

**CITY OF HARTFORD
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN
STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 2025 – 021**



RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES (RRC) FACILITATED BY VAN BUREN COUNTY

At a Regular meeting of the City of Hartford Commission at 19 West Main Street called to order by Mayor Richard A. Hall on March 24, 2025 at 5:30pm.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford started the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) certification process under Yemi Akinwale’s administration. Because the process began several years ago, MEDC considers the City RRC engaged; and

WHEREAS, the RRC program, administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), is demanding. It involves multiple stages that can be quite demanding for participating communities; and

WHEREAS, these stages include:

1. **Initial Setup and Orientation Meetings:** Organizing initial discussions to understand the requirements and commitments needed for RRC certification.
2. **Review of Best Practices:** Thoroughly reviewing and adhering to established best practices across various aspects of planning and development, including zoning, planning public outreach, and internal processes.
3. **Establishment of Standardized Forms and Processes:** Developing and instituting standardized forms and processes that align with RRC standards can be a time-intensive process requiring meticulous attention to detail.
4. **Continuous Engagement and Feedback:** Consistently engage with MEDC to ensure all practices and submissions meet their criteria, including revisiting and revising documents and strategies as feedback is received; and

WHEREAS, the County was awarded funding for an AmeriCorps worker to assist communities in becoming RRC certified. The County is asking communities that lack staff capacity to engage in the RRC process. The County is asking each local governmental unit to commit \$2,500 to help the County meet its match of \$17,000; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Community Redevelopment Liaison will be stationed in Van Buren County full-time for 11 months, equitably dividing their time among all participating units; and

WHEREAS, the support aims to enhance interactions, assist in the thorough preparation of necessary documentation, and ensure that community meetings and stakeholder engagements are conducted efficiently; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the City of Hartford City Commission approves a \$2,500 contribution to the Redevelopment Ready Communities certification process facilitated by Van Buren County’s Community Service Office AmeriCorps Community Redevelopment Liaison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; the City Commission authorizes the City Manager to sign & execute the agreement.

YEAS: Commissioners

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

DATE:

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

I RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk for the City of Hartford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford during a meeting held on March 24, 2025
Date

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk
City of Hartford
19 West Main Street,
Hartford MI 49057