

POSTPONED - RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE WASHTENAW COUNTY TO
INCLUDE THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR IN THE ZONE OF THE WASHTENAW
COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Whereas, The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has established the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the "WCBRA") and has adopted the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for Washtenaw County (the "Plan"), which facilitates the implementation of plans relating to the identification and treatment of environmentally-distressed areas within the County of Washtenaw, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act");

Whereas, The Act requires the explicit consent of each local governmental unit to be included in the Authority Zone, and that the County resolution included a provision that the Proposed Brownfield Redevelopment Zone will include all local governmental units within the County that pass a resolution approving the inclusion of the Brownfield Redevelopment Zone;

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor Environmental Commission passed a resolution supporting the City's inclusion in the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Zone;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the public to promote the redevelopment of environmentally-distressed areas in the City of Ann Arbor, and in order to do so, to facilitate the implementation of Brownfield plans relating to the designation and treatment of environmentally-distressed areas by including the City of Ann Arbor in the Brownfield Redevelopment Zone;

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor did not support the weakening of Michigan's environmental cleanup criteria, that resulted from the 1995 amendments to the Michigan Environmental Response Act, now codified as Part 201 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCLA 324.20101, et seq.; and

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor believes that it should seek to impose stricter cleanup standards or criteria in return for tax benefits that may be granted in accordance with the Act and the Plan to the developer of an Eligible Property;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council support inclusion into the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, provided that the City of Ann Arbor review and approve each project and select the level of cleanup standards that are applied to the project sites that are in the Ann Arbor city limits and those affecting the City of Ann Arbor prior to any approvals by the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and

RESOLVED, That the cleanup standards for redevelopment projects in the City of

Ann Arbor be based on the more restrictive of either the state environmental cleanup standards prior to the enactment of Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (i.e., P. A. 307 standards), the Residential and Commercial 1 standards under Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act or any other appropriate standards approved by City Council; and

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council hereby explicitly includes the City of Ann Arbor in the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Zone and directs the City Administrator to take the necessary steps to finalize this inclusion.

Councilmember Easthope moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilmember Easthope moved that the resolution be postponed until the January 22, 2002 regular session of Council for further review.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.
