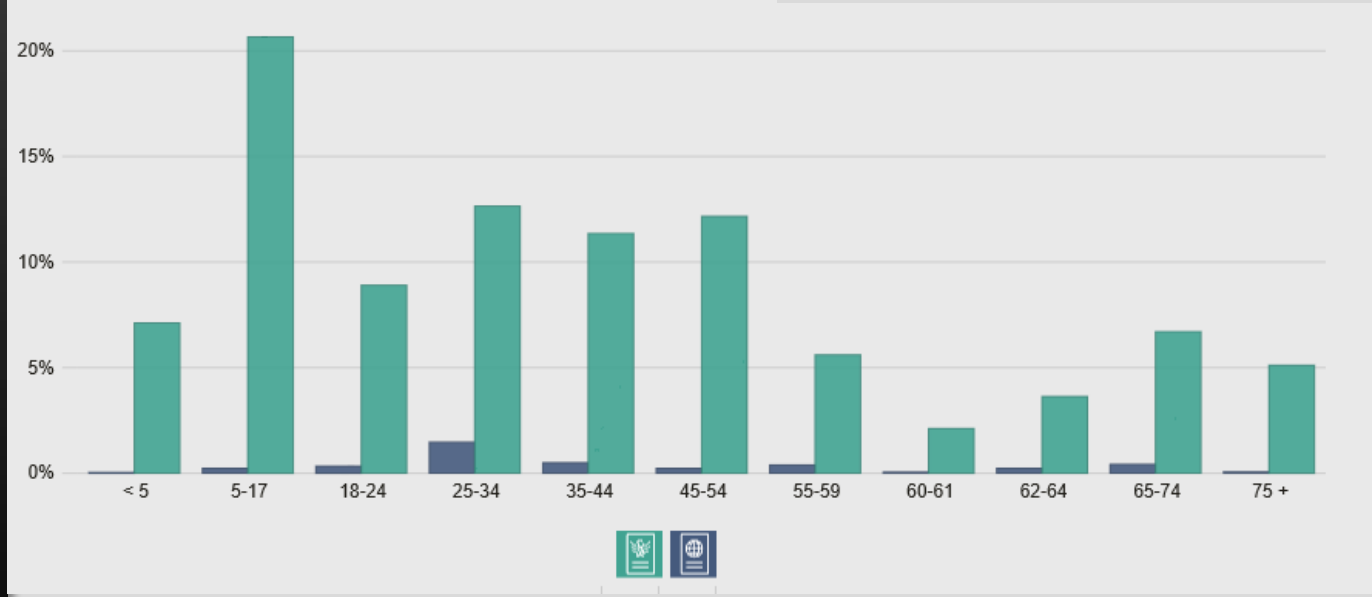
33.9

MEDIAN NATIVE-BORN AGE
± 1.5

34.6

MEDIAN FOREIGN-BORN AGE
± 5.2

In 2016, the median age of all people in Inkster, MI was 34. Native-born citizens, with a median age of 33.9, were generally younger than foreign-born citizens, with a median age of 34.6. But people in Inkster, MI are getting getting older. In 2015, the average age of all Inkster, MI residents was 33.8.



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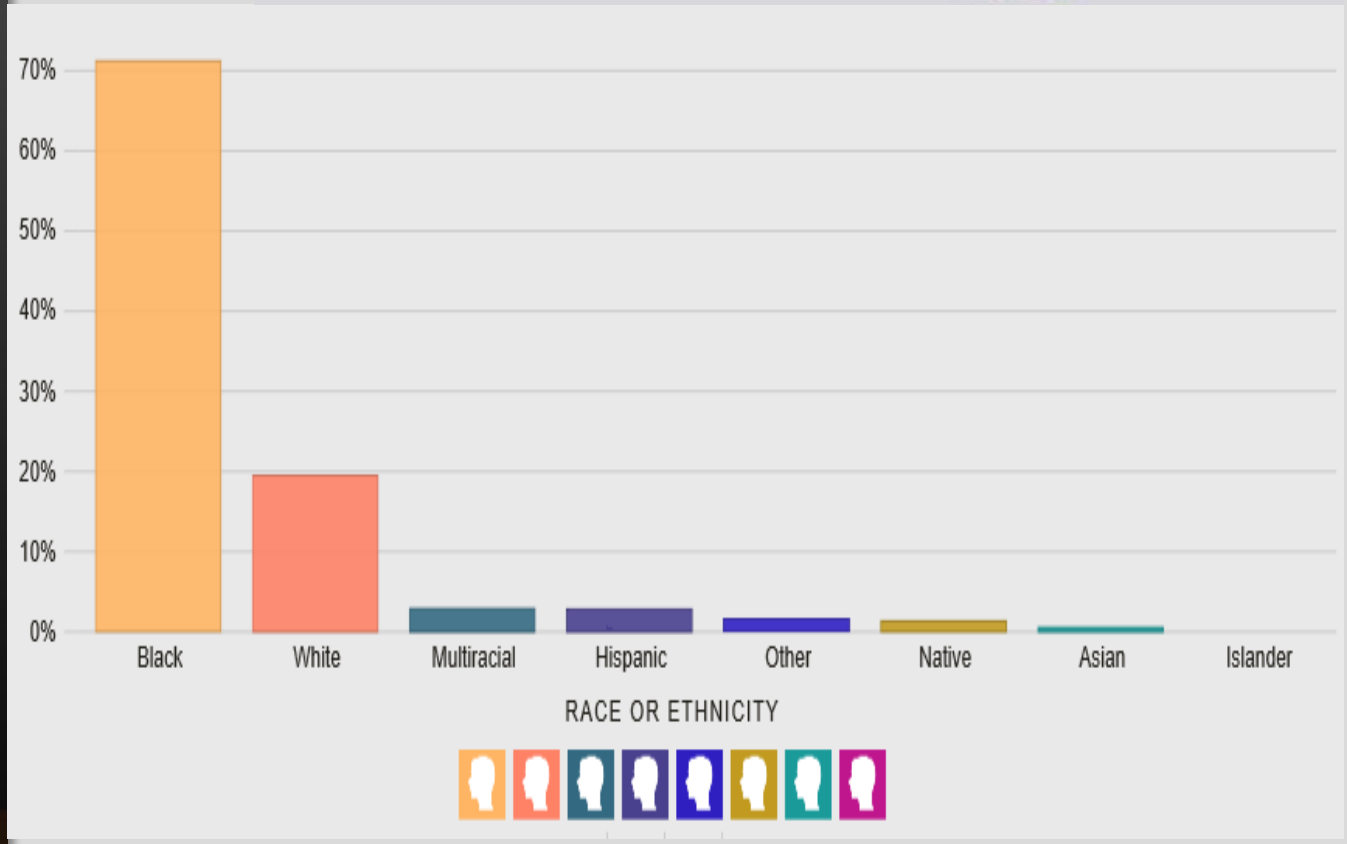
DEMOGRAPHICS

CITY OF INKSTER
Population, Race & Ethnicity

Total Population
24,738



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DEMOGRAPHICS

CITY OF INKSTER
Census Data

Race & Household Type

CENSUS DATA

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RACE

Total	24,670
White alone	4,818
Black or African American alone	17,662
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	399
Asian alone	149
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0
Some other race alone	535
Two or more races	1,107
Two races including Some other race	331
Two races excluding Some other race, and three or more races	776

ACS 2017 5-year, 2013-2017

CENSUS DATA

INKSTER

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HOUSEHOLD TYPE (INCLUDING LIVING ALONE)

Total	9,348
Family households	5,585
Married-couple family	2,183
Other family	3,402
Male householder, no wife present	664
Female householder, no husband present	2,738
Nonfamily households	3,763
Householder living alone	3,271
Householder not living alone	492

ACS 2017 5-year, 2013-2017

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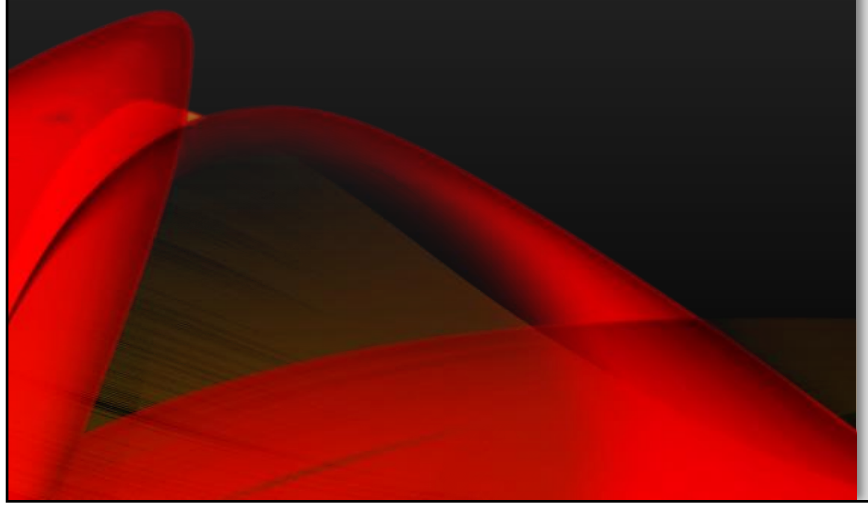
CITY OF INKSTER
Educational Attainment



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR THE POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER

Total	15,554
No schooling completed	228
Nursery school	0
Kindergarten	6
1st grade	0
2nd grade	0
3rd grade	15
4th grade	0
5th grade	63
6th grade	78
7th grade	53
8th grade	144
9th grade	338
10th grade	549
11th grade	805
12th grade, no diploma	314
Regular high school diploma	4,863
GED or alternative credential	680
Some college, less than 1 year	1,178
Some college, 1 or more years, no degree	3,183
Associate's degree	1,270
Bachelor's degree	1,255
Master's degree	451
Professional school degree	36
Doctorate degree	45

Economic Advancement Target Based on Education Attainment

DEMOGRAPHICS

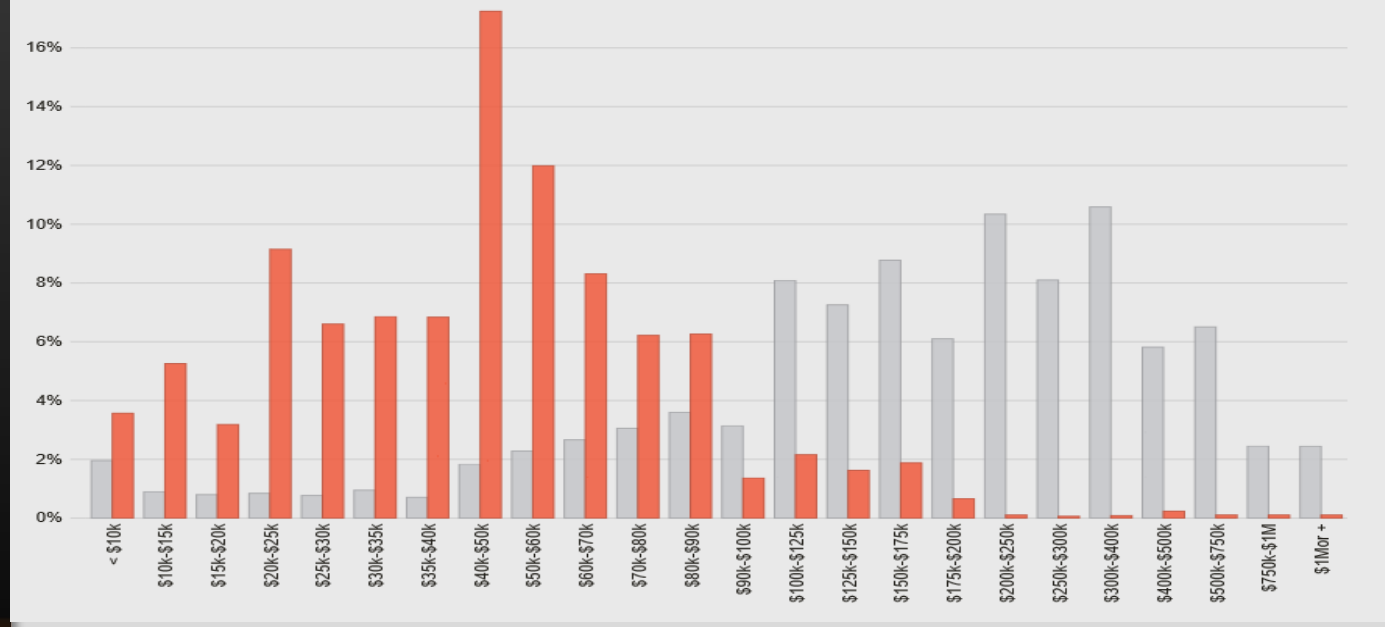
CITY OF INKSTER
2016 Property Value

$45,000
± $2,420
2016 MEDIAN

$49,100
± $2,419
2015 MEDIAN

In 2016, the median property value in Inkster, MI declined to $45,000 from the previous year's value of $49,100.

The following charts display, first, the property values in Inkster, MI compared to other geographies and, second, owner-occupied housing units distributed between a series of property value buckets compared to the national averages for each bucket. In Inkster, MI the largest share of households have a property value in the $40k-$50k range.



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DEMOGRAPHICS

CITY OF INKSTER
2016 Property Taxes

Property Taxes

$2k - $3k

AVERAGE RANGE

This chart shows the households in Inkster, MI distributed between a series of property tax buckets compared to the national averages for each bucket. In Inkster, MI the largest share of households pay taxes in the $2k - $3k range.

Data provided by the Census Bureau ACS 5-year Estimate.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

CITY OF INKSTER
2016 Rent vs. Own

Rent vs Own

47.7%
2017 HOMEOWNERSHIP

49.4%
2016 HOMEOWNERSHIP

In 2017, 47.7% of the housing units in Inkster, MI were occupied by their owner. This percentage declined from the previous year's rate of 49.4%.

This percentage of owner-occupation is lower than the national average of 63.9%. This chart shows the ownership percentage in Inkster, MI compared it's parent and neighboring geographies.

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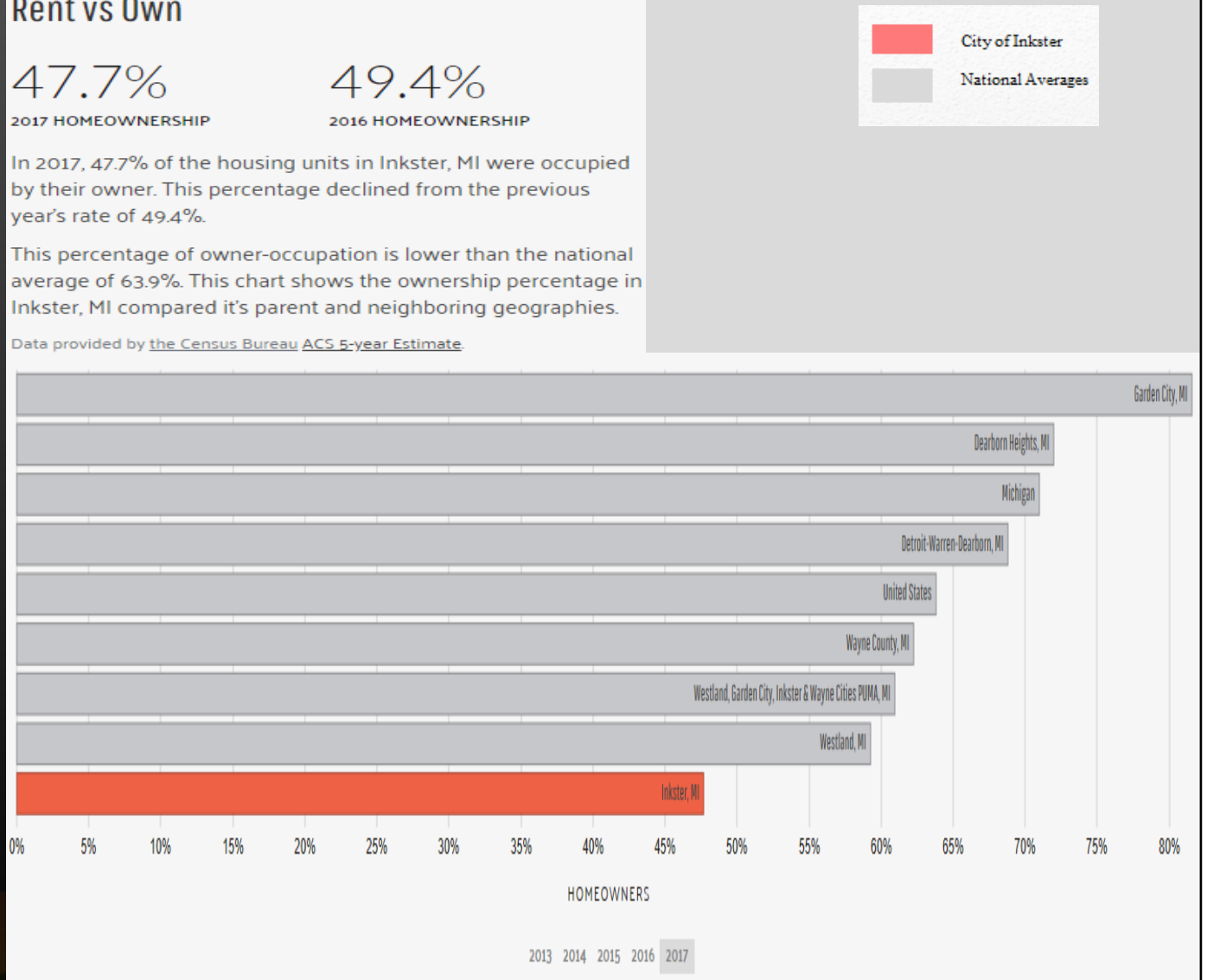

