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Detroit City Council  
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**RE: Acquisition of Wayne County Tax Foreclosed Properties  
Right of Refusal 2025**

Honorable City Council:

Under the General Property Tax Act (1893 PA 206) (the “Act”), the City of Detroit (“City”) has an annual right of refusal to acquire tax foreclosed property from Wayne County (the “County”), upon payment of a minimum bid or market value as determined by the County pursuant to the Act (“Purchase Price”). Such right of refusal allows the City to acquire tax foreclosed properties prior to any sale by the County through auction.

Based on the City’s review of the properties available from the County, the City has identified certain properties that we wish to acquire (the “ROR Properties”) for the purposes of stabilizing communities and curtailing the potential for further blight in the City of Detroit. Provided with the attached resolution is a list of the ROR Properties that includes a total Purchase Price. Funding for this proposed acquisition is included in the Housing & Revitalization Department capital budget for this current (FY25) Fiscal Year.

We hereby respectfully request that your Honorable Body adopt the attached resolution that authorizes the City to acquire the ROR Properties from the County for the Purchase Price.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexa Bush, Director  
Planning & Development Dept.

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Julie Schneider, Director  
Housing & Revitalization Dept.

cc: Malik Washington, Mayor’s Office



## **RESOLUTION**

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the General Property Tax Act (1893 PA 206) (the “Act”) allows the City of Detroit (“City”) an annual right of refusal to acquire tax foreclosed property from Wayne County (the “County”) upon the City’s payment of a minimum bid or market value as determined by the County pursuant to the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has provided the City with a 2025 list of available properties that is updated by the County from time to time (the “2025 ROR List”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City will utilize funds from Housing and Revitalization Department Appropriation No. 20507 (FY25) to acquire properties from the County under the aforementioned right of refusal (the “Acquisition Funds”); and

**WHEREAS**, attached hereto in Exhibit A is a list of the properties that the City wishes to acquire (the “2025 ROR Properties”) through its right of refusal for the purchase price stated by Wayne County for each respective property on the list (the “Purchase Price”); now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that Detroit City Council hereby approves acquisition of the 2025 ROR Properties from the County in exchange for the City’s payment of the Purchase Price; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Detroit City Council finds and declares that acquisition of the 2025 ROR Properties necessary to preserve and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Detroit, therefore the City Council hereby approves of the acquisition of the 2025 ROR Properties without any further contingent requirements; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Purchase Price shall be paid by the City with funds from Appropriation No. 20507 FY(25); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that if the County requests the City return to the County of any one or more of the properties on the 2025 ROR List after such property is transferred to the City but prior to December 31, 2025, then the City may honor such requests and the reconveyance of such properties to the County is hereby approved; and be it further



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**RESOLVED**, that the P&DD Director or a designee be and is, until December 31, 2025, hereby authorized to convey the City's right, title, and interest in and to such properties on the 2025 ROR List as had been transferred to the City but subsequently requested by the County to be returned to the County, by one or more quitclaim deeds, as well as execute any such other documents as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate such transfers from the City to the County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that in the event the County modifies the 2025 ROR List prior to July 30, 2025 by either adding or removing properties from such list, then the P&DD Director may modify the final 2025 ROR Properties by either adding or removing properties at the P&DD Director's sole discretion provided that the total Purchase Price does not exceed the Acquisition Funds amount; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the foregoing, the P&DD Director, or her authorized designee, be and is hereby authorized to accept and record deeds to the City of Detroit for the 2025 ROR Properties, as well as execute any such other documents as may be necessary to effectuate transfer of the 2025 ROR Properties from the County to the City of Detroit for the Purchase Price; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Finance Director is hereby authorized to increase the necessary accounts and honor expenditures and vouchers when presented in accordance with the foregoing communication and standard City procedures.

**A WAIVER OF RECONSIDERATION IS REQUESTED**

## Exhibit A

Parcel ID	Property Address	Project Description	Purchase Price
16017977	14441 LIVERNOIS	Strategic Site Assembly -Joe Louis Greenway	\$4,216.03
16005755.004L	7529 ELMHURST	Strategic Site Assembly - Joe Louis Greenway	\$3,937.52
21029024.	13609 GRATIOT	Strategic Site Assembly - Gratiot 7 Mile SNF	\$6,600.98
17009883-6	19350 VAN DYKE	Park Improvement/Expansion	\$18,800.00
10007191.	1810 18TH	Infrastructure Improvement - Corktown/Depot	\$3,344.12
12002822.	2930 CHICAGO	Permanent Supportive Housing Opportunity	\$37,927.10
12010822.002	14653 DEXTER	Joe Louis Greenway Redevelopment	\$1,629.74
16005115	10932 W GRAND RIVER	Joe Louis Greenway Redevelopment	\$7,158.30
18009206.	532 COTTRELL	Delray/West Riverfront Redevelopment	\$4,412.92
18009356.	597 S SOLVAY	Delray/West Riverfront Redevelopment	\$11,155.16
Total:			\$94,965.84