

CITY OF PORTAGE
ORDINANCE NO. 98-14

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE CITY OF PORTAGE PURSUANT TO ACT 197 OF MICHIGAN, 1975, TO DETERMINE THE NECESSITY THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THE AUTHORITY; TO DEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE AUTHORITY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF THE AUTHORITY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOTICE AND EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF"; TO PRESCRIBE ITS POWER AND DUTIES; TO CORRECT AND PREVENT DETERIORATION IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN THE DISTRICT; TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE FOR A BOARD; TO PRESCRIBE ITS POLICIES AND DUTIES; TO AUTHORIZE, TO LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Portage (the "City") has established a downtown development authority known as the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Portage (the "Authority") and has designated a downtown district (the "District") pursuant to Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1975, as amended, ("Act 197"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 197, a public hearing was held on April 21, 1998 which is a date prior to the adoption of the Ordinance.

THE CITY OF PORTAGE ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I
INCORPORATION, BOUNDARIES, AND
DETERMINATION OF NEED

Section 1. This Ordinance shall serve as the permanent Articles of Incorporation of the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Portage.

Section 2. Pursuant to Public Act No. 197 of the Michigan Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended, (the "Act"), there is hereby established the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Portage.

Section 3. The boundaries of the Downtown District shall be as set forth in Appendix A.

Section 4. The following words shall have the meaning set forth, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Authority" means the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Portage created by this Ordinance.

(b) "Board" or "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Authority, the governing body of the Authority.

(c) "Business District" means an area in the downtown of the City of Portage zoned and used principally for business.

(d) "The Chief Executive Officer" means the City Manager of the City.

(e) "Development Area" means that area to which a Development Plan is applicable.

(f) "Development Plan" means that information and those requirements for development as required by Act 197.

(g) "Development Program" means the implementation of the Development Plan.

(h) "Downtown District" means the area in the Business District described in Appendix A.

(i) "Governing Body" means the City Council of the City of Portage.

(j) "Operations" means office maintenance, including salaries and expenses of employees, office supplies, consultation fees, design costs, and other expenses incurred in the daily management of the Authority and its activities.

(k) "Public Facility" means a street, plaza, pedestrian mall, and any improvements thereto including street furniture and beautification, parks, parking facilities, recreational facilities, right-of-way, structure, waterway, bridge, lake, pond, canal, utility line or pipe, building and access routes to any of the foregoing, designed and dedicated to use by the public generally, or used by public agency.

(l) "City" means the City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

(m) "City Council" means the City Council of the City of Portage.

Section 5. The City Council hereby determines that it is necessary for the best interests of the City to halt property value deterioration and increase property tax valuation where possible in the business district of the City, to eliminate the causes of that deterioration and to promote economic growth by establishing a Downtown Development Authority pursuant to Act 197.

Section 6. Creation of Authority. There is hereby created pursuant to Act 197 a Downtown Development Authority for the City. The Authority shall be a public body corporate and shall be known and exercise its powers under the title of "Downtown Development Authority of the City of Portage." The Authority may adopt a seal, may sue and be sued in any court of this state and shall possess all of the powers necessary to carry out the purpose of its incorporation as provided by this Ordinance and Act 197.

ARTICLE II THE BOARD

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Authority shall be under the supervision and control of the Board of Directors consisting of the chief executive of the City and not less than eight (8) or more than twelve (12) members as determined by the City Council. The members shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the City, subject to the approval by the City Council. Not less than a majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the Downtown District. Not less than one of the members shall be a resident of the Downtown District, if the Downtown District has 100 or more persons residing with it. Of the members first appointed, an equal number, as near as is practical, shall be appointed for one year, two years, three years and four years. Members shall hold office until the members' successor is appointed. Thereafter, each member shall serve for a term of four years. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made by the chief executive officer of the City for the unexpired term only. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

Section 2. The President of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Before assuming the duties of office, a member shall qualify by taking and subscribing to the Constitutional Oath of Office.

Section 4. The Officers of the Authority shall be as follows:

- a. A President
- b. A Vice President
- c. A Secretary
- d. A Treasurer

Section 5. The Board of Directors by resolution adopted by a majority of its members at a regular or special meeting shall elect the officers to terms of office set forth in the Resolution. The Board may elect one or more assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers of the Authority. Officers and members of the Board shall acknowledge their acceptance of the position by filing an acknowledgment thereof with the secretary of the Authority.

