

City of Albion

RESOLUTION #2015-24

Resolution Authorizing the City of Albion to Participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities Program

**Purpose and Finding:** The Redevelopment Ready Communities© (RRC) is a state-wide program of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) that certifies communities that actively engage stakeholders and plan for the future. A RRC certification signals to business owners, developers and investors that the community has removed development barriers by building deliberate, fair, and consistent processes to attract investment.

The City of Albion participated in the RRC self-evaluation of the redevelopment practices with an advisory group of local stakeholders. The results of the self-evaluation were reported to the Albion City Planning Commission on September 15, 2015.

The findings report details each of six core areas in which the City of Albion was evaluated to determine if the City meets best practices and the measurable steps required in seeking Redevelopment Ready Community Certification. This citizen's stakeholder group and the City Planning Commission are recommending to the Albion City Council to authorize participation in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

Council Member Barnes moved, supported by Council Member French to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has established the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program to empower communities to shape their future and maximize economic potential; and

WHEREAS, RRC is a program that provides technical assistance to and certifies Michigan communities who actively engage stakeholders and plan deliberate, fair and consistent processes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albion recognizes the value of the RRC Program and seeks to improve its development readiness via a detailed review of its development processes, including its Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Development Plan, and Zoning Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the RRC program includes evaluating and strengthening the development-related partnerships between the City Council and stakeholder organizations, such as the MEDC, Albion Downtown Development Authority, Albion Economic Development Corporation, and Albion Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the RRC Certification is a multi-year process. The pace of the adoption of best practices will be based on the City's capacity and therefore no deadline is established.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Albion City Council hereby authorizes the City of Albion to participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) program. The City of Albion is willing to allow use of limited City resources in the current 2015 budget or in accordance with future budgetary action to support the RRC program. The City of Albion hereby commits to the RRC Best Practices and evaluation process with the intent to improve our processes and communications with our stakeholders. The City Council will continue to work with the team of local champions and the MEDC as our community moves forward in seeking RRC certification.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on September 21, 2015, in a regular session of the Albion City Council, and this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 7  
Nays 0  
Absent 0

Jill Domingo  
Jill Domingo, Clerk

September 27, 2015  
Date