

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 250 of 1941**

**125.903 Urban redevelopment corporations law; definitions.**

Sec. 3.

The following terms, whenever used or referred to in this act, shall, unless a different intent clearly appears from the context, be construed as follows:

The term "area" shall mean a portion of a city which a planning commission has found or shall find to be substandard or insanitary, so that the clearance, replanning, rehabilitation, modernization, improvement or reconstruction thereof is necessary or advisable to effectuate the public purposes declared in section 2. An area may include any buildings or improvements not in themselves substandard or insanitary, and any real property, whether improved or unimproved, the inclusion of which is deemed necessary for the effective clearance, replanning, reconstruction, modernization, improvement or rehabilitation of the area of which such buildings, improvements or real property form a part.

The term "assessed valuation" with respect to any local tax on any parcel of real property shall mean the value of such parcel, including therein buildings and improvements as well as land, as assessed by the respective official, bureau, board, commission or agency charged with assessing the same for such local tax.

The term "city" shall mean and be deemed to relate to any city in the state.

The term "development" shall mean a specific work, repair or improvement to put into effect a development plan. The term shall include the real property, buildings, and improvements owned, constructed, managed or operated by a redevelopment corporation.

The term "development area" shall mean that portion of an area to which a development plan is applicable.

The term "development cost" shall mean the amount determined by the supervising agency to be the actual cost of the development, or of the part thereof for which such determination is made, and shall include, among other costs, the reasonable costs of planning the development, including preliminary studies and surveys, neighborhood planning, and architectural, engineering and other professional services, the reasonable value of the services performed by or for the incorporators of a redevelopment corporation in connection with the development plan prior to the time when the redevelopment corporation was incorporated or became a redevelopment corporation, the costs of financing the development, including carrying charges during construction, working capital in such reasonable amount as shall be approved by the supervising agency, the actual cost of the real property or any part thereof where acquired partly or wholly in exchange for securities, plus an amount which shall be approved by the supervising agency as being equal to the reasonable value of the real property acquired therefor, the actual cost of demolition of existing structures, the actual cost of utilities, landscaping and roadways and improvement and beautification of water courses, the actual cost of construction, equipment and furnishing of buildings and improvements, including architectural, engineering, builder's and other professional fees, the actual cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, remodeling or initial repair of existing buildings and improvements, reasonable management and operation costs until the development is ready for use, and the actual cost of improving that portion of the development area which is to remain as open space, and the cost of relocating families displaced by the redevelopment, together with such additions to development cost as shall equal the actual cost of additions to or changes in the development in accordance with the original development plan or after approved changes in or amendments thereto.

The term "development plan" shall mean a plan for the redevelopment of all or any part of an area, and shall include any amendments thereto approved in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 5 of section 4.

The term "dividend year" shall mean, whether or not there exists a maximum exemption period with respect to any 1 or more parcels of real property, any of the recurrent periods of 1 year each ending on the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which the assessment rolls for the purpose of city taxes on real property are finally warranted to the official, bureau, board, commission or agency charged with collecting such taxes. The first dividend year may be a period of less than 1 year commencing with the beginning of the execution of the development plan and ending on such last day of such calendar month.

The term "local legislative body" shall mean the board of aldermen, common council, commission or other board or body vested by the charter of the city or other law with jurisdiction to adopt or enact ordinances or local laws.

The terms "local taxation" and "local tax" shall include state, county, city, and school taxes, any special district taxes, and any other tax on real property, but shall not include special assessments for local benefit improvements.

The term "maximum assessed valuation" shall mean, with respect to any local tax on any parcel of real property, the assessed valuation of such parcel appearing on the first assessment roll warranted to the official, bureau, board, commission or agency charged with collecting the particular local tax involved, after the completion of the development plan for the particular parcel and together with certification to that effect by the supervising agency to the official, bureau, board, commission or agency charged with the duty of determining and fixing the valuation of

real property for local taxation purposes.

The term "maximum exemption period" shall mean, with respect to any parcel of real property, the period of maximum assessed valuation for that particular parcel as designated in the ordinance or local law adopted or enacted by the local legislative body pursuant to paragraph 1 