Section 6. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be vested in one person, if approved by the Board, in which event such person shall be the "Secretary-Treasurer."

ARTICLE III MEETINGS

Section 1. The Board shall perform and conduct all business public meetings held in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being Sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated, which is also known as the Open Meeting Act.

Section 2. The Board shall adopt any rules necessary governing its procedure and the holding of regular meetings subject to the approval of the governing body.

Section 3. Special Meetings may be held when called in the manner provided for in the Rules of the Board, as long as said meetings comply with the Open Meetings Act.

ARTICLE IV FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL RECORDS

Section 1. All writings, items of records prepared, owned or used, in the possession of or retained by the Board in the performance of their official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, Act 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being Sections 15.231, 15.246 of Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated.

Section 2. All expense items of the authority shall be publicized monthly and the financial records will always be open to the public.

ARTICLE V POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Section 1. The Authority shall have all the powers expressed granted or reasonably implied by Act 197 as presently in effect or as hereafter amended.

ARTICLE VI

No enumeration of the powers granted to the Authority in this Ordinance shall be interpreted as a limitation of the powers granted to the Authority, it being the intention of this Ordinance to grant to the Authority all powers granted to a downtown development authority by Act 197.

ARTICLE VII BOUNDARY AREA OF THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

The boundary of the Downtown District shall be as set forth in Appendix A.

ARTICLE VIII BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Authority shall begin on July 1 of each year and end on June 30 of the succeeding year, or such other fiscal year as may hereafter be adopted by the City.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall annually prepare a budget and shall submit it to the City Council on the same date that the proposed budget for the City is required by law to be submitted to the City Council. The Board shall not finally adopt a budget for any fiscal year until the budget has been approved by the City Council. The Board may, however, temporarily adopt a budget in connection with the operation of any improvements which have been financed by revenue bonds where required to do so by the Ordinance authorizing the revenue bonds.

Section 3. The Authority shall submit financial reports to the City Council at the same time and on the same basis as departments of the City are required to submit reports. The Authority shall be audited annually by the same independent auditors auditing the City and copies of the Audit report shall be filed with the City Council.

ARTICLE IX SECTION HEADINGS SEVERABILITY - REPAIR

Section headings are provided for convenience only and are not intended to be part of this Ordinance. If any portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be unlawful, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE X
DISSOLUTION OF AUTHORITY UPON COMPLETION
OF PURPOSES; TITLE OF PROPERTY

Section 1. The Authority shall be dissolved by Ordinance of the City Council after it has completed the purposes for which it was organized.

Section 2. The property and assets of Authority remain and after the satisfaction of the Authority shall belong to the City.

ARTICLE XI
PUBLICATION; EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be published once after its adoption in full in the Kalamazoo Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation in the City and the City Clerk shall file a certified copy of the Ordinance with the Michigan Secretary of State promptly after its adoption.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately on the date of publication.

INTRODUCED: June 16, 1998

ADOPTED: July 7, 1998

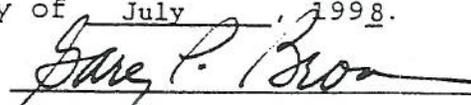
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PUBLISHED: July 11, 1998

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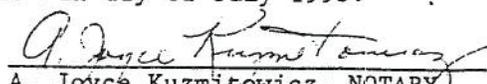
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing ordinance is hereby certified to be the authentic record of the ordinance which was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Portage on the 7th day of July, 1998 and published on the 11th day of July, 1998.


Mayor GARY P. BROWN


Clerk JAMES R. HUDSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July 1998.