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VACANCY STATUS

CITY OF INKSTER
Census Data

CENSUS DATA

INKSTER

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VACANCY STATUS

Total	1,871
For rent	514
Rented, not occupied	16
For sale only	210
Sold, not occupied	130
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	131
For migrant workers	0
Other vacant	870

ACS 2017 5-year, 2013-2017

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HOUSEHOLD INCOME

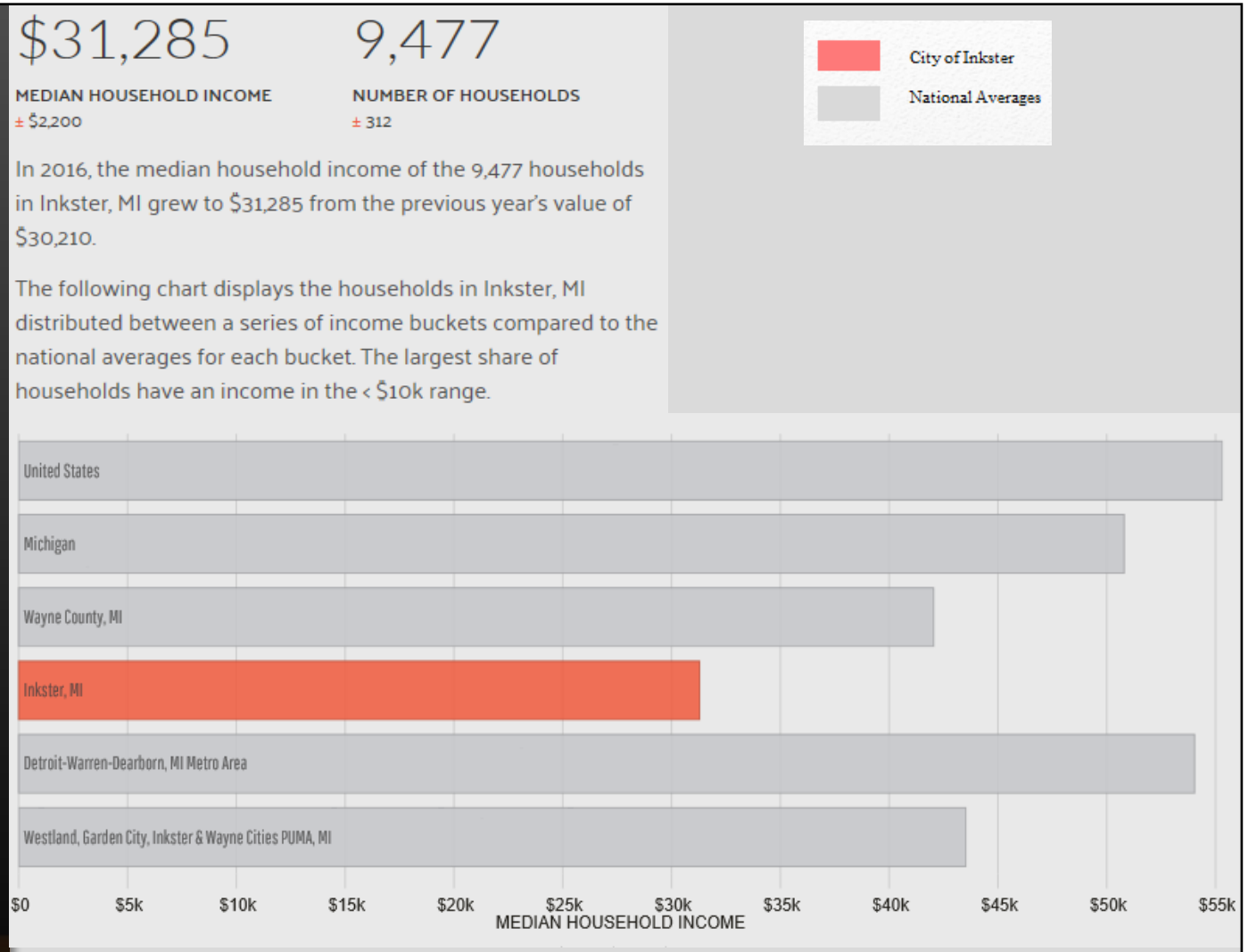
CITY OF INKSTER
2016 Household Income

$31,285
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
± $2,200

9,477
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS
± 312

In 2016, the median household income of the 9,477 households in Inkster, MI grew to $31,285 from the previous year's value of $30,210.

The following chart displays the households in Inkster, MI distributed between a series of income buckets compared to the national averages for each bucket. The largest share of households have an income in the < $10k range.



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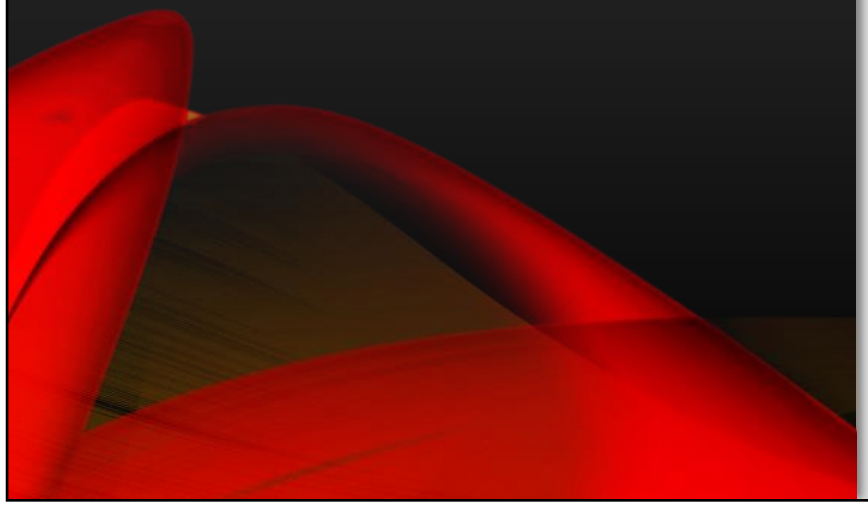
HOUSEHOLD INCOME

CITY OF INKSTER
2017 Inflation Adjusted Household Income



HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2017 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)	
Total	9,348
Less than $10,000	1,639
$10,000 to $14,999	880
$15,000 to $19,999	584
$20,000 to $24,999	729
$25,000 to $29,999	547
$30,000 to $34,999	595
$35,000 to $39,999	446
$40,000 to $44,999	369
$45,000 to $49,999	429
$50,000 to $59,999	826
$60,000 to $74,999	904
$75,000 to $99,999	790
$100,000 to $124,999	308
$125,000 to $149,999	165
$150,000 to $199,999	112
$200,000 or more	25

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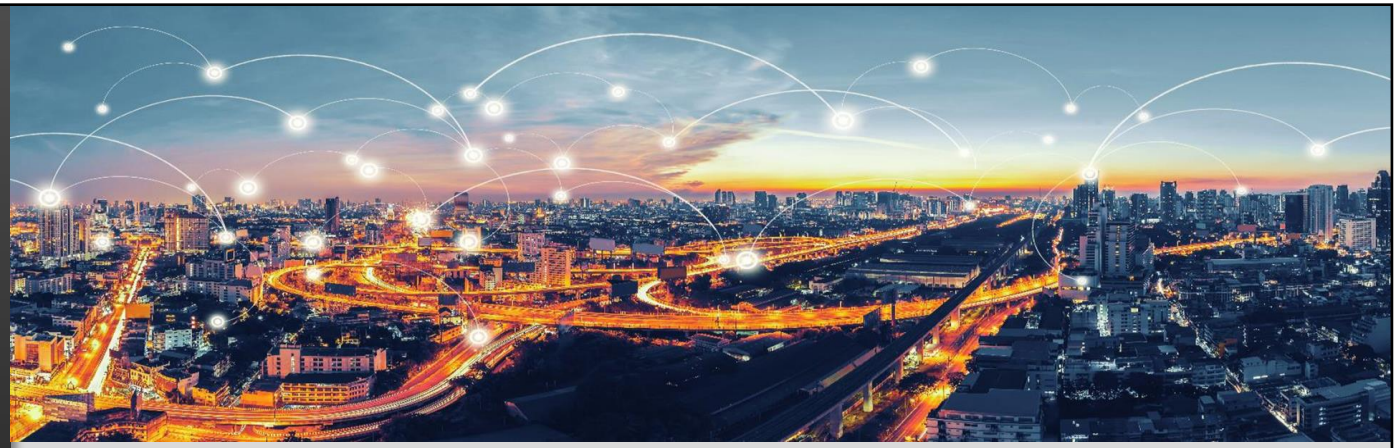
GOALS OF A SMART CITY

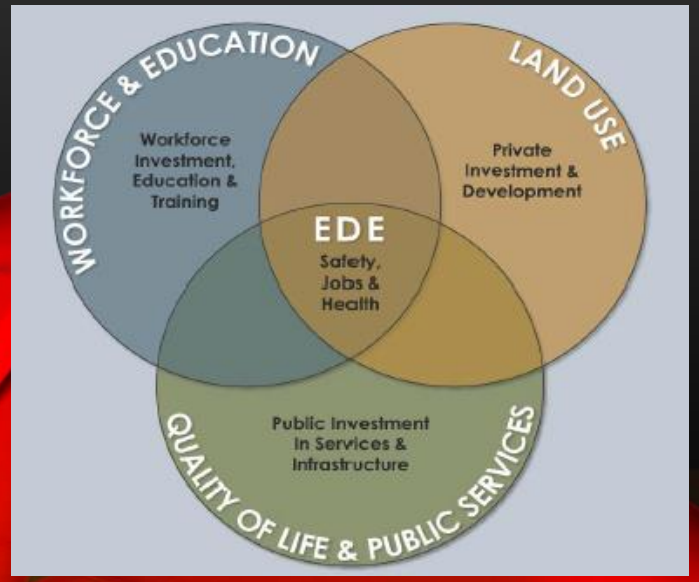
While creating Smart Cities, city leaders believe that increasing urban efficiency is a priority at all levels as they collectively strive to improve the quality of life for city residents.

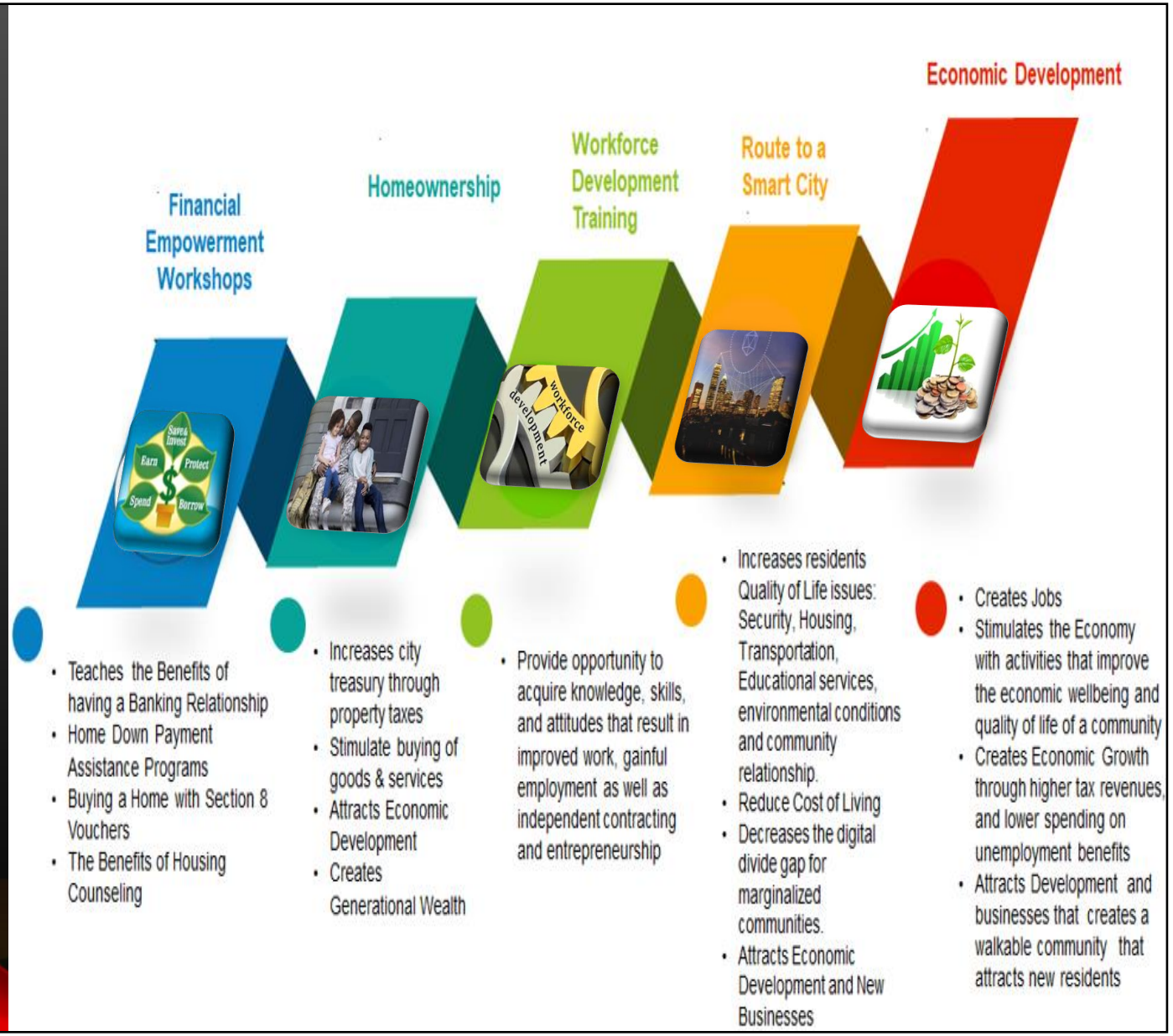


- Enhancing safety
- Improving mobility
- Addressing climate change
- Meeting needs of the underserved
- Economic growth
- Smarter infrastructure
- Reducing carbon emissions
- Increasing connectivity
- Increasing marketability
- Enhancing efficiency
- Achieving resiliency
- Cost savings

CITY MODEL

Strategic Alliance CDC





WHAT MAKES A CITY FUNCTION

- Energy
- Information
- Goods
- Service
- Mobility
- Money

Energy

Electricity
Gasoline Companies
Gas Suppliers
Distributed Heating

Information

Internet Suppliers
Media
Telecommunications
Big-Data Suppliers

Goods

Logistic Companies
Warehouses
Whole Sales
Harbors

Service

School
Day Care
Hospitals
Sewage
Waste

Mobility

Public Transport
Private Cars
Taxis
Airports

Money

Money
Checkouts
Credit Cards
Airports
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ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

(Economic Development & Beautification)

CITY OF INKSTER
Fiber-Optic Network

The City of Inkster future includes the installation of a fiber-optic network system which will be installed and managed by private companies. The fiber optic system will be a vital enhancement to the city's infrastructure. The usage of fiber optic networks increase bandwidth, expand capacity, enhance efficiency, speed deployment and simplify migration – providing the essential and vital communication and data transmission network for local businesses whose operations require such connections. The fiber-optic network will be the epicenter of the city's transformation into a more progressive, resource efficient, social and economically enhanced community.

ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

(Economic Development & Beautification)

CITY OF INKSTER
Kiosks Project

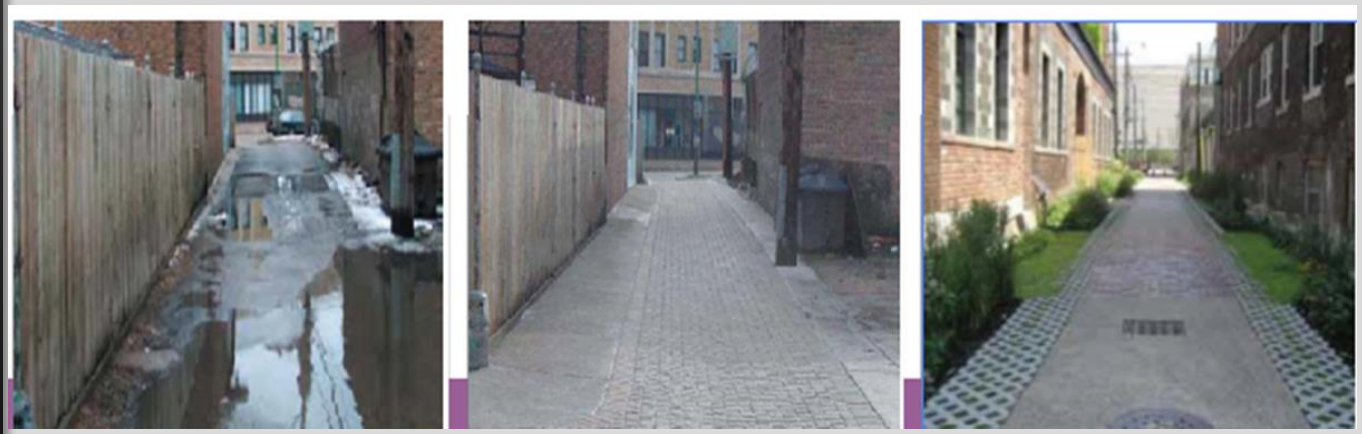
The Strategic Alliance CDC and All Pro Case Management's City of Inkster – Smart Green City Wi-Fi KIOSK Project is an innovative project that will seek to primarily provide free Wi-Fi access in locations throughout the city of Inkster while providing a mechanism for presenting the automotive industry's history, contributions and future outlook & impact in a currently disenfranchised community such as Inkster with plans to replicate the project in additional disenfranchised communities as well. This project will play a key role through advertisement and sponsorship funds to assist in financing the Fiber Optic Network Installation Phase of the overall City of Inkster Smart Green City initiative, which is intended to help close the digital divide crisis in that urban community.

ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

(Economic Development & Beautification)

CITY OF INKSTER
Permeable Pavement

Constructing walkways and alleyways into Green alleys using reclaimed bricks, convex surfaces and permeable pavement will direct rainwater back into water tables of extensive plantings to promote natural bio diversity.



ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

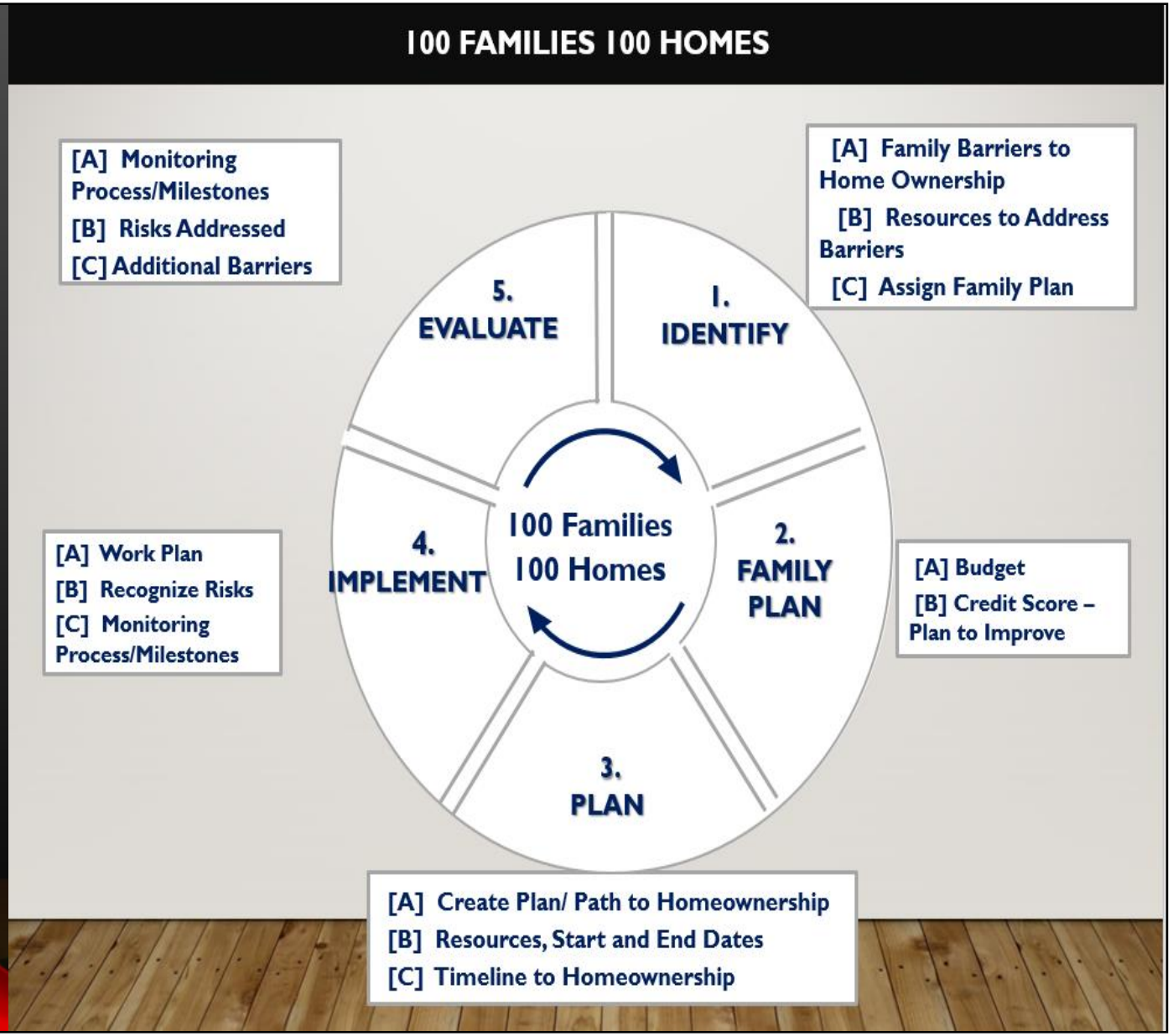
(Economic Development & Beautification)

CITY OF INKSTER
Land Usage

The City of Inkster is the largest vacant land owner this creates an opportunity to transform vacant lands into green spaces of beauty, community garden, bioswales, as well as a vertical garden that serve as a supply of vegetables for local restaurants, schools and citizens.

ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

CITY OF INKSTER
Work Plan – (Tax Base)



ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

CITY OF INKSTER
Work Plan – (Tax Base)

I. IDENTIFY

[A] Family Barriers to Home Ownership

- ❑ Education
- ❑ Down Payment
- ❑ Credit
- ❑ Bank Policies
- ❑ Housing Discrimination

[B] Resources to Address Barriers

- ❑ Home Buyer Education
  - ➢ HUD Certified Housing Counseling *(See HUD Counseling Sessions Outline Appendix – PP Slides 27-34)
- ❑ Down Payment Assistance Program
  - ➢ MSHDA
  - ➢ Lender Closing Costs Assistance Programs (Avg $1,800)
- ❑ Community Reinvestment Act
- ❑ Non-Profit Organizations

ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

CITY OF INKSTER
Work Plan – (Tax Base)

2. FAMILY PLAN

[A] Budget

[B] Credit Score Improvement Plan

- ❑ Attend Credit Counseling Seminar
  - ➢ Attain Education Regarding How Credit Works
- ❑ Letter to Creditors
- ❑ Establish Credit if Non-existent

ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

CITY OF INKSTER
Work Plan – (Tax Base)

3. PLAN

[A] Create Plan/ Path to Homeownership

- ❑ Lobby State Representatives for additional certified housing counselors training Funds
- ❑ Establish Relationship with Local Housing Commissions
- ❑ Conduct Financial Empowerment Workshops
  - ➢ Location: 36th District Court
- ❑ Facilitate Home Buyer Education
- ❑ Establish Potential Home Buyer Affiliation with Financial Institutions
  - ➢ Mortgage Pre-Approval
- ❑ Property Search

[B] Resources Start/End Dates

- ❑ Program Duration
  - ➢ June 2019 – June 2022
- ❑ Community Reinvestment Act
- ❑ Financial Institutions
- ❑ HUD (Provide Housing Choice Vouchers)
- ❑ MSHDA
- ❑ Non-Profit Organizations

ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

CITY OF INKSTER
Work Plan – (Tax Base)

4. IMPLEMENT

[A] Work Plan

- ❑ Schedule 5-7 Workshops Per Month (Target of 30 participants)
- ❑ Schedule Fund Raisers for target cities
- ❑ Drive Quarterly Meetings with Financial Institutions
- ❑ Provide Monthly Status/Performance Reports
- ❑ Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for home ownership
- ❑ Host CRA Information Sessions for State Representatives

[B] Recognize Risks

- ❑ Inadequate Number of Certified Housing Counselors
- ❑ Housing Commission
  - ➢ Process TAT (Turn Around Time)/ ETA
  - ➢ Garnishing Commissions Participation
- ❑ General Insufficient Knowledge of CRA
- ❑ Potential Home Buyers Participation

[C] Monitoring Process / Milestones

- ❑ Status/Performance Reports
  - ➢ Monthly Status/Performance Report
  - ➢ Quarterly Financial Institution Status/Performance Report
- ❑ Track Housing Agency Participants
- ❑ Quarterly Home Purchase Results
- ❑ 21 Participants Per Quarter
- ❑ At Year 1 - 5% : At Year 2 - 10% of Housing Commission Voucher Recipient Population enrolled in Home Ownership Program
- ❑ At Year 3 a minimum of 100 Home Owner transitioned from the Housing Commission Voucher Program.

ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

CITY OF INKSTER
Work Plan – (Tax Base)

5. EVALUATE

[A] Monitoring Process/Milestones

- ❑ Status/Performance Reports
  - ➢ Monthly Status/Performance Report
  - ➢ Quarterly Financial Institution Status/Performance Report
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[B] Risks Addressed

- ❑ Lobbied State Representatives additional certified housing counselors training Funds
- ❑ Established Relationship with Local Housing Commissions
- ❑ Incentive promotions to garnish home buyer participants

[C] Additional Barriers

- ❑ TBD During Implementation Process

ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

Appendix: 100 Families – 100 Homes
1. Identify

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IV. HOMEOWNERSHIP

A. Pre-Purchase

1. Home Buying Process
2. Purchase Redi-ness
3. Help Understand Rights
4. How to shop for a home
5. Obtaining Financing
6. Avoiding Abusive Lending Practice
7. URLA (Uniform Residential Loan Application) Form Process
8. Mortgage Regulations & Lender disclosure Requirements
9. Insurance

B. Post Purchase

1. Timely Payments
2. Property Management & Repairs
3. Energy Efficiency and Home Safety
4. Emergency Preparedness
5. Home Improvement Financing
6. Refinancing
7. Selling A Home

ROUTE TO A SMART GREEN CITY

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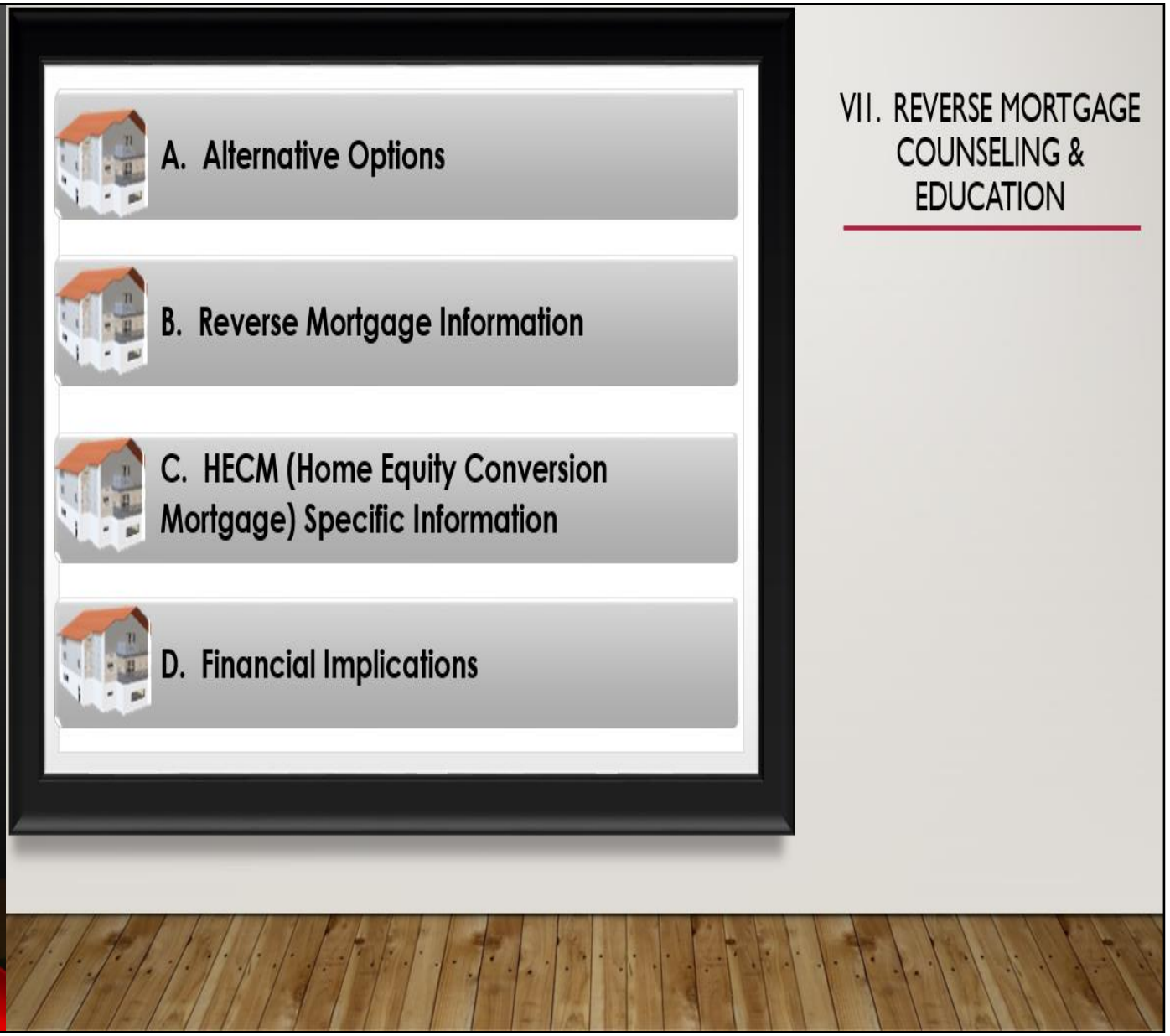

Jason Dixon
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Re: Strategic Alliance CDC /All Pro Case Management: 100 Families - 100 Homes, Inkster's Route to a Smart City Initiative

I am very pleased to be participating and lend support to such a vital initiative for a community in need of socioeconomic stimulus. The 100 Families - 100 Homes, Inkster's Route to a Smart City initiative addresses the residents quality of life issues, creates an expanded tax base through migrating subsidized renters to homeownership, assist in closing the digital divide via the ultimate install of a vast Fiber Optic network and initially via the city-wide free Wi-Fi Kiosks project. The Inkster initiative serves as a model to potentially replicate in other disenfranchised communities. The training and development aspect of the projects will assist in enhancing the socio-economic status of the communities committed to engaging in the implementation of these projects. As a partner in this endeavor I am pleased and encouraged by the progress made thus far and the organizations Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation & All Pro Case Management has acquired to commit to collaborating and partnering with on these projects. These organizations will provide resources and services to ensure a well-organized and strategic implementation of these comprehensive Fiber Optic Projects.

The organizations/representatives committed to this project thus far:

- *FlagStar Bank* - The largest bank headquartered in Michigan. It is one the largest residential mortgage services and is one of the largest banks in the United States. Flagstar Bank community efforts promote homeownership and financial well-being. Through the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), they develop programs and mortgage loans to help make the dream of homeownership a reality for everyone.

- *Huntington Bancshares Incorporated ("Huntington Bank")* - a bank holding company headquartered in Columbus Ohio. The company is ranked 610th on the Fortune 500 and is considered to be amongst the largest banks in the United States. Huntington Bank's community development and lending program is dedicated to helping communities by providing financing for "high-impact" community development projects.

- MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership - a nonprofit corporation affiliated with the National Park Service. Their mission is to preserve, interpret and promote the region's rich automotive and labor heritage. The foundation promotes this story to advance the region economically and culturally, through developing partnerships that support the preservation and revitalization of our auto heritage sites, neighborhoods, and communities, fostering pride and economic development around these resources. The MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership has provided a Letter of Intent expressing their desire to support Strategic Alliance CDC (All Pro Case Management) and the initiative.

- *The Communications Workers of America (CWA) Union* - will provide training and development for youth ages 16-24. The CWA has committed to partnering with All Pro Case Management to provide training and technical expertise for 10 municipalities.

- *Ciena manufacturing company* - manufactures fiber optic supply materials. Has agreed to provide training for individuals and provide fiber optic supply materials.

- *City of Inkster Michigan* - Municipality has issued a signed Letter of Intent, indicating the city's willingness to partner with All Pro Case Management in the implementation of a Fiber Optic Network for the City of Inkster.

- *John Mason ("The Great John Mason"):* Radio Host; Official Announcer for the Detroit Pistons NBA Franchise Team. Mr. Mason has agreed to be a primary spokesperson for the projects, which includes providing free PSAs (Public Service Announcements) to educate the public regarding the projects, promoting community buy-in to the projects.

