



## Legislation Text

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Resolution expanding the Pilot Program for sale of vacant, City-owned residential lots for \$1.

This resolution expands the Pilot Program to sell vacant, City-owned residential lots that lack development potential for \$1.

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee ("City") owns approximately 2,700 vacant lots; and

Whereas, The City annually spends significant sums to maintain these lots; and

Whereas, Many vacant lots that lack development potential are desirable assets as additional green space for adjacent property owners; and

Whereas, The Common Council by File No. 140326 created a Pilot Program, as modified by File No. 141276 adopted on December 16, 2014, to sell for \$1, vacant, City-owned residential lots that lack development potential in the 15th Aldermanic District to property owners who are City residents, who meet the MCO 304-49-9 general buyer policies and who own and occupy an adjacent home, understanding that the parcels sold will then be returned to the property-tax rolls and be removed from City inventory and City maintenance responsibility; and

Whereas, The Pilot Program has resulted in significantly increased vacant lot sales within the 15th Aldermanic District; and

Whereas, The Common Council wishes to move the program from pilot status in the 15th Aldermanic District to regular implementation status; and

Whereas, MCO 304-49-4-c and 304-49-8 recognize that sales of City parcels for adequate consideration should respect monetary aspects and non-monetary aspects of consideration, with the non-monetary aspects, including such things as neighborhood stabilization, blight reduction, returning parcels to the tax rolls and saving the City maintenance, supervision responsibility and expense; and, the Council recognizes that these non-monetary aspects of consideration are very important to the City, especially with respect to City sales of vacant residential lots; and

Whereas, The MCO 304-49-9 "general buyer policies" apply to City sales of development property and neighborhood property, including City sales of vacant, residential lots; and

Whereas, The Department of City Development ("DCD") will continue to provide to the Common Council the MCO 304-49-1-e and 304-49-2 neighborhood property disposition reports regarding City sales of parcels classified under MCO 304-49-1-d as "neighborhood property," including "neighborhood property" comprised of vacant residential lots, per MCO 304-49-1-d-2 and 3; and

Whereas, DCD will continue to withhold from marketing to adjacent owners under this resolution those vacant lots determined to have development potential; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Pilot Program for sale of vacant, City-owned residential lots in the 15th Aldermanic District for \$1 is hereby expanded beyond pilot-stage and to include other Aldermanic Districts so that DCD may convey neighborhood property, vacant lots, to adjoining owners for \$1.

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