A. Joyce Kuzmitowicz, NOTARY
Kalamazoo County, Michigan
Mv Commission Expires: 4-17-2000

A parcel of land located in the northwest quarter of section three and the northeast quarter of section four, township three south, range eleven west, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the west quarter post of said section three; thence east along the east-west quarter line of said section three 131.69 feet to a point 34.31 feet west of the southeast corner of lot 19 of the Assessor's Plat of DeBoer Homestead Acres and the place of beginning; thence northwesterly 100.00 feet to the northwest corner of said lot 19; thence northerly 66.00 feet along the west line of lot 18 of said Assessor's Plat to the northwest corner of said lot 18; thence northerly 66.00 feet along the west line extended of said lot 18 to the southwest corner of lot 17 of said Assessor's Plat; thence continuing northerly 264.00 feet more or less along the west line of lots 14, 15, 16, and 17 of said Assessor's Plat to the northwest corner of said lot 14; thence westerly 80.00 feet more or less to the intersection of the south right-of-way line of DeHaan Drive with the west right-of-way line of South Westmedge Avenue; thence westerly 590.00 feet more or less along the south right-of-way line of DeHaan Drive to the intersection of the south right-of-way line of DeHaan Drive with the east right-of-way line of Clara Drive; thence southwestly 280.00 feet more or less along the east right-of-way line of Clara Drive; thence westerly 50.00 feet more or less to the southeast corner of lot 108 of said Assessor's Plat; thence westerly 63.40 feet more or less along the south line of said lot 108; thence south 58 degrees 3 minutes 8 seconds west, 119.84 feet; thence south 72 degrees 5 minutes 59 seconds west, 163.48 feet; thence north 89 degrees 2 minutes 44 seconds west, 250.80 feet; thence north 84 degrees 28 minutes 18 seconds west, 1,241.33 feet more or less to the south line of said Assessor's Plat; thence westerly 21.00 feet more or less along the south line of said Assessor's Plat to the southwest corner of lot 98 of said Assessor's Plat; thence north 0 degrees 20 minutes 0 seconds west, 419.30 feet along the north-south quarter line of said section four; thence easterly 1,763.82 feet to the northwest corner of lot 68 of said Assessor's Plat; thence northeasterly 481.00 feet more or less along the center line of the west branch of Portage Creek; thence northeasterly 188.00 feet more or less along said creek; thence northerly along said creek to a point on the east-west eighth line of said section four 458.64 feet west of the east line of said section four; thence westerly 50.00 feet along said east-west eighth line; thence northerly 289.06 feet parallel with the east line of said section four; thence north 85 degrees 16 minutes 20 seconds west, 549.72 feet; thence north 58 degrees 41 minutes 0 seconds west, 317.39 feet to the west line of the east half of the northeast quarter of said section four; thence north 0 degrees 0 minutes 3 seconds west, 527.79 feet along the west line of the east half of the northeast quarter of said section four to a point 480.37 feet south of the north line of said section four, said point also being in the south line of lot 17 of Kilgore Plat; thence east along the south line of Kilgore Plat 869.44 feet to the southwest corner of lot 5 of said plat; thence north along the west line of lot 5, 125.00 feet; thence east 154.00 feet to the east line of lot 4 of said plat; thence north 322.37 feet to the north line of section four; thence easterly 304.00 feet to the northeast corner of said section four, this point also being the northwest corner of said section three; thence continuing easterly 951.78 feet along the north line of the northwest quarter of said section three to the west line extended of lot 121 of Ridgebrook No. 1; thence southerly 50.00 feet along the west line extended of said lot 121 to the northwest corner of said lot 121; thence continuing southerly 157.09 feet along the west line of said lot 121 to the southwest corner of said lot 121; thence southwestly 173.82 feet along the north line of lot 122 of Ridgebrook No. 1 to the northwest corner of said lot 122 and the easterly right-of-way line of Old Kilgore Road; thence southerly 1,255.74 feet along the westerly line and the westerly line extended of Ridgebrook No. 1 to a point in the north line of lot 64 of Terrace Heights; thence westerly 183.95 feet along the north line of lots 64, 65 and 66 of Terrace Heights to the northwest corner of said lot 66; thence southerly 132.00 feet along the west line of said lot 66 to the southwest corner of said lot 66 and the north right-of-way line of Andy Avenue; thence westerly 264.00 feet along the north right-of-way line of Andy Avenue to the west line of Terrace Heights; thence southerly 858.00 feet along the west line of Terrace Heights to the southwest corner of lot 9 of Terrace Heights and a point in the north line of lot 53 of said Assessor's Plat; thence westerly 165.00 feet along the north line of lots 53, 54 and 55 of said Assessor's Plat to the northwest corner of said lot 55; thence southerly 198.00 feet along the west line and the west line extended of said lot 55 to the northwest corner of lot 20 of said Assessor's Plat; thence continuing southerly 132.00 feet along the west line of said lot 20 to the southwest corner of said lot 20 and the southeast corner of said lot 19; thence westerly 34.31 feet along the east-west quarter line of said section three and along the south line of said lot 19 to the place of beginning.