- *Randy Henry:* Producer/Director for Local NBC channel affiliate, WDIV; Adjunct Professor - Lawrence Tech University; Community Organizer. Mr. Henry will facilitate access to the local NBC affiliate, WDIV, Channel 4 - Detroit in order to bring public awareness to the projects. He will also assist with coordinating basketball camps through his B.A.L.L. (Bridging Athletes Learning and Life Skills) Foundation, which will further garnish community involvement.

- *Keith Cooper:* Global Direct Purchasing, Ford Motor Company. Mr. Cooper will provide access to Ford Motor Company's technology experts. Also, his involvement could contribute to downstream economic stimulus for municipalities participating in the projects by informing globally driven organizations of the availability of the fiber optic networks in these communities. Thus, introducing them to the possibility of establishing a footprint in those communities because of the optimum technology available there to support their operations.

I will lend my assistance to garnish the support from the NBA Union to also work with the impressive and reputable organizations already committed this project and will partner with All Pro Case Management to ensure the implementation of these fiber optic network projects that include training for the community.

Closing the digital divide and addressing the economic and social inequality aspects of what has been a complicated issue is an important issue that I strongly believe should be supported. This is an opportunity for communities, organizations and leaders not just to talk about why no-one is doing anything but to actually be involved in plans to deliver fiber optic technology and training programs to disenfranchised communities.

I look forward to working with All Pro Case Management in eliminating the digital divide disparities and bringing fiber optic training programs to potential communities.

Sincerely,

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Re: Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation & All Pro Case Management Kiosks Fiber Optic – Digital Divide Projects

I am very pleased to be participating and lend support to such a vital project for communities in need of closing the digital divide via the install of a vast Fiber Optic network.

I will lend my assistance as the narration voice and primary spokesperson for the project, which includes providing free PSAs (Public Service Announcements) to educate the public regarding the project, promoting community buy-in to the projects to garnish the support for their endeavors to insure the implementation of these Kiosks throughout various locations in Michigan.

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I look forward to working with Strategic Alliance CDC & All Pro Case Management in eliminating the digital divide disparities and bringing fiber optic training programs to potential communities.

Sincerely,

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John Mason

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Re: Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation & All Pro Case Management: Inkster's Route to A Smart City Initiative

We are pleased to participate and lend support to vital community initiatives that spark social and economic gains for families. Together with other community-based organizations, City Council, and businesses, we look forward to supporting your ambitious goals and work in Inkster. We are proud to support implementation of your plan to address the current digital divide, enhance our city's talent population, provide a stable tax base and stimulate economic sustainability. Achieving your outcomes via the 100 Families – 100 Homes project which include Financial Literacy Education, the install of a vast Fiber Optic network, 1st phase of installing Wi-Fi Kiosks throughout the city, as well as future renewable energy programs, are critical to the community's success.

Starfish Family Services, an Inkster-based social service agency, can lend assistance by linking our families and programs to the activities and projects that are a part of Strategic Alliance Development CDC's (All Pro Case Management LLC) – Inkster's Route to a Smart City Initiative.

We view your work as a way to implement viable plans to close the digital divide, deliver fiber optic technology and training while enhancing urban communities with digital intelligence through the provision or free Wi-Fi informational/educational Kiosks and enhancing individual lives through home ownership and financial empowerment.

We look forward to working with Strategic Alliance CDC & All Pro Case Management to reduce disparities of opportunity, including education and employment, in the communities we serve together.

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Ann Kalass
Chief Executive Officer

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Workers of America

LOCAL 4100 Affiliated with AFL-CIO

To All Pro Case Management,

CWA Local 4100 look forward to our mutual goal of supporting your efforts to address the current digital divide and enhance your city's talent population, stimulate economic sustain ability and attract the next generation of viable contributing residents via the establishment of a fiber optic training program. CWA's goal is to create great jobs with a living wage and benefits. This will enable us as a country to become stronger.

The developer proposes to work with Local 4100 to facilitate the following

- Training residents ages 14-26 for careers in fiber optic installation
- Develop a talent pool of qualified fiber optic technicians starting with a living wage salary
- Facilitate access to various fiber technology associations for those who complete the training program
- Association with the municipal court system to divert clients to the fiber optic training program in lieu of alternative disciplines/action
- CWA will be part of the training and installation of 10 city fiber ring initiative

In Solidarity

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Re: Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation: Inkster's Route to A Smart City Initiative

I write on behalf of MotorCities National Heritage Area in support of the Inkster's Route to a Smart City to be implemented by Strategic Alliance Community Development, Corp. We strongly support this program primarily because we are passionate about building a bridge to close the gap between the digital divide in underprivileged communities such as Inkster.

Through this letter, we acknowledge specific roles and responsibilities we will fulfill in this partnership. In the event this proposal is funded, we would expect our role in the Inkster's Route to a Smart City to include, Providing Automotive Heritage Information and thing valuable that ties to automotive history. MotorCities National Heritage Area, Partnership are a 501c3 nonprofit partner of the National Park Services. We are dedicated to interpreting, promote, and preserving Automotive Heritage in the State of Michigan.

We look forward to working with you by incorporating our automotive ties to the city of Inkster and partnering cities that has Automotive Heritage. It is our understanding that this initiative is a piece of a very large program. The program ties to the 100 families-100 Homes project and this piece will help develop financial literacy, along with Viber optic installation all pieces that helps create value and opportunities for the residents in this city.

Sincerely,

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October 1, 2018

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RE: THE CITY OF INKSTER FIBER OPTIC TRAINING PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Dixon:

The City of Inkster offers this Memorandum of Understanding (Letter) to ALL PRO Case Management (ALL PRO) to support our mutual goal to enhance the City of Inkster talent population, stimulate economic sustainability, and attract the next generation of viable contributing residents. The target population for the training program is youth and young adults ages 14-26.

The developer (ALL PRO) proposes' to work with the City of Inkster to facilitate the following:

- Training residents ages 14-26 for careers in fiber optic installation.
- Develop a talent pool of qualified fiber optic technicians, starting with a living wage salary.
- Facilitate access to various fiber technology associations for those who complete the training program.
- Association with the City of Inkster Municipal court system to divert clients to the fiber optic training program in lieu of alternative disciplines/actions.
- Consent to an agreement to install a fiber optic network for Inkster.
- Three (3) year implementation plan to deliver fiber optic technology to residential homes in the City of Inkster.

It is the City of Inkster understanding that the ALL Pro Case Management the developer's fiber optic training program would be a part of the solution to stimulating economic growth and improve the overall well-being and advancement of the community. Therefore, this in turn, starts the transformation of the City of Inkster into a Tech Hub which would attract the next generation and stimuli economic development.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Byron Nolen
Mayor
City of Inkster

CITY OF INKSTER
Byron Nolen, Mayor
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October 1, 2018

Mr. Jason Dixon
ALL PRO Case Management
16633 Livernois Ave., Suite 4
Detroit, MI 48221

RE: THE CITY OF INKSTER SOLAR POWER PROJECT

Dear Mr. Dixon:

The City of Inkster offers this Memorandum of Understanding (Letter) to ALL PRO Case Management (ALL PRO) to increasing energy efficiency for the City of Inkster, while also creating a talent pool through training through solar power energy and creating a clean infrastructure.

The developer (ALL PRO) proposes' to work with the City of Inkster to facilitate the following:

- Training residents ages 16 and over for careers in solar installation.
- Implementation of a MW solar array, utilizing parcels owned by the City of Inkster.
- Fixed pricing for solar energy for the City of Inkster residents for the next 2 years.
- Coordinate funding package.
- Develop a 20-year, 10% costs savings power purchase agreement.
- Consent to an agreement to install a solar power energy for Inkster.
- Three (3) year implementation plan to deliver solar power energy to residential homes in the City of Inkster.

It is the City of Inkster understanding that the ALL Pro Case Management the developer's solar energy systems ultimately benefit every resident of the city by: producing clean, low cost, reliable solar energy available for owners, businesses, and government; increasing the resiliency and reliability of the electricity grid; establishing leadership in clean energy innovation; and creating jobs through domestic production of solar materials and equipment, manufacturing, distribution, financing, installation, and maintenance. This starts the transformation of the City of Inkster into a world class "green" city, which would be attractive to the next generation of economic stimulating residents.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Byron Nolen
Mayor
City of Inkster

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Jason Dixon
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Re: Inkster's Route to A Smart City Initiative

The Detroit Wayne County Health Authority (d.b.a. Authority Health) is pleased to support Inkster's Route to A Smart City Initiative. Authority Health is a public body corporate engaged with community health centers, governmental and non-governmental organizations to strengthen the health care safety net of Detroit and Wayne County. We manage the nation's second largest primary care graduate medical education teaching health center program, an extensive health insurance enrollment and navigation service, community-based primary care services, and a health data portal for consumer, provider, and academic users.

Authority Health envisions Inkster's Route to A Smart City Initiative as a vehicle for enhancing health literacy in a city that struggles with literacy in general and a lack of community health resources. We would partner with the Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation to create a health literacy resource on the information kiosks and use community health workers and social marketing to direct consumers to the source. Authority Health, which produced the county's first health data portal, would leverage its community-based medical education program to develop content for the kiosks.

Secondly, we believe in the potential of telehealth technology to link underserved populations with health care expertise. Authority Health would work with the Strategic Alliance CDC to create telehealth services connecting the residents of Inkster with physicians and other community health professionals.

This innovative project offers a promising application of communication technology for the City of Inkster and other underserved populations. We welcome the opportunity to partner with this program, which is connected to the 100 families-100 homes project, and we believe it will help make Inkster a healthier community.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Loretta V. Bush, MSHA
President & CEO

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THE SENATE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

Dear Mr. Dixon:

We are very pleased to be participating and lend support to such a vital initiative for urban communities in need of social economic stimulus. This innovative project will address the current digital divide, enhance our cities talent population and enhance communication systems that will assist the police department's efforts to serve and protect our community. These outcomes are achievable via the install of a vast fiber optic network and first phase of installation of Wi-Fi kiosks throughout the city, as well as future renewable energy programs.

The Inkster Police Department will lend assistance with any fundraising and community engagement events that are a part of Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation (All Pro Case Management, LLC) — Inkster's Route to a Smart City Initiative.

This is an opportunity for us to support an organization and initiative that is taking actionable steps towards implementing viable plans to close the digital divide, deliver fiber optic technology and training, while enhancing urban communities with digital intelligence through the provision of free Wi-Fi informational/educational kiosks.

I look forward to working with Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation and All Pro Case Management in helping to eliminate disparities in the community we serve.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Michigan State Senator Betty-Jean Alexander (D–Detroit, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, and Redford)

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Re: Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation & All Pro Case Management LLC:
100 Families - 100 Homes Inkster's Route to A Smart City Initiative

On behalf of Flagstar Bank, I wish to convey support for the Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation's (& All Pro Case Management); 100 Families – 100 Homes Inkster's Route to a Smart City Initiative. I believe there are substantial benefits of this initiative that will positively impact underserved communities in need of social economic stimulus and economic disparities elimination. This initiative will address the current digital divide, enhance the city's talent population through workforce development programs, provide a stable tax base and attract viable businesses and consumers for economic sustainability. These outcomes are achievable via the 100 Families – 100 Homes project which included Financial Literacy Education, the install of a vast Fiber Optic network, 1st phase of installing Wi-Fi Kiosks throughout the city, as well as future renewable energy programs.

Flagstar will lend assistance with 100 Families-100 Homes, Smart City Initiative by providing homebuyer education funding and mortgage financing for eligible applicants that qualify for Flagstar's home lending products. Additionally, we will provide technical assistance by serving on the fundraising committee focused on the coordination of corporate sponsorships and other partnerships to help facilitate the success of Strategic Alliance CDC's initiative, which, is designed to provide the community with equitable access to the digital economy.

This is an opportunity for us to support an organization and initiative that is taking actionable steps towards implementing viable plans to close the digital divide, deliver fiber optic technology and training while enhancing urban communities with digital intelligence through the provision of free Wi-Fi informational/educational Kiosks and enhancing individual lives through home ownership and financial empowerment. All of which impacts the current social economic gap that is ever increasing for lower-middle income households.

I look forward to working with Strategic Alliance CDC & All Pro Case Management in helping to eliminating disparities in the communities we serve

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Beverly Meek
FVP, CRA Director
Corporate Responsibility, Community Reinvestment Act

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October 7, 2019

Jason Dixon

Chief Executive Officer

All Pro Case Management LLC

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Mr. Dixon:

I am pleased to offer my support for the 100 Families – 100 Homes initiative in the City of Inkster. It is admirable that the initiative's participants have banded together on such an innovative project. Tackling issues like the digital divide, talent enhancement, and communication systems through the installation of fiberoptic and wireless fidelity networks is indeed a new and different way to assist urban communities in need of socioeconomic stimulus.

Without a doubt, many of the individuals that come before me on criminal matters could benefit from the programs offered by this initiative. Particularly individuals that are appearing on traffic matters. In those cases, the individuals' likelihood of having to return to court on a new case is directly related to money that person has or does not have. The financial literacy and empowerment programs offered through this initiative stand to potentially change participants' lives for the better. The ability to budget and prioritize financial responsibilities can mean all the difference between getting caught in a cycle of court debt and experiencing financial, and actual, freedom. Putting individuals and their communities on track to self-sufficiency is something that community leaders, near and far, need to stand behind. This is important!

I look forward to using any of my means, consistent with the Michigan Canons of Judicial Conduct, to work with, champion, support, and amplify the efforts outlined in the 100 Families – 100 Homes, Inkster's Route to a Smart City Initiative.

With the utmost support,

[redacted]

Honorable Austin W. Garrett

WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE
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Eric R. Sabree
Wayne County Treasurer

October 10, 2019

Jason Dixon
CEO, All Pro Case Management
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Re: Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation & All Pro Case Management: Inkster's Route to A Smart City Initiative

We are pleased to support The 100 Families – 100 Homes, Inkster's Route to a Smart City initiative. This program will improve the quality of life of Inkster's residents, while creating an expanded tax base through migrating subsidized renters into homeownership.

We know the value of your financial literacy & empowerment programs and how they help participants to obtain critical financial skills, exhibit an aptitude in budgeting and learn debt resolution. In addition, participants learn the importance of having a banking relationship, home down payment assistance programs, buying a home with subsidized vouchers and receive home ownership counseling. This initiative is in line with the Wayne County Treasurer's Office vision of stabilizing neighborhoods by reducing delinquencies and preventing foreclosures of owner-occupied homes.

We look forward to supporting your community initiatives with the programs and services we offer at the Wayne County Treasurer's Office. This is an opportunity for the Inkster communities, organizations and leaders to get engaged in the plans to transform the community into a sustainable smart city with self-sufficient viable residents.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Eric R. Sabree,
Wayne County Treasurer

11 September 2019

Master Sergeant Terry L. Walker
United States Army (Retired)
Telecommunications Operations Chief
24864 Glenside St
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Mr. Jason Dixon
CEO, All Pro Case Management
16633 Livernois Ave Suite 4
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Dear Mr. Dixon:

I am a retired Army Master Sergeant who served as a Telecommunications Operations Chief and Cable Systems Installer Instructor with multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I support the Inkster initiative because if successful, it will enable vital communication services and access while providing critical occupational skills and training for the citizens of Inkster and Detroit. There are many military veterans who have the experience, skills and training in regards to fiber optic cable installation, maintenance and associated equipment operation. I can help identify those veterans with experience relating to commercial communications installation for the purpose of employment and completing this extremely important project.

