

**METROPOLITAN COUNCILS ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 292 of 1989**

**124.671 Powers and duties of metropolitan area council.**

Sec. 21. (1) A metropolitan area council may do 1 or more of the following:

(a) Adopt bylaws for the administration of the council.

(b) Acquire and hold, by purchase, lease, grant, gift, devise, land contract, installment purchase contract, bequest, condemnation, or other legal means, real and personal property within or without the participating cities, villages, and townships. The property may include franchises, easements, or rights of way on, under, or above any property. The council may pay for the property from, or pledge for the payment of the property, revenue of the council. A metropolitan area council shall not condemn public property.

(c) Apply for and accept grants, loans, or contributions from the federal government or any of its agencies, this state, or other public or private agencies to be used for any of the purposes of this act.

(d) Sell or lease property acquired for the purposes of this act but not needed for those purposes.

(e) Contract with a participating local governmental unit for the provision of a service listed in section 19(2) in the participating local governmental unit for a period not exceeding 30 years. The service may be established or funded in conjunction with a service of a local governmental unit, and the provision of a service of a local governmental unit may be delegated to a council. A charge specified in a contract is subject to increase by the council, if necessary to provide funds to meet its obligations. A metropolitan area council may also enter into a contract with a nonparticipating local governmental unit for a period not exceeding 30 years, except that a charge for a service under a contract with a nonparticipating local governmental unit may be greater than a charge to a participating local governmental unit, and is subject to change from time to time without notice. A metropolitan area council's powers under this subdivision are subject to section 19(3).

(f) Hire employees, attorneys, accountants, and consultants.

(2) A council shall do all of the following:

(a) Prepare budgets and appropriations acts in the manner required of local units under the uniform budgeting and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a.

(b) If ending a fiscal year with a deficit, file a financial plan to correct the deficit in the same manner as provided in section 21 of the state revenue sharing act of 1971, 1971 PA 140, MCL 141.921.

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