



Resolution NO. 163

A Resolution approving the tentative boundaries for a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ), directing the City Clerk to notify taxing units of intent to create an NEZ, and setting a public hearing.

**BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN - 5/15/2018**

**Resolved by the Commission of the City of Battle Creek:**

That Public Act 147 of 1992, as amended authorized certain Michigan communities to create "Neighborhood Enterprise Zones" (NEZ) within, which property owners may obtain property tax abatements for improvements to existing residential housing, or construction of new housing in urban areas;

The Michigan Enterprise Zone Authority has certified the City of Battle Creek as eligible to participate in the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) Program;

On December 28, 1992, the City Commission authorized the establishment of 9 NEZ districts for rehabilitation only abatement projects in various locations in the community. On February 17, 1998, the City Commission approved creation of NEZ 10 in the "Park Hill Neighborhood", allowing for abatement of taxes for both rehabilitation and new construction projects;

The City Commission desires to promote residential housing as a tool to assist with the downtown revitalization;

The City Commission now resolves to approve the tentative boundaries of a new zone designated for both new and rehabilitated residential units, said district being described as follows:

Lots 63 through 84 of Range of Blocks 2 of the Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Battle Creek, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Calhoun County, Michigan in Liber 2 of Plats on Page 42, including all of WMU – UAC Center Condominium, known as Calhoun County Condominium Subdivision Plan 20 recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Calhoun County, Michigan in Liber 1663 of Deeds on Pages 847 through 898. (Generally described as 14 parcels on the south side of West Michigan Avenue, north of Jackson Street, east of McCamly Street and west of Capital Avenue)

The Commission further resolves that as required by P.A. 147 of 1992, the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide public notice to the City Assessor and each taxing unit within the proposed zone, and that a public hearing be scheduled before the City Commission not later than 45 days after said notice is sent, and by way of this resolution, the City Commission sets the public hearing on the designation of this new Neighborhood Enterprise Zone to be held at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday June 5, 2018, in the City Commission Chambers, Room 302, City Hall.

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Battle Creek City Commission  
5/15/2018

**Action Summary**

**Staff Member:** Steven M. Hudson

**Department:** Assessing

**SUMMARY**

A Resolution approving the tentative boundaries for a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ), directing the City Clerk to notify taxing units of intent to create an NEZ, and setting a public hearing.

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS**

Establishing a Neighborhood Enterprise New and Rehabilitation District does not, itself, have any budgetary considerations. However, the purpose of establishing the district is to allow a property owner to request an Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement so that the property owner can receive a property tax abatement for a period of years that assists the property owner in offsetting the costs of rehabilitating an existing property or investing in new construction. The budgetary considerations for that will be addressed in a subsequent resolution.

**HISTORY, BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION**

One of the economic development tools available to the City of Battle Creek, due to its status as a "Core City", is the establishment of Neighborhood Enterprise Zones or NEZs. On December 28, 1992, the City Commission authorized the establishment of 9 NEZ districts for rehabilitation only abatement projects in various locations in the community. On February 17, 1998, the City Commission approved the creation of NEZ 10 in the "Park Hill Neighborhood", allowing for abatement of taxes for new construction projects only.

This resolution establishes the tentative boundaries of the eleventh NEZ district to be located in the downtown. It also schedules a public hearing within the required 45 day period after the public notice. A resolution approving the district will be submitted, after the required 60-day period from date of public notice.

**DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE**

**POSITIONS**

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ATTACHMENTS:

	File Name	Description
▣	<a href="#">Proposed NEZ RD11 Parcels.pdf</a>	Proposed New NEZ District RD11 Parcels
▣	<a href="#">Proposed New NEZ RD11 Map.pdf</a>	Proposed New NEZ District RD11 Site Map