If you would like me to spearhead this on your behalf, please contact me at (313) 268-7764.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Telecommunications Operations Chief

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Office of the Chief

August 7, 2019

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RE: Strategic Alliance Community Development Corporation and All Pro Case Management: Inkster's Route to a Smart City Initiative

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

William T. Riley, III
Chief of Police

Ypsi Restaurant Update

Discussion Chart Set for City Council March 16, 2021

Shawn Cool, Red Rock Barbecue
Dave Roberts, Ypsi Alehouse
Rois Savides, Tower Inn

Background

- Discussion is focused on Independent restaurants in Ypsi
  - Sidetrack, Aubrees, Wurst Bar, Haabs, Bobcat Bonnies, Maiz, Bomber
  - Not fast-food franchises such as Subway, Dominos or McDonalds
- These Independent Businesses have been hard hit by the pandemic
  - Closing Dine-in options for about 4 months last year and one month this year
  - Restrictions on Seating capacity (currently up to 50%) and group size limitations
  - Potential diners have feared getting the Covid virus
  - Potential diners have been hit hard by layoffs and shorter working hours
- Some have closed permanently
  - Delores, B-24, Ollie's, Big Boy on Washtenaw, Pizza Hut on Carpenter
- Some closed short-term due to Covid or business reasons
  - Sidetrack, Bellflower, Ypsi Alehouse

Impact of Covid Pandemic

- Business is down dramatically
  - Informal survey shows about 70-80% revenue drop is typical
  - Places are structured for dine-in, not carry-out and delivery
- Meanwhile costs continue to accrue
  - Rent, utilities, insurance and licenses are mostly constant
- Job losses have been extensive (note these are estimates)
  - In line with revenue drop, staff reductions have been in the 60-80% range
  - In Depot Town, staff down by about 200 people
  - On West Cross Street – about 150
  - In Downtown, about 200
  - Now include other local areas such as Whittaker Road, Carpenter, Washtenaw, Ecorse, Michigan Avenue, Ellsworth
  - Most laid off workers are likely local residents
- Without Federal, State and local support, almost all would have at least closed temporarily if not permanently

Outlook for 2021

- Vaccinations are rolling out and having an impact
  - People are increasingly confident to dine-out once they are vaccinated
- Restrictions are being lifted for seating capacity and closing time
- Federal government has stepped up with new and revised initiatives
  - Two key programs are Payroll Protection Plan and Employee Retention Tax Credit – are designed to encourage businesses to maintain staffing levels as much as possible
  - Both programs are intended to support businesses in the first half of 2021 and expiration dates vary by business
  - New programs were included in the package signed off last week, but details are not yet available
  - Optimal use of the programs by businesses is complex and requires planning ahead of time and not after the fact
- State initiatives likely coming after Federal programs are fully understood

Support Requested from the City of Ypsilanti

- Set the example and get vaccinated and encourage vaccinations
- Be Positive in your conversations -- Ypsi will survive this!
- Support buying local
- In January, the DDA proposed street closures for Washington Street and Cross Street in Depot Town and the timeline approved by City Council was May 15 to October 15
  - Businesses near Washington Street and Depot Town appreciate that support and will be ready to launch on a timely basis

Support Requested from the City of Ypsilanti

- However, the Washington Street Merchants are requesting that the timeline of the Washington Street closure be separated from the Depot Town closure and be extended to April 1 to November 1 (total of 7 months)
- Reasons for separation are:
  - Depot Town closure concerns are different than those related to Washington Street
  - Cross Street has higher traffic loads as it becomes a trunk line at Huron while Washington Street handles much lower volume with easier detours
  - Character of the two streets is much different with Washington Street narrower with no street parking (and no parking meter revenue lost during closures) and more closure friendly with buildings running North-South providing shade from the western sun
  - Concerns mentioned at January City Council meeting focused on issues related to Depot Town more than Washington Street

Support Requested from the City of Ypsilanti

- Reasons for extending the closure to April 1 (Thursday) to November 1 (Sunday):
  - People are ready to return to normal life as much as possible as soon as possible. City has a responsibility to encourage people to assemble outside
  - Restaurants and retailers on Washington Street want to maximize the utilization of the two federal programs that are targeted at the first half of 2021. Maximization means more money to the local economy and helps businesses recover from the terrible 2020
  - Enables businesses to hire back workers earlier
  - Sidewalk café seating in downtown is minimal compared to what the street closure would provide
  - Enables First Fridays Ypsi to better execute their *Our Layers of Identity* art project with Mark Bradford in April and May
  - October extension would support Ypsi Glows in second half of October
  - Downtown merchants believe that Washington Street closure will be popular place in Ypsi and attract people outside Ypsi and make Ypsi a more interesting place to live and work. Earlier start will improve the health of downtown businesses

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Andy Aamodt

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Vacation of alley between S Huron and S Washington, south of Buffalo

DESCRIPTION:
Vacation of alley between S Huron and S Washington, south of Buffalo

SUMMARY:

The applicant, Stewart Beal, applied to vacate the alley running from S Washington to S Huron, south of Buffalo St. An alley vacation permanently gives ownership to the private landowner(s). City Council is to hold a public hearing on the matter, and may adopt a resolution to permanently vacate the alley. However, the title to the resulting alley property will not be transferred to the private landowners until the case is brought to district court and decided there.

The applicant owns 113 Buffalo, 109 Buffalo, and 408 S Huron. A private individual owns 406 S Huron and signed the petition to vacate. The applicant prefers the resulting land to be divided as shown in Figure 2 of the Planning Commission staff report. The proposed lot line placement is less important so long as the shared-use easement described in the next paragraph is implemented. Title to the resulting property and lot lines/legal descriptions will be sorted at the district court level.

The alley serves as the only means of vehicle access to 406 S Huron and 408 S Huron. Therefore, Planning Commission recommended a shared-use easement be granted to those properties, as well as 109 Buffalo and 113 Buffalo, so that vehicle access can continue as normal. Planning Commission also recommended a utility easement be reserved as there are overhead lines running the stretch of the alley, and it is not known if there are underground utilities, such as gas. Lastly, Planning Commission also recommended that no restrictions (such as a gate) shall be placed in the alley for the first 20 feet of the S Washington and S Huron frontage, so that no vehicles will queue from the S Washington or S Huron street while waiting for a gate to open, if applicable. See the official conditions below.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning Commission recommended City Council adopt alley vacation at their February 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The motion was made with the following conditions:

1. *City and utility authorities shall retain and reserve within the entire former alley an easement for installation and maintenance of utilities.*
2. *To ensure no access is deterred, that properties at 406 S Huron, 408 S Huron, 109 Buffalo, and 113 Buffalo shall retain access to the former alley through a shared-use easement.*
3. *Access to the former alley shall not be restricted within 20 feet along the S Washington and S Huron frontage.*

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution; Attachment 1- Excerpt from City Code Chapter 94; Attachment 2- Planning Commission Minutes, Planning Commission Staff Report, Planning Commission Application

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CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

Resolution No. 2021-051
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City has an ordinance, City Code Chapter 94, providing for the procedure for vacating a public alley; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the alley vacation in regard to land use, neighborhood needs, and safety, and held a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended City Council adopt the proposed alley vacation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council adopt the alley vacation entitled "Vacation of alley between S Huron and S Washington, south of Buffalo."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City and utility authorities shall retain and reserve within the former alley an easement for installation and maintenance of utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT properties at 406 S Huron, 408 S Huron, 109 Buffalo, and 113 Buffalo shall retain access to the former alley through a shared-use easement, to ensure no access is deterred.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT access to the former alley shall not be restricted within 20 feet along the S Washington and S Huron frontages.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

#Resolution No. 2021-051

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-051

Attachment 1: City Code Chapter 94, Article X

ARTICLE X. - VACATING STREETS AND ALLEYS

Sec. 94-350. - Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this article is to set forth the process for vacating alleys and streets within the city.

(Ord. No. 1243, § 4, 3-17-2015)

Sec. 94-351. - Procedure generally.

(a) Public streets and alleys may be vacated within the city by resolution of the city council. Requests to vacate an alley may be made by motion of the city council or petition signed by a majority of the owners abutting the street or alleyway.

(b) Any owners' petition or resolution of city council must be referred to the planning commission for review and recommendation. The following guidelines are to be considered in making a decision:

(1) Whether the street or alley services a residential, single-family, multifamily, or business area.

(2) Whether the vacation will create an undue burden on traffic.

(3) Whether the vacation is necessary to prevent traffic from traveling through the neighborhood to destinations outside the neighborhood or other safety factors such as speed of traffic, frequency of use, the size and condition of the street or alley.

(4) The wishes and desires of the majority of the neighborhood.

(5) The present and future interests of the city considering planning for the entire city.

(Ord. No. 1243, § 4, 3-17-2015)

Sec. 94-352. - Public hearing of the planning commission.

Upon receipt of the petition or resolution, the planning commission must schedule a public hearing. After the public hearing, the planning commission must make a recommendation to city council. Publication and notice of this public hearing must be given as provided in section 122-93(a) of this Code of Ordinances.

(Ord. No. 1243, § 4, 3-17-2015)

Sec. 94-353. - Public hearing of city council.

Upon receipt of the recommendation from the planning commission, city council must schedule a public hearing not less than four weeks thereafter to hear any objections. Publication and notice of this public hearing must be given as provided in section 11.13 of the Charter. Notice of the public hearing must also be given to all city departments and to all utilities servicing the city.

(Ord. No. 1243, § 4, 3-17-2015)

Sec. 94-353. - Consideration by city council; objections.

(a) After the public hearing, city council may adopt the recommendation of the planning commission, adopt the recommendation with modifications, or arrive at a different decision from the decision of the planning commission. City council may also schedule a new hearing date.

(b) In the event of an objection to the vacation of a street or alley by any city department, utility, or adjoining property owner, such street or alley may not be vacated without two-thirds majority vote of city council.

(Ord. No. 1243, § 4, 3-17-2015)

Sec. 94-354. - Recording of vacation.

A certified copy of a resolution that effectively and properly vacates a street or alley, or any portion thereof, is to be delivered to the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds for recording within 30 days by the city clerk. A copy of the resolution must also be sent to the director of the state department of energy, labor, and economic growth.

(Ord. No. 1243, § 4, 3-17-2015)

Sec. 94-356. - Vesting of title, reservation of utility easements.

Upon any vacation of a street or alley by the city, or any portion thereof, the public right-of-way is extinguished and property title will vest according to state law, except that the city in each case is to retain and reserve an easement for installation and maintenance of utilities within the entire former right-of-way unless such an easement, or any portion thereof, is specifically abandoned.

(Ord. No. 1243, § 4, 3-17-2015)

Attachment 2: Planning Commission Materials

ACTION MINUTES
Planning Commission - Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

Please be advised that due to COVID-19, City Hall will not be open to the public. This meeting will be held electronically on a video conferencing application. The access code is posted in the Public Notice on www.cityofypsilanti.com and attached in the packet. The public may choose to participate during Audience Participation or during the Public Hearing, on the video conferencing application, or may submit e-mailed comments to aaamodt@cityofypsilanti.com by 4 pm, February 17.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Matt Dunwoodie, Chair	P
Jared Talaga, Vice-Chair	P
Eric Bettis	P
Mike Davis Jr.	P
Jessica Donnelly	P
Phil Hollifield	P
Michael Simmons	P

Motion to remove the 487 Owendale St rezoning case from the agenda at the applicant's request.
Offered By: Commissioner Donnelly; Seconded By: Commissioner Simmons
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Offered By: Commissioner Talaga; Seconded By: Commissioner Simmons
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

III. Approval of Minutes

- January 20, 2021 Meeting
  Motion to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes.
  Offered By: Commissioner Hollifield; Seconded By: Commissioner Talaga
  Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

IV. Audience Participation

Open for general public comment to Planning Commission on items for which a public hearing is not scheduled. Please limit to three minutes.

Motion to open audience participation.
Offered By: Commissioner Davis Jr.; Seconded By: Commissioner Donnelly
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

Motion to close audience participation.
Offered By: Commissioner Donnelly; Seconded By: Commissioner Bettis
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

V. Committee Reports

- Non-motorized Advisory Committee

VI. Presentations and Public Hearing Items

- S Washington St to S Huron St, south of Buffalo St – Alley Vacation
  - *Public Hearing*

Motion to open the public hearing.
Offered By: Commissioner Hollifield; Seconded By: Commissioner Davis Jr.
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

Motion to close the public hearing.
Offered By: Commissioner Talaga; Seconded By: Commissioner Bettis
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

Motion to recommend City Council approval of alley vacation between S Washington St and S Huron St, south of Buffalo St, with the following conditions:

1. *City and utility authorities shall retain and reserve within the entire former alley an easement for installation and maintenance of utilities.*
2. *To ensure no access is deterred, that properties at 406 S Huron, 408 S Huron, 109 Buffalo, and 113 Buffalo shall retain access to the former alley through a shared-use easement.*
3. *Access to the former alley shall not be restricted within 20 feet along the S Washington and S Huron frontage.*

Offered By: Commissioner Talaga; Seconded By: Commissioner Hollifield
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

- 1820 Washtenaw Ave – Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review for Provisioning Center/Marihuana Retailer
  - *Public Hearing*

Motion to open the public hearing.
Offered By: Commissioner Davis Jr.; Seconded By: Commissioner Hollifield
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

Motion to close the public hearing.
Offered By: Commissioner Hollifield; Seconded By: Commissioner Simmons
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

Motion to approve the special use permit for provisioning center and marihuana retailer use at 1820 Washtenaw Ave with the following findings and conditions:
Finding: The application substantially complies with §122-324(b).
Condition: Special use permit approval shall be subject to approval of site plan.
Offered By: Commissioner Talaga; Seconded By: Commissioner Donnelly
Approved: Yes – 6; No – 1 (Davis Jr.); Absent – 0

Motion to approve the limited site plan for 1820 Washtenaw Ave with the following findings and conditions:
Finding: The application substantially complies with §122-311.
Conditions:

1. *Screening be provided along edges of parking lot in conformance with §122-684.*
2. *Sidewalk or surfacing materials should be added to delineate where pedestrians can safely access the building from the public sidewalk.*
3. *Any dumpster/waste collection area to conform with screening requirements of §122-608.*
4. *Applicant shall submit a lighting plan conforming with the provisions of §122-609.*
5. *Screening between property and residential properties to the east and west be screened with 6' high wall, fence, or buffer, with at least 80% opacity in conformance with §122-634.*
6. *Applicant shall provide five street trees: two on Washtenaw Ave and three on Whittier St. Whittier St trees may be waived with a fee-in-lieu.*
7. *Vehicle gate shall be provided at the Whittier St employee entrance in conformance with the traffic visibility requirements.*

Offered By: Commissioner Talaga; Seconded By: Commissioner Donnelly
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Future Business Discussion / Updates

- Distribution of Draft Master Plan Update

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.
Offered By: Commissioner Hollifield; Seconded By: Commissioner Donnelly
Approved: Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0

City of Ypsilanti
Planning and Development Department

February 17, 2021

Staff Review of Alley Vacation Application
S Washington to S Huron, south of Buffalo Alley Vacation

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant:	Stewart Beal 113 Buffalo St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Project:	S Washington to S Huron, south of Buffalo Alley Vacation
Public Hearing Date:	February 17, 2021
Location:	Alley from S. Washington to S. Huron, south of Buffalo, bounded by parcel ID # 11-11-39-481-004 (406 S. Huron), 11-11-39-481-003 (113 Buffalo), 11-11-39-481-001 (109 Buffalo), 11-11-39-481-005 (408 S. Huron)
Zoning:	Subject alley surrounded by CN-Mid
Action Requested:	Approval of an alley vacation.
Staff Recommendation:	Approval, with conditions

PROJECT AND SITE DESCRIPTION

The applicant is applying to vacate the alley running from S Washington to S Huron, south of Buffalo St. An alley vacation permanently gives ownership to the neighbors. Planning Commission makes a recommendation to City Council, then City Council will adopt a resolution vacating the alley. However, the title to the resulting alley property will not be transferred to the private landowners until the case is brought to district court and decided there.

The applicant owns 113 Buffalo, 109 Buffalo, and 408 S Huron. An private individual owns 406 S Huron and has signed the petition to vacate. The applicant prefers the resulting land to be divided as shown in Figure 2.

The alley serves as the only means of vehicle access to 406 S Huron and 408 S Huron. Therefore, staff recommends a shared-use easement be granted to those properties so that access can continue as normal. Staff also recommends a utility easement be reserved as there are overhead lines running the stretch of the alley, and it is not known if there are underground utilities, such as gas.

