

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 338 of 1974**

**125.1608 Designation of project area; certification of approval; preparation and approval of project plan; transfer of employment; contents of project plan; corporation as instrumentality of political subdivision; notice to vacate; corporation to operate project as lessor; issuance of obligations; project plans for agricultural and forestry enterprises.**

Sec. 8. (1) The corporation shall designate the project area to the governing body of the municipality for which the corporation is incorporated. The governing body of the municipality for which the corporation is incorporated shall certify its approval of the designation of a project area by resolution.

(2) Before acquiring property, or an interest in land, or incurring obligations for a specific project, other than the acquisition of an option, the corporation shall prepare a project plan and secure the recommendation of the local public agency of the municipality for which the corporation is incorporated, except as provided in section 9(3), the approval of the governing body of each city, village, or township in which all or a part of the project is located, and the approval of the county, if the corporation is an economic development corporation for the county.

(3) The corporation shall certify to the governing body of the municipality for which the corporation is incorporated that at the time the project plan is approved by the corporation, the project shall not have the effect of transferring employment of more than 20 full-time persons from a municipality of this state to the municipality in which the project is to be located. This restriction shall not prevent the approval of a project if the governing body of each municipality from which employment is to be transferred consents by resolution to the transfer.

(4) The project plan shall contain the following, except that agricultural and forestry enterprise projects need only comply with subsection (9) with respect to project plans:

(a) The location and extent of existing streets and other public facilities within the project district area, and shall designate the location, character, and extent of the categories of public and private land uses then existing and proposed for the project area, including residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, educational, and other uses and shall include a legal description of the project area.

(b) A description of existing improvements in the project area to be demolished, repaired, or altered, a description of repairs and alterations, and an estimate of the time required for completion.

(c) The location, extent, character, and estimated cost of the improvements including rehabilitation contemplated for the project area and an estimate of the time required for completion.

(d) A statement of the construction or stages of construction planned, and the estimated time of completion of each stage.

(e) A description of the parts of the project area to be left as open space and the use contemplated for the space.

(f) A description of portions of the project area that the corporation desires to sell, donate, exchange, or lease to or from the municipality, and the proposed terms.

(g) A description of desired zoning changes and changes in streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities.

(h) A statement of the proposed method of financing the project, including, except as provided in section 6a, a statement by a person described in subparagraph (j) indicating the payment to all persons performing work on the construction project of the prevailing wage and fringe benefit rates for the same or similar work in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and a statement of the ability of the corporation to arrange the financing. The prevailing wage and fringe benefit rates shall be determined under 1965 PA 166, MCL 408.551 to 408.558. A corporation may conclusively rely upon the statement required under this subsection as to compliance with the payment of prevailing wage and fringe benefit rates and any contracts, bonds or notes of any corporation entered into or issued upon reliance on any statement shall not be subsequently voided by reason of the failure to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

(i) A list of persons who will manage or be associated with the management of the project for a period of not less than 1 year from the date of approval of the project plan.

(j) Designation of the person or persons, natural or corporate, to whom the project is to be leased, sold, or conveyed and for whose benefit the project is being undertaken if that information is available to the corporation.

(k) If there is not an express or implied agreement between the corporation and persons, natural or corporate, that the project will be leased, sold, or conveyed to those persons, the procedures for bidding for the leasing, purchasing, or conveying of the project upon its completion.

(l) Estimates of the number of persons residing in the project area, and the number of families and individuals to be displaced. If occupied residences are designated for acquisition and clearance by the

corporation, a project plan shall include a survey of the families and individuals to be displaced, including their income and racial composition, a statistical description of the housing supply in the community, including the number of private and public units in existence or under construction, the condition of those in existence, the number of owner-occupied and renter-occupied units, the annual rate of turnover of the various types of housing and the range of rents and sale prices, an estimate of the total demand for housing in the community, and the estimated capacity of private and public housing available to displaced families and individuals.

(m) A plan for establishing priority for the relocation of persons displaced by the project in new housing in the project area.

(n) Provision for the costs of relocating persons displaced by the project and financial assistance and reimbursement of expenses, including litigation expenses and expenses incident to the transfer of title, in accordance with the standards and provisions of the uniform relocation assistance and real property acquisition policies act of 1970, Public Law 91-646, 84 Stat. 1894.

(o) A plan for compliance with 1972 PA 227, MCL 213.321 to 213.332.

(p) Other material as the corporation, local public agency, or governing body considers pertinent.

(5) The corporation shall be considered an instrumentality of a political subdivision for purposes of 1972 PA 227, MCL 213.321 to 213.332.

(6) A person shall be given not less than 90 days' written notice to vacate unless modified by court order for good cause.

(7) The corporation shall not operate a project or an enterprise in a project, other than as lessor.

(8) The governing body may utilize the corporation to issue obligations pursuant to section 7 to accomplish the public purposes of the municipality set forth in section 2, and for that purpose may by resolution direct the corporation to take appropriate action as set forth in subsections (1) and (2) with respect to a proposed project.

(9) In the case of project plans for agricultural and forestry enterprises, the following information shall be provided in lieu of the requirements of subsections (2) and (4):

(a) A statement of intention regarding the objectives of the project.

(b) A general description of the kinds of buildings, improvements, storage facilities, restorations, acquisition of machinery, equipment furnishings, leasehold improvements and incidental related costs to be financed.

(c) A statement regarding the length of the project and the maximum amount to be financed over the life of the project.

(d) A statement by the corporation that no zoning change or eminent domain proceedings will be necessary to implement the project.

(e) A description of the process to be followed in implementing the individual transactions that may comprise the project.

**History:** 1974, Act 338, Imd. Eff. Dec. 18, 1974;—Am. 1976, Act 175, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1976;—Am. 1978, Act 467, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 1978;—Am. 1980, Act 501, Imd. Eff. Jan. 22, 1981;—Am. 2002, Act 357, Imd. Eff. May 23, 2002.

**Compiler's note:** Section 2 of Act 501 of 1980 provides: "This amendatory act shall not take effect in a city with a population of greater than 750,000 persons until a subsidiary corporation described under section 6a has been created by the corporation of that city. In addition, any project for which a corporation has designated the project area at the time this amendatory act takes effect shall be exempt from the requirement of payment of the prevailing wage and fringe benefit rates described in section 8(4)(h)."

Act 86 of 1984 amended enacting section 2 of Act No. 501 of 1980 to read as follows: "Section 2. Except for the issuance of bonds and entry into loan agreements by a corporation to refund bonds issued before January 21, 1981, under Act No. 62 of the Public Acts of 1963, being sections 125.1251 to 125.1267 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, this amendatory act shall not take effect in a city with a population of greater than 750,000 persons until a subsidiary corporation described under section 6a has been created by the corporation of that city. In addition, any project for which a corporation has designated the project area at the time this amendatory act takes effect shall be exempt from the requirement of payment of the prevailing wage and fringe benefit rates described in section 8(4)(h)."