Figure 1: Subject Site Location

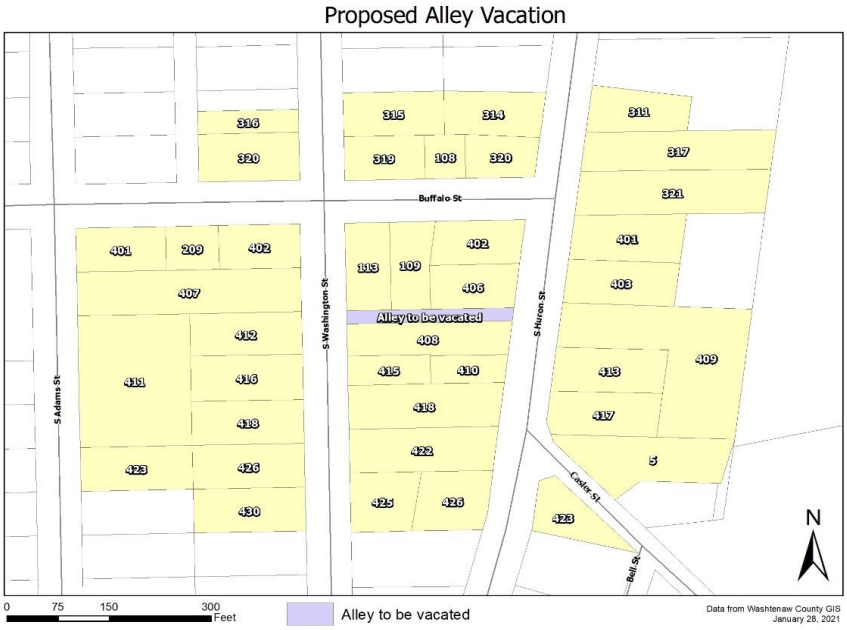

Figure 2: Applicant Submitted Sketch

Figure 3: Alley Aerial (2020)

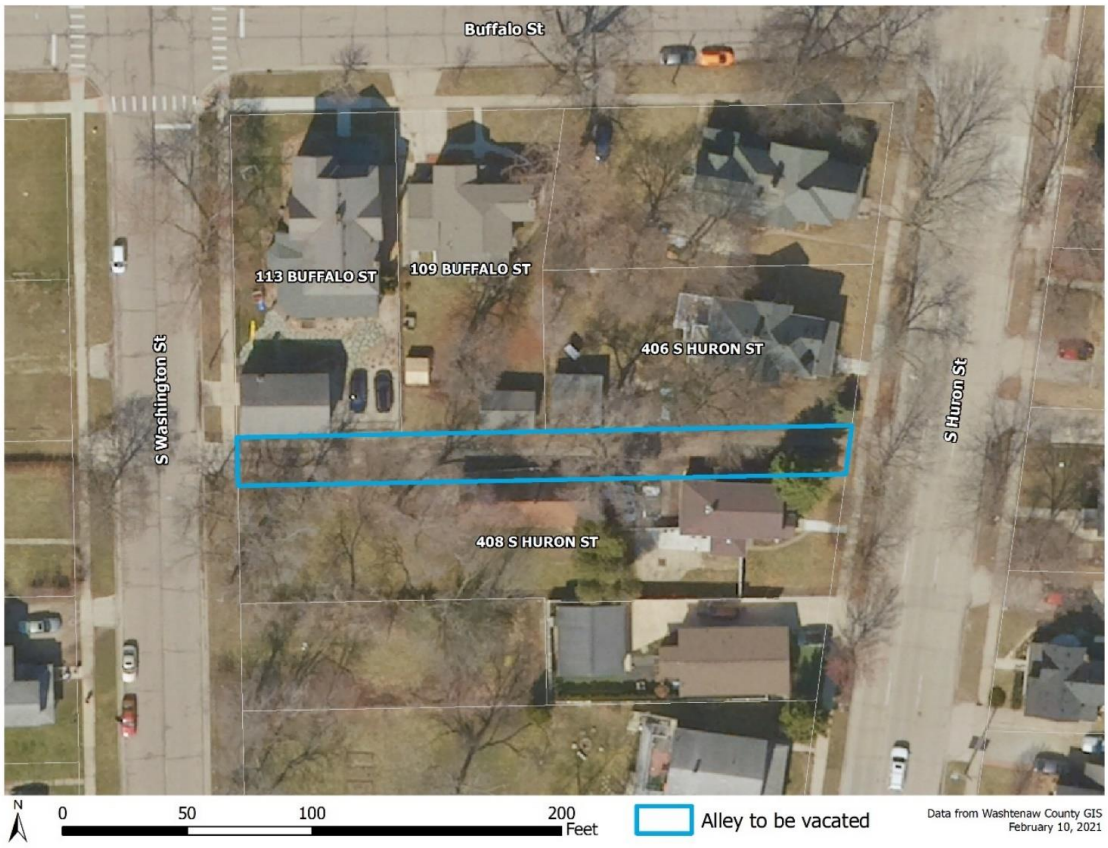

Figure 4: Alley Looking East (February 11, 2021)

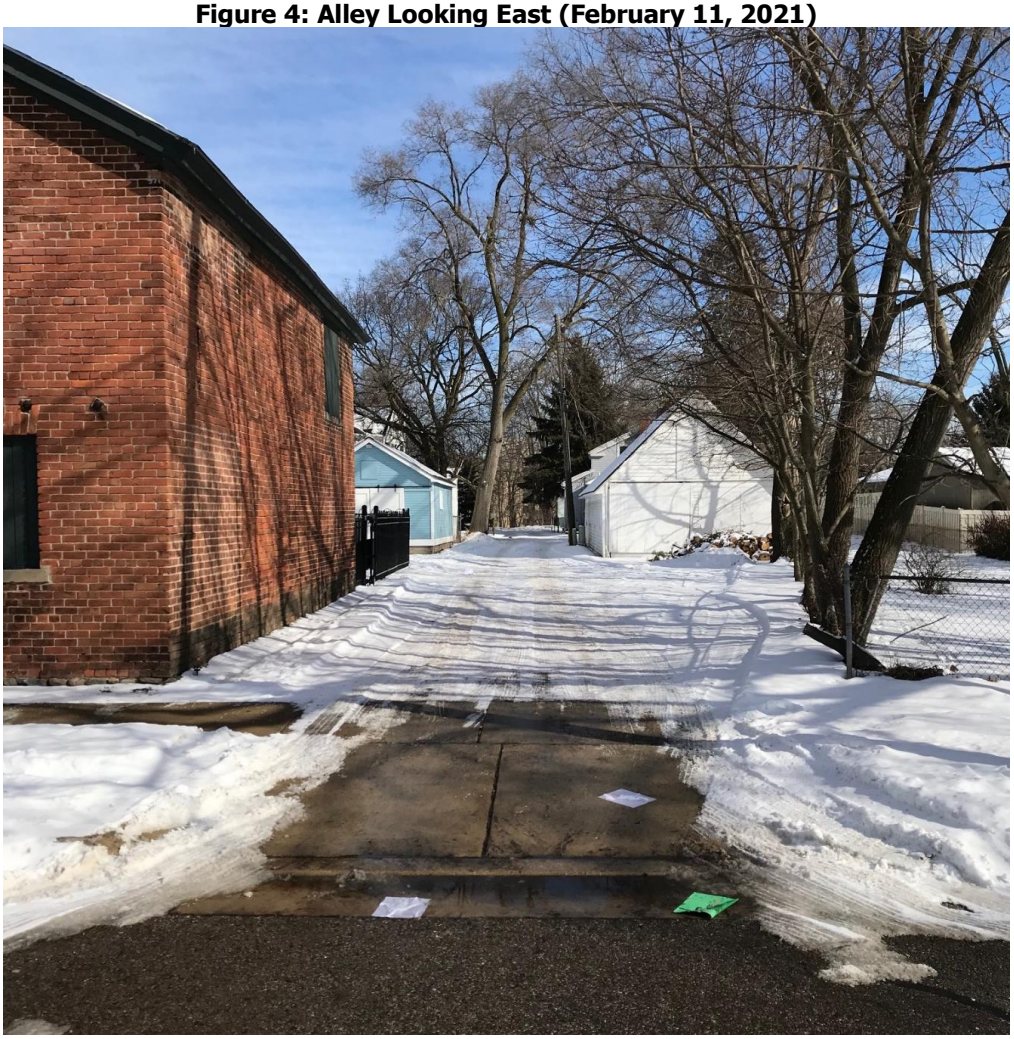

Figure 5: Alley Looking West (February 11, 2021)

Figure 6: Utility Pole in Alley (February 11, 2021)

ALLEY VACATION STANDARDS §94-351

The process to vacate an alley, as prescribed by the City Code, follows these simplified steps:

(1) Public streets and alleys may be vacated within the city by resolution of the city council. Requests to vacate an alley may be made by motion of the city council or petition signed by a majority of the owners abutting the street or alleyway. In this case, a majority of the owners abutting the street or alleyway signed the petition.

(2) Any owners' petition or resolution of city council must be referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation. The following guidelines are to be considered in making a decision (staff's recommendation in purple):

a. Whether the street or alley services a residential, single-family, multifamily, or business area.
   i. The alley serves multi-family and single-family residences.

b. Whether the vacation will create an undue burden on traffic.
   i. The alley will not create an undue burden on traffic. It is not safe for the general public to be driving vehicles down this alley as this is not a street and sight-lines are limited.

c. Whether the vacation is necessary to prevent traffic from traveling through the neighborhood to destinations outside the neighborhood or other safety factors such as speed of traffic, frequency of use, the size and condition of the street or alley.
   i. The applicant has expressed a concern of vehicles traveling down the alley at high rates of speed.

d. The wishes and desires of the majority of the neighborhood.
   i. The occupant of 406 S Huron also signed the petition, indicating a desire to see the alley vacated.
   ii. Any outstanding wishes and desires of the neighborhood may be voiced during the public hearing at Planning Commission or the public hearing at City Council. Mailing notices were sent to all property owners and occupants within 300 feet of the alley.

e. The present and future interests of the city considering planning for the entire city.
   i. Staff believes this alley vacation preserves the present and future interests of the City.

OTHER DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

UTILITY ACCESS

Per §94-356 of the City Code of Ordinances, the City shall retain and reserve within the entire former right-of-way an easement for installation and maintenance of utilities unless such easement is specifically abandoned. Staff does not recommend that such easements be abandoned in this case.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff does not believe the vacation of this alley will negatively affect the health, safety, welfare, or traffic/freight patterns of the neighborhood. Furthermore this alley vacation will turn the alley over to private ownership who will maintain the alley.

Staff recommends Planning Commission recommend City Council **approval** of the alley vacation between S Washington and S Huron, south of Buffalo with the following conditions:

(1) The City and utility authorities shall retain and reserve within the entire former alley an easement for installation and maintenance of utilities.
(2) To ensure no access is deterred, that property at 406 S. Huron St shall receive the entire width of the alley extending the depth of said property **or** a shared-use access easement shall be obtained.

Andy Aamodt, City Planner
Jada Tillison-Love, Community Development Fellow
Community & Economic Development Department

c.c. File
Applicant

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RIGHT OF WAY VACATION APPLICATION

Petition Circulated By

Name: Stewart Beal		
Address: 113 Buffalo St.		
City: Ypsilanti	State: MI	Zip: 48197
Phone: [redacted]	Fax: [redacted]	
E-mail: [redacted]		
Signature: [redacted]		Date: 12/29/2020

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Ypsilanti, Michigan:

We, the undersigned, being persons having an interest in property abutting on the public right-of-way, more particularly described as: *(insert description of right-of-way in question)*

113 Buffalo/109 Buffalo/408 S. Huron / 406 S. Huron

do hereby respectfully petition the City Council to vacate said public-right-of-way, pursuant to the authority given to you by the City Charter. We, the undersigned, believe that the public would benefit from this action for the following reason(s):

Ease of access / safety

On a separate sheet, please provide any additional information or relevant details.

☒ PETITION attached
☒ SKETCH attached

Petition to Vacate the Alley at:

Petition summary and background	Combine right-of-way for 113 Buffalo/109 Buffalo/408 S. Huron/406 S Huron [redacted]

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Property Owner?	Date
Ramon Williams	[redacted]	406 S. Huron Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Yes	1/5/2021

Resolution No. 2021-052
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing to consider an ordinance titled "Vacation of alley between S Huron and S Washington, south of Buffalo" be officially closed.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-052

Resolution No. 2021-053
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing for an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Natural Resources Trust Fund for the Frog Island Trailhead Project by officially closed.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-053

Resolution No. 2021-054
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. **Resolution No. 2021-055, approving the minutes of March 2, 2021.**
2. **Resolution No. 2021-056, declaring March as Reading Month in the City of Ypsilanti.**
3. **Resolution No. 2021-057, approving the purchase of a 2021 Ford Police Interceptor SUV.**

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-054

Resolution No. 2021-055
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of March 16, 2021 be approved.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-055

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Steven Wilcoxen (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Lois Richardson (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Anthony Morgan (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Annie Somerville (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), and Mr. Brian Jones-Chance (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti)

ABSENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The Mayor would like to move item D below item F.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns would like to add an item to the end of the agenda to discuss evaluations.

The agenda was approved as adjusted. Mayor Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Steve Wilcoxen. On a voice vote the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Nine members from the public spoke.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation in honor of Women's Month - Mayor Richardson.

The City Clerk read a proclamation from the Mayor regarding Women's Month.

B. Presentation regarding Medicare for All Act of 2019 - Eli Ruben.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Request to approve an Off-Premises Tasting License for Ann Arbor Distilling Co., located at 102 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

1. Resolution No. 2021-037, determination
2. Public Hearing **None**
3. Resolution No. 2021-038, close the public hearing.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2021-037.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Robert Cleveland, representative of the Ann Arbor Distilling Co., has applied to the City of Ypsilanti and Michigan Liquor Control Commission requesting the following:

Approval of an Off-Premises Tasting Room License, MCL 436.1536, as defined, a Distiller or Small Distiller licensee may have an approved tasting room at a location off its licensed manufacturing premises where it may sell spirits it makes. The off-site location is **102 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, Washtenaw County; and**

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the application for an Off-Premises Tasting Room License was duly noticed and held on March 2, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request of Robert Cleveland, representative for the property located at 102 W. Michigan Ave be approved contingent upon Building Department approval and Issuance of Certificate of Occupancy as well as Washtenaw County Health Department approval.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Annie Somerville, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Brian Jones-Chance
NAYS:	Anthony Morgan

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-038.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing to consider an Off-Premises Tasting Room

License for Ann Arbor Distilling Co. be officially closed.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Jennifer Symanns, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2021-039, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve resolution No. 2021-039.
RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. **Resolution No. 2021-040, approving the minutes of February 16, 2021.**

2. **Resolution No. 2021-041, approving Ordinance 1374, an ordinance to amend city code, Chapter 122, Zoning Ordinance. (Second Reading).**

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Anthony Morgan, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville

B. Resolution No. 2021-040, approving the minutes of February 16, 2021.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021- 040

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of February 16, 2021 be approved.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Anthony Morgan, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville

C. Resolution No. 2021-041, approving Ordinance 1374, an ordinance to amend city code, Chapter 122, Zoning Ordinance. **(Second Reading)**

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-041

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in protecting the health, safety, and

welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City has an adopted Master Plan that reflects the policy goals of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission from time to time reviews the zoning ordinance performance with relation to these goals and general functionality; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance changes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approve the ordinance entitled Zoning Periodic Update 2021 on Second and Final Reading.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Anthony Morgan, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2021-042, approving Ordinance 1373, An Ordinance to Add Parks to the Street Name Ordinance by amending Ypsilanti City Code Chapter 94, Article VI, Section 94, Section 161 et seq. **(Second Reading)**

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-042.

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

Whereas, there is presently no City ordinance regarding the names or naming of parks, and

Whereas, City Council determines it in the best interest of the City to have a standard, stated procedure for the naming of parks, and

Whereas, there presently exists a City ordinance, 94-161, et seq. for naming streets, and

Whereas that ordinance is suitable to amend to include naming of parks,

NOW THEREFORE, the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to Add Parks to the Street Name Ordinance" is adopted on Second and Final Reading.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Brian Jones-Chance, Jennifer Symanns, Lois Richardson,

	and Anthony Morgan
NAYS:	Nicole Brown and Annie Somerville

B. Resolution No. 2021-043, approving the allocation of funds to the Washtenaw Housing Alliance for the Re-entry Mitigation Fund.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2021-043.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, City Council's adoption of Ordinance 1344 in 2019 and Ordinance 1371 in 2020 requires that $1,000 from each marijuana facility application be used for criminal justice issues related to marijuana prohibition; and

Whereas, the Washtenaw Housing Alliance will be administering a Re-entry Fund created by the Washtenaw County Community Stakeholders Re-Entry Committee; and

Whereas, the purpose of the fund is to assist those previously incarcerated to find housing.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council allocates $5,000 to the Washtenaw Housing Alliance for the purpose of assisting in the funding of the Re-Entry Mitigation Fund, specific to those being released as a result of marijuana charges, to be drawn from Account #101-7-2150-835-00.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Annie Somerville, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Brian Jones-Chance

C. Resolution No. 2021-044, approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Ypsilanti and the Ypsilanti Senior Center.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-044.

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

The certain" Lease, Operations and Management Agreement" between the City of Ypsilanti and the Ypsilanti Senior Center, a Michigan Non-profit Corporation is approved, and the mayor and city clerk are authorized to sign for and on behalf of the City, subject to the approval of the Ypsilanti City Attorney.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Jennifer Symanns, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville

D. Resolution No. 2021-046,requesting that MDOT pursue design for reconfiguration of the intersections of Huron/Cross and Hamilton/Washtenaw to improve overall safety.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2021-046.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti has the health, safety, and welfare of Ypsilanti's residents, workers, and guests as their driving concern;

WHEREAS, the current design of the intersections of Huron/Cross and Hamilton/Washtenaw encourage drivers to travel at speeds unsafe for an urban area;

WHEREAS, these streets are under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT);

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti understands that a safer reconfiguration of these intersections is feasible and could be integrated into the planned road rehabilitation project;
WHEREAS, the 2018 Road Safety Audit noted that a road diet would likely improve the safety of these roads for all users, and

WHEREAS, the proposed reconfiguration at Washtenaw/Hamilton could provide bicycle lanes on Washtenaw from West Cross to Hamilton, and Hamilton from Washtenaw to Pearl, and safer pedestrian crossings, both goals of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (2010);

WHEREAS, the public will be invited to provide feedback on proposed designs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Ypsilanti City Council hereby requests that MDOT pursue design for reconfiguration of the intersections of Huron/Cross and Hamilton/Washtenaw to improve overall safety, particularly pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and improve pedestrian and bicyclist network connectivity.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Annie Somerville, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Brian Jones-Chance

E. Resolution No. 2021-047, supporting the Medicare for All Act of 2019.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2021-047.

Resolution in Support of the Medicare for All Act of 2019

WHEREAS, the number of Americans without health insurance is still

nearly 30 million, while more than 40 million Americans remain underinsured, despite important gains made since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, every person in the City of Ypsilanti deserves high quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the never-ending rising costs of health care add challenges to our already strapped municipal budget and our small businesses, which keep our communities thriving; and

WHEREAS the Medicare for All Act of 2019 would provide national health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs; hospital, surgical and outpatient services; primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; dental and vision care; and long-term care; and

WHEREAS the Medicare for All Act of 2019 would provide coverage without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship and assure patients a free choice of doctors; and

WHEREAS, recent polls show that a majority of Americans support Medicare-for-All; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 will guarantee that all residents of the City of Ypsilanti will be fully covered for health care without copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs, and would save millions in taxpayer dollars now spent on premiums that provide often inadequate health insurance coverage for government employees; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for the residents of the City of Ypsilanti will vastly improve because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need, instead of waiting until they have a medical emergency that could upend their lives as well as further burden local resources;

WHEREAS, the burden placed on local governments such as the City of Ypsilanti by health benefits for employees and public health programs would be significantly alleviated by having a federal single payer Medicare for All program in place;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic recession has left tens of millions more Americans without health insurance at the very moment in time that all Americans should be able to seek medical help at little to no cost, thus exposing the riskiness and unsustainability of a health insurance system based primarily around employment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ypsilanti City Council enthusiastically supports the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (House Bill H.R. 1384 and Senate Bill S.1129) and calls on our federal legislators to work toward its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti expresses its enthusiastic support for House Bill 6285, which establishes a state level single payer program known as MICare and is sponsored by Representative Yousef Rabhi, and calls upon our state legislators to work toward its immediate enactment.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Brian Jones-Chance, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

F. Resolution No. 2021-045, approving banners submitted by the Ypsilanti Community Schools to be placed on City Streetlights. **(Moved)**

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-045.

RESOLVEDBYTHECOUNCILOFTHECITYOFYPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Community Schools and the Ypsilanti Rotary Club supports and sponsors this public art installation project; and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Rotary Club has fundraised to cover installation costs associated with this project; and

WHEREAS, all banner images have been reviewed against the City of Ypsilanti Banner Policy; and

NOWTHEREFOREBEITRESOLVEDTHATtheYpsilantiCityCouncilapprovestheprovided banner images for the banner installation project with the elimination of Banner 37 and with any change orders to be approved by the City Manager.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown
AYES:	Nicole Brown, Annie Somerville, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Brian Jones-Chance

G. Resolution No. 2021-048, requesting that the State of Michigan increase the amount of Vaccines to Washtenaw County and allocate them for the 48197 and 48198 area codes. **(added)**

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2021-048.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has resulted in more than 500,000 deaths throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has had 17,179 Laboratory Confirmed Cases, with a total of 235 total deaths, with the majority falling in the 48197 and 48198 zip codes; and

WHEREAS, data shows the majority of vaccines are being distributed to Northern Michigan versus Southern Michigan; and

WHEREAS, additional vaccines were distributed to Detroit, a predominately African American Community, and the same consideration should be provided to Washtenaw County, with the highest population of African Americans living in the 48197 and 48198 zip codes; and

WHEREAS, several churches located in the 48197 and 48198 zip codes have offered to act as distribution centers for vaccines; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County is receiving less vaccines because of the Social Vulnerability Index, causing African Americans to penalized for living near a more affluent community; and

WHEREAS, only 6.6% of vaccines have been administered to African Americans living in Washtenaw County, even though African Americans are 48% of the diagnosed cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there have been reports that African American Senior Citizens, that are eligible for the vaccine, have been denied; and

WHERERAS, Washtenaw County has two major healthcare facilities and its employees require a large amount of vaccines distributed to the county, putting African Americans in the 48198 and 48197 at a further disadvantage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti implore the State of Michigan to increase the amount of vaccines to Washtenaw County and allocate them for the 48197 and 48198 area codes.

BE IT FURTER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti direct the City Clerk to forward this resolution to the Office of the Governor.

RESULT:	**CARRIED.**
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville

AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Annie Somerville, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Brian Jones-Chance

H. Discussion regarding evaluations. **(added)**

Evaluations are completed. Council Member Symanns would like to know how to proceed.

IX. LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study **Discussion of regional transportation**
3. Urban County **No meeting**
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority **Approved budget**
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool **Meeting tomorrow**

X. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Mr. Jones-Chance:

- **Mentioned that the turnout of the Black History Month Program was good. Learned a lot about the history and even his own history.**
- **Mentioned that the turnout of the COVID 19 Town Hall was also good. Also, mentioned that the public can view the recording online.**

Council Member Morgan:

- **Congratulated Commissioner Heather Berkovitz and Commissioner Gail Wolkolf for being elected as Chair and Vice-Chare respectively for the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission.**
- **Mentioned the discussion during the YPAC meeting with Eli Savit.**
- **Mentioned a meeting from last wee with Chief DeGuisti. Discussed components of the police program.**
- **Shared concerns on the sell of individual cigarettes.**
- **Received four emails regarding residents landlords. Would like to provide these individuals with the proper channels dealing with low quality living in some of the apartments within the City.**
- **Stated that the City has a responsibility as well as residents. Residents feel like they are getting stiffed. Council Member Morgan suggested that residents should get the help they need in a respectful way.**
- **Mentioned a statement from NPR news, that the number one threat to security of the Homeland is White Supremacy on the national, state, and local level. He also stated to be safe and stay woke.**

Council Member Morgan moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 P.M. Council Member Somerville supported the motion. On a voice vote the motion carried.

Council Member Symanns:

- **Discussed concerns from constituents in Ward 2 regarding road patching on Cornell. There is a big sink hole North of Ainsley Street. Council**

Member Symanns will provide more information regarding the location. Council Member Symanns asked about the process of how residents can addressed road concerns.

- **Council Member Symanns stated to the City Manager that barking dog on Congress street is still an issue. Council Member Symanns suggested that this issue should be escalated. In addition, there are other issues that could possibly be hazardous.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown:

- **Mentioned the positive feedback received regarding the approval of the Black Lives Matter Resolution from the last meeting.**
- **Received correspondents from Doug Jones who had done previous murals around the community. Doug Jones had questions and concerns regarding the proper tools and paint to be used. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown will share the information received from Doug.**
- **Mentioned the turnout was great for both the Black History Program and the Town Hall. The Black History Program was very informative.**

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- **Thanked all of the City staff who attended the Black History Program.**
- **Mayor had spoken to Mr. Jones-Chance about possibly having a quarterly Black History event. Another Black History Program will be done soon.**
- **The Ypsilanti HistoricalMuseum is working on a project to increase and enlarge the Black History display, information, and artifacts.**
- **Mentioned the registration about the MML Conference.**
- **Discussed the changes regarding the location of COVID vaccinations.**

XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

A. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Calendar.

- **The City Clerk will send a poll by Friday regarding two possibly dates for department presentations.**
  - **Week of April 12th and April 26th**

B. Special events **(added)**

- **City Manager mentioned that the City is starting to receive applications for festivals and would like to get the Council's input before making a decision.**
- **Received an application for a festival in May.**
- **City Manager will provide a resolution and documentation for next meeting.**
- **Thanked the Mayor, Council Member Mayor Pro-Tem, and Mr. Jones-Chance for the Black History Program.**

Council made a motion to extended the meeting until 10:40 P.M.

Moved by Mr. Jones-Chance, seconded by Council Member Symanns, and opposed by Council Member Wilcoxen. On a voice vote the motion carried.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board of Ethics 2020 Annual Report

XIV. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 P.M.

A. Resolution No. 2021-049, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 P.M.

B. Please click here to access the City Council Contact Form. This form can be used to submit any comments/concerns you might have about this agenda

Resolution No. 2021-056
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, literacy is a learned skill that is improved through practice and regular reading; and

WHEREAS, public and school libraries play an important role in helping children learn to read and gain critical information literacy skills by providing easy and free access to books and other information on a wide range of topics; and

WHEREAS, the reading of books with children improves children's language, cognitive, and literacy skills;

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that reading aloud with children is the single most important activity for helping them become successful readers; and

WHEREAS, quality children's books and the continued efforts of educators, parents, and volunteer reading partners can instill a love of reading that will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, school reading programs provide students with a chance to improve their reading skills and take pleasure in stories; and

WHEREAS, , such programs have a profound and lasting positive impact on a child's life through improved reading comprehension, motivation, and achievement, as well as improved overall academic performance, classroom behavior, self-confidence, and social skills; and

WHEREAS, all people of the United States can help celebrate the importance of reading by donating children's books, volunteering to read to and mentor young students, and supporting public policies aimed at improving literacy rates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti designate March as Reading Month and encourage all residents to expose community youth to literature.

#Resolution No. 2021-056

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-056

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Tony Degiusti

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Replacement of Totaled Patrol Vehicles

DESCRIPTION:
Replacement of Totaled Patrol Vehicles

SUMMARY:

A police vehicle was involved in a crash which resulted in the MML Insurance carrier deeming the vehicle a total loss. Our insurance coverage allows for total reimbursement cost for the vehicle. The Ford Police Interceptor SUV is specifically designed to be a patrol vehicle. It is equipped with all wheel drive for superior handling in all types of weather and will accommodate some of the current equipment at the police department. The cost to replace the vehicle is $34,871.50

The vehicles will be purchased under state bid pricing from Gorno Ford of Woodhaven, MI.

Action Requested:

Approve the purchase of one (1) 2021 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs from Gorno Ford in the amount of $34,871.50 to be paid through reimbursement from the MML Insurance claim.

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

Resolution No. 2021-057
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Police Department desires to replace one (1) Patrol Vehicle with 2021 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Police Department has been allocated funds through the MML Insurance fund for the purpose of purchasing this vehicle, and

WHEREAS, Gorno Ford of Woodhaven, Michigan has provided State of Michigan bid pricing in the amount of $34,871.50.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police be authorized to sign all necessary documents needed to execute the vehicle purchase.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-057

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO:	Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Bonnie Wessler
DATE:	March 16, 2021
SUBJECT:	Frog Island Trailhead Accessibility and Infrastructure NRTF Grant Application

DESCRIPTION:
Frog Island Trailhead Accessibility and Infrastructure NRTF Grant Application

SUMMARY:

A number of long-term improvement goals have been noted for the Frog Island Park, including in the park itself, parking area, and accessibility, as well as for the Farmer's Market Plaza area and the Freighthouse parking lot. This project would be one phase of a larger project, and would address the accessibility and infrastructure challenges particular to the north end of Frog Island and set the stage for future improvements southward.

Overall, Frog Island is a prime point for river and trail recreation access, entertainment access (Freighthouse, amphitheater, Depot Town), and healthy food access (Farmers' Market, Food Co-op); in addition, its large parking area serves the adjacent Depot Town business district. Goals for this area from the adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan include:

- Increase fishing and paddling access at the north end of the park (including universal design features);
- Provide accessible parking at north end of park and accessible path from parking to north end of park/Huron River Water Trail access/Border to Border (B2B) trail
- Provide improved/increased parking overall;
    - improve stormwater & provide for onsite infiltration
    - provide additional barrier-free parking
    - provide additional bicycle parking (both for the park, the Farmers' Market, and Depot Town businesses), including covered/longer-term bicycle parking
- Provide north/south pedestrian/bike connection through parking lot/upland area, separate from but connected to B2B trail at north and south ends to provide safe

local transportation connection, as well as encourage people to use B2B when visiting Depot Town and visit Depot Town when using B2B

- Improve connection between the Freighthouse and the Frog Island Amphitheater by
- Enlarge the Farmers' Market area and reconfigure to allow for parking when not in use for events
    - This draws also from Master Plan (2013, p 38) recommendation for curbless "festival streets" in the Depot Town area to facilitate more/expanded outdoor events- curbless areas would function as streets most of the time, but could easily be closed off to traffic and used as plazas.

The project proposed for this grant is one step to begin to address that overall vision for the Frog Island Park area. At the north end of the park, there is a canoe/kayak put-in, currently accessible via steps and a woodchipped path, with minimal signage. It is not accessible from the parking lot, nor is the trail accessible from the parking lot. The parking lot is unpaved and often muddy, icy, or both, posing both accessibility challenges and representing stormwater drainage issues. That parking area is also underutilized for its size due to its poor condition; the 300' long by 50' deep space currently holds approximately 30-35 vehicles with no barrier-free or even handicap placard spaces; this could be reconfigured to serve approximately double that, with barrier-free spaces, improved drainage including green infrastructure/rain gardens, and an accessible path to the Border to Border Trail as well as the Huron River.

For the total project vision, a preliminary cost estimate has been developed of $2.5m for construction and $500,000 for design and engineering of parking, drive, and plaza/market improvements. $80,000 would be required for preliminary engineering (concept, survey, geotech), exclusive of funding to perform further improvements to the park or any future parking structure to support the park and other adjacent uses. We are currently estimating that the trailhead phase will cost approximately $600-750,000, inclusive of engineering, but as design progresses, that number may change.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS: None.

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

Resolution No. 2021-058
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City strongly supports safe and equitable recreation access for all of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan recognizes the need for improved accessibility in our parks, particularly Frog Island Park; and

WHEREAS, Frog Island presents a nexus between the Border to Border Trail, part of the Iron Belle Trail, and the Huron River Water Trail; and

WHEREAS, the parking and stormwater drainage facilities serving Frog Island need to be upgraded to meet current accessibility standards and protect the water quality of the Huron River; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City Council hereby authorizes the submission of a development application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Natural Resources Trust Fund in the amount of up to $500,000 for the Frog Island Trailhead Project, to be matched by sources to be determined, including private donations, City funds, and other public grant support.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-058

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Annie Somerville

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Downtown Street Closure Extension

DESCRIPTION:
Downtown Street Closure Extension

SUMMARY:

On January 26, 2021, City Council approved Resolution No. 2021-014 authorizing the DDA Street Closures of North and South Washington Streets Downtown and E Cross Street in Depot Town for the purpose of outdoor shopping and dining. After hearing from stakeholders Downtown following that resolution, it is clear a longer closure in Downtown is more strongly desired and less impactful to residents than it is in Depot Town. There are enough businesses willing to begin outdoor dining on April 1 to justify closing North Washington, whereas on South Washington and E Cross, there has not been the same enthusiasm or urgency for a longer closure. On North Washington, there is additionally less opportunity to use sidewalks or private parking areas as there is in other places like Depot Town. For businesses like Bobcat Bonnies and Ypsi Alehouse this space on the street is essential to operating safely and with enough volume to be successful. There are also physical differences in the street closure areas that impact how noise is received by adjacent residents. In the interest of supporting local restaurants Downtown, the following resolution extending the North Washington street closure from April 1, 2021-November 1, 2021 is provided.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of attached resolution

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

Resolution No. 2021-058A
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has hit the City of Ypsilanti and our businesses extremely hard; and

WHEREAS, public health guidance indicates that outdoor dining is safer than indoor dining and consumers preferred these outdoor spaces in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the city seeks to assist in the recovery of our small businesses and help encourage best practices that support our local economy; and

WHEREAS, the unique conditions of Downtown and its stakeholders offers an opportunity for a longer street closure; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Ypsilanti City Council amends the special event permit closing North Washington Street from Pearl to Michigan Avenue from April 1, 2021 until November 1, 2021. The closures would remain in effect during overnight hours. Live amplified music is only permitted on Fridays and Saturdays until 10pm.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-058A

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Rheagan Basabica

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Request to Join Michigan Liquid Assets Fund Plus (MILAF)

DESCRIPTION:
Request to Join Michigan Liquid Assets Fund Plus (MILAF)

SUMMARY:

It is the policy of the City of Ypsilanti to diversify its investment portfolios. Assets shall be diversified to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of investing in specific maturities, individual financial institutions, or a specific class of securities.

The Finance Department is requesting that City Council approve the resolution to join MILAF as a portfolio where the City could invest its surplus funds. The City will specifically invest in Governments of Michigan Investing Collectively(GovMIC) which is a share class of MILAF. Enclosed is a GovMIC one pager and fact sheet which describes the investment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 734-483-1105 or by e-mail at rbasabica@cityofyspilanti.com.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the Resolution

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed resolution, GovMIC One Pager and GovMIC fact sheet as of 1/31/2021

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

Resolution No. 2021-059
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Public Act 20 of 1943, MCLA 129.91, et seq, as amended ("Public Act 20"), authorizes the Local Unit to invest surplus funds in certain permissible investments; and

WHEREAS, the Surplus Funds Investment Pool Act, Act No. 367 of the Public Acts of 1982, MCL 129.11, et seq, as amended, authorizes political subdivisions organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, including counties, cities, villages, townships, school districts and other authorities (collectively "Political Subdivisions") to invest surplus funds in certain investment pools; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, 1967 PA 4, Ex, Sess. No. 7, MCLA 124.501, et seq., as amended, provides that two or more Political Subdivisions may jointly cooperate in the exercise or in the performance of their respective governmental functions, powers or responsibilities and may enter into such joint agreements as may be deemed appropriate for such purposes when such agreements have been adopted by all such cooperating Political Subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Trust (Interlocal Agreement), as amended, and an Information Statement relating to the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus (the "Fund") have been presented to this council; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Trust, as amended, authorizes Political Subdivisions to adopt and enter into the Declaration of Trust and become participants of the Fund; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems it advisable for the Local Unit to adopt and enter into the Declaration of Trust and become a participant of the Fund for the purpose of the joint investment of the Local Unit's money and those of other Political Subdivisions so as to enhance the investment earnings accruing to each Political Subdivisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1.The Local Unit shall join with other Political Subdivisions in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 20, the Surplus Funds Investment Pool Act and the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, as such laws are applicable, by becoming a participant of a Fund in entering into the Declaration of Trust, which Declaration of Trust is adopted by reference thereto with the same effect as if it had been set out verbatim in this resolution. A copy of the Declaration of Trust shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this resolution was adopted.

2. The Local Unit is hereby authorized to invest its available funds from time to time and to withdraw such funds from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration of Trust. The following officers and officials of the Local Unit are authorized to take such actions and execute any and all such documents as they may deem necessary and appropriate to effectuate the entry by the Local Unit into the Declaration of Trust and the adoption thereof by the Local Unit.

Name	Title
Frances McMullan	City Manager
Andrew Hellenga	City Clerk
Rheagan Basabica	Finance Director/Treasurer

3. The following offices and officials of the Local Unit and their reective successors in office each are hereby designated as "Authorized Officials" with full power and authority to effectuate the investment and withdrawal of monies of the Local Unit from time to time in accordance with the Declaration of Trust.

Name	Title
Frances McMullan	City Manager
Andrew Hellenga	City Clerk
Rheagan Basabica	Finance Director/Treasurer

The Secretary of the Council shall advise the Fund of any changes in authorized officials in accordance with procedures established by the Fund.

4. The Trustees of the Fund are hereby designated as having official custody of the Local Unit's monies which are invested in accordance with the Declaration of Trust.

5. Authorization is hereby given for members of this Council and officials of the Local Unit to serve as Trustees of the Fund from time to time if elected as such pursuant to the Declaration of Trust.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution being the same are hereby rescinded.

OFFERED BY:_____

#Resolution No. 2021-059

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-059

January 31, 2021

Fact Sheet

Governments of Michigan Investing Cooperatively ("GovMIC") is the marketing name used to describe a class of shares of the MILAF+ Portfolio of the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus ("MILAF+" or the "Trust"), which is a comprehensive cash management program created in 1987 by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

MILAF+ PORTFOLIO – GOVMIC CLASS

The MILAF+ Portfolio is a short-term liquid portfolio and cash management vehicle rated AAAm[4] by Standard and Poor's. The GovMIC Class offers a competitive rate exclusively for governmental entities, including counties, municipalities, and townships/villages under the State of Michigan's Public Act 20.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE - MILAF+ PORTFOLIO

To earn a high rate of return while preserving principal, providing liquidity and seeking a stable NAV of $1.00.

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Through diligent market analysis and careful duration management, we can help public agencies, typically limited to a conservative investment universe, maximize their income potential while maintaining stability of principal and liquidity.

GOVMIC CLASS FACTS

	As of January 31, 2021
7-Day Net Yield[1]	0.04%
Monthly Distribution Yield[2]	0.05%
Weighted Average Maturity[3]	56 Days
Fund Rating[4]	AAAm by Standard and Poor's

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Program Administrator and Investment Adviser:
PFM Asset Management LLC

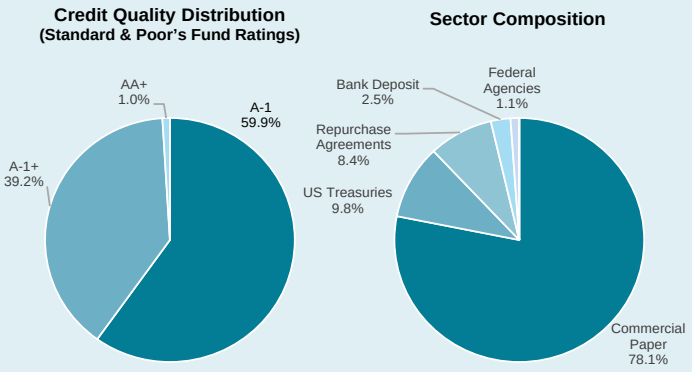
Distributor: PFM Fund Distributors, Inc

Custodian: Fifth Third Bank

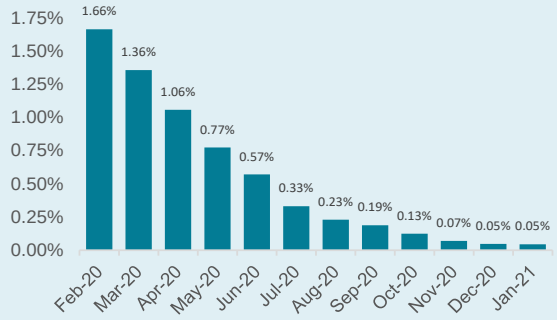
Independent Auditor:
Ernst & Young LLP

Trust Counsel:
Thrun Law Firm, P.C.

MILAF+ Portfolio Diversification[6] as of January 31, 2021



GovMIC Class Performance (30-Day Net Yield[5] %)



[1] *7-day net yield, also known as the current annualized yield, represents the net change, exclusive of capital changes and income other than investment income, in the value of a hypothetical account with a balance of one share (normally $1.00 per share) over a seven-day base period expressed as a percentage of the value of one share at the beginning of the seven-day period. This resulting net change in account value is then annualized by multiplying it by 365 and dividing the result by 7.*

[2] *The monthly distribution yield represents the net change in the value of a hypothetical account with a value of one share (normally $1.00 per share) resulting from all dividends declared during a month by the Pool expressed as a percentage of the value of one share at the beginning of the month. This resulting net change is then annualized by multiplying it by 365 and dividing it by the number of calendar days in the month.*

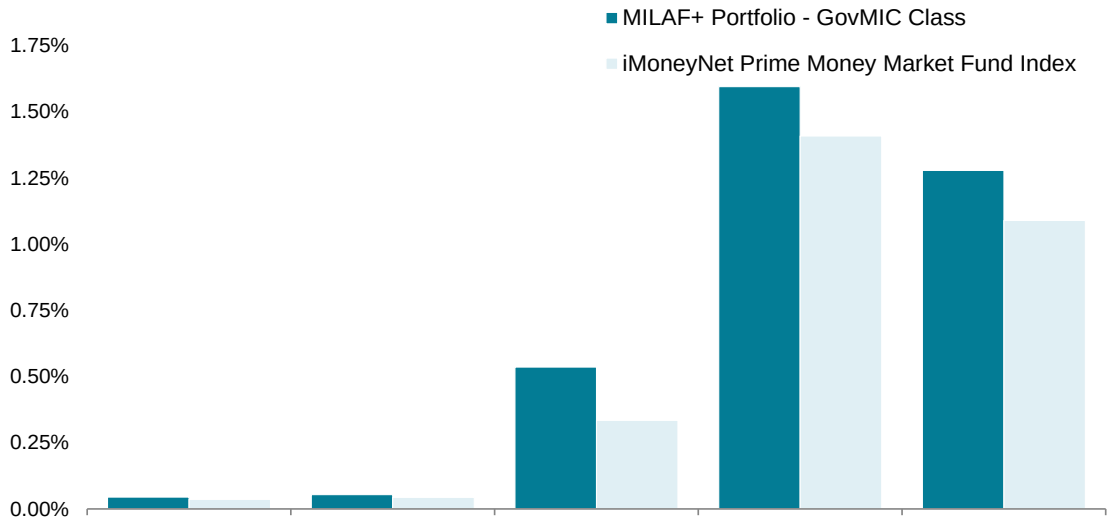
[3] *Weighted Average Maturity: Calculated by the final maturity for a security held in the portfolio and the interest rate reset date. This is a way to measure a fund's sensitivity to potential interest rate changes.*

[4] *Standard & Poor's fund ratings are based on analysis of credit quality, market price exposure, and management. According to Standard & Poor's rating criteria, the AAAm rating signifies excellent safety of investment principal and a superior capacity to maintain a $1.00 per share net asset value. However, it should be understood that the rating is not a "market" rating nor a recommendation to buy, hold or sell the securities. For a full description on rating methodology, visit Standard & Poor's website (http://www.standardandpoors.com/ratings/en_US/web/guest/home).*

[5] *As of the last day of the month. The 30-day yield represents the net change, exclusive of capital changes and income other than investment income, in the value of a hypothetical account with a balance of one share (normally $1.00 per share) over a thirty-day base period expressed as a percentage of the value of one share at the beginning of the thirty-day period. This resulting net change in account value is then annualized by multiplying it by 365 and dividing the result by 30.*

[6] *Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.*

Average Annual Return as of January 31, 2021



	Month	3-Month	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
MILAF+ Portfolio - GovMIC Class	0.05%	0.05%	0.54%	1.59%	1.28%
iMoneyNet Prime Money Market Fund Index[1]	0.04%	0.04%	0.33%	1.41%	1.09%

Must be preceded or accompanied by a Information Statement. For a current Information Statement, which contains more complete information, please visit http://www.govmic.org/ or call 844-846-8642. Before investing, consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the pool carefully. This and other information can be found in the Information Statement. Read the Information Statement carefully before you invest or send money.

[1]Source: iMoneyNet First Tier Institutional Money Market Fund Index Average. This index is comprised of funds rated in the top grade that invest in high-quality financial instruments with dollar-weighted average maturities of less than 60 days. It is not possible to invest directly in such an index.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Yields will fluctuate as market conditions change. The current fund performance may be higher or lower than that cited. The yields shown may reflect fee waivers by service providers that subsidize and reduce the total operating expenses of the Pool. Pool yields would be lower if there were no such waivers.

*This information is for institutional investor use only, not for further distribution to retail investors, and does not represent an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any fund or other security. Governments of Michigan Investing Cooperatively ("GovMIC") is the marketing name used to describe the GovMIC Class of shares of the MILAF+ Portfolio, a series of the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus (the "Trust"). Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing in the Trust. This and other information about the Trust is available in the Trust's current Information Statement, which should be read carefully before investing. A copy of the Trust's Information Statement may be obtained by calling 844-8-GovMIC or is available on GovMIC's website at www.govmic.org. While GovMIC seeks to maintain a stable net asset value of $1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money investing in the Trust. An investment in the Trust is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Shares of the Trust are distributed by **PFM Fund Distributors, Inc.**, member Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) (www.finra.org) and Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) (www.sipc.org). PFM Fund Distributors, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of PFM Asset Management LLC.*

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Andrew Hellenga

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Approval of Senate Bill 207

DESCRIPTION:
Approval of Senate Bill 207

SUMMARY:

On March 4, 2021 Senator Wayne Schmidt of the 37 District submitted Senate Bill 207. If approved, the Bill would extend the ability for no reason virtual meetings until June 30, 2021. The Bill has since been referred to the Government Operations Committee.

There have been 633 new cases reported in Washtenaw County the week of March 4th, 125 of those cases are in the 48197 and 48198 Zip Codes. It is essential for public bodies throughout the state to continue to have the ability for no reason virtual meetings. Not only to ensure the safety of the public, but also staff, boards and commissions members, and elected officials.

Removing the ability to meet virtually could not only impact the health of the community, but the community's ability to safely participate in local governance, the very purpose of the Open Meetings Act.

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

Resolution No. 2021-060
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the COIVD-19 Pandemic has touched every individual living in this city, county, state, country, and planet; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has advised that wearing a mask and keeping socially distance will help stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County reported 633 new cases of COVID-19 the week of March 4, 2021, with 125 of those diagnosis being in the 48197 and 48198 Zip Codes; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature and Governor have amended the Open Meetings Act to allow for no reason virtual meetings until March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, upon its expiration public bodies throughout the state will be forced to begin meeting in person, creating a risk to public health; and

WHEREAS, the fear of exposure might limit the public's desire to participate in public meetings lowering its involvement in the decision making process at the local level, creating less transparency, the very reason for sunshine laws such as the Open Meetings Act; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council implore the Michigan State Legislature to adopt Senate Bill 207 and Governor Whitmer sign it to law, allowing for no reason virtual meetings until June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Ypsilanti City Council direct the City Clerk to forward this resolution to the Michigan House, Michigan Senate, the Office of the Governor, and the City's Lobbyist.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

#Resolution No. 2021-060

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-060

Resolution No. 2021-061
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the International Transgender Day of Visibility was founded by US based transgender activist Rachel Crandall of Michigan in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Transgender Day of Visibility is a time to celebrate transgender and non-binary people around the globe and acknowledge the courage it takes to live openly and authentically; and

WHEREAS, activists use this day to bring awareness to the discrimination and violence that trans people face; and

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Campaign recording forty-four deaths of transgender and non-binary people in 2020 as a result of violence; and

WHEREAS, these victims, like all of us, were loving partners, parents, family members, friends, and community members; and

WHEREAS, transgender and non-binary people face significant cultural, legal, and economic challenges, but continue to bravely share their stories, and push for equality; and

WHEREAS, it is on all of us to fight for change at every level and take action to support trans gender and gender non-conforming people.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council recognize March 31, 2021 as International Transgender Visibility Day and vow to continue the fight to achieve equality and inclusion for all people.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

#Resolution No. 2021-061

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-061

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Frances McMullan

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Request to Hold 2021 Vintage Volkswagen Festival June 13, 2021

DESCRIPTION:
Request to Hold 2021 Vintage Volkswagen Festival June 13, 2021

SUMMARY:

The Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Club has requested that, in view of the fact that Ypsilanti is still in the midst of battling the COVID19 pandemic but that governmental restrictions have been somewhat relaxed, that City Council consider allowing their annual Vintage Volkswagen Festival event to be held on June 13, 2021, with any necessary restrictions/safety precautions in place, so that the community can begin to return to a semblance of normalcy in a safe yet fun manner.

Michigan Vintage Volkswagen has been hosting this festival annually at Riverside Park for over fifteen years, normally in May. This year they have agreed to push their date back from May 6th to June 13th to make it as safe as possible for all those attending. In exchange for pushing back their date an entire month, they ask that the City agree to lower their rental fees to a class 2 level, which would lower their total rental fees by $200.

Vintage Volkswagen is a non-judged Volkswagen festival and swap meet that draws people of all ages, ranging from young children to the elderly. It is considered a family event.

They agree to implement social distancing and mask protocols. They will be highly encouraging attendees of the event to practice both social distancing and the wearing of masks through signage at the entrances and throughout the park.

The attached resolution allows the City of Ypsilanti to approve the Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Club holding their event at Riverside Park on June 13th, 2021, with any required social distancing and attendance requirements in place.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Resolution

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

Resolution No. 2021-062
March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Vintage Volkswagen Club has submitted application to hold its annual festival in Riverside Park on June 13, 2021, a month following the normal date of the first weekend in May the festival is usually held; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for postponing their event they ask that the City lower their rental fees to a class 2 level, lowering the fees by $200; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors have agreed to adhere to social distancing an mask protocols; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI, THAT the City Manager is authorized to approve a special events application, with contingencies, to allow the Annual Vintage Volkswagen Festival to occur in Riverside Park on June 13, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Sponsors agree to monitor the public and to comply with any additional measures as required by the City.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-062

Memorandum

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Andrew Hellenga, City Clerk

Subject: Returning to In Person Meeting

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

The no reason virtual meetings, as provided by Public Act 254 of 2020, is currently going to expire on March 31, 2021. Without action on Senate Bill 207, a similar bill, or declaration of emergency, all city public bodies will be required to return to in-person meetings on April 1st.

The City Attorney has advised that staff will not need to be present during the meetings. Therefore, only one staff member will be physically present during a public meeting. Said staff member will be present to control the Zoom meeting, as that is the public's option for the public to view and participate without needing to be physically present.

All members of Council/Boards and Commissions will be asked to bring personal devices to log into the Zoom platform, and a public laptop will be available for those wanting to make comment in person. The public laptop will be disinfected following each use by the present staff member.

Sneeze guards will be in place on the dais, and Council/Board and Commission Members will be spread out between the dais and table in front to accommodate for social distancing. The staff member will be seated to the side, where staff typically would sit.

Staff has researched prices regarding an air purifier that is effective in rooms up to 1,500 square feet (chambers is slightly under 1,000 square feet) and ionized fans that are 99% effective in killing the COVID-19 virus.

The size of chambers does make it impossible to allow for twenty-five people to safely gather for meetings; however, chairs will be set up six feet apart prior to each meeting.

The City will continue to encourage members of the public to participate via the Zoom platform to maximize safety. However, staff will use all available resources to ensure safe meetings.

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March 16, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned, on call, by the Mayor or three (3) members of Council.

OFFERED BY:_____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 16 day of March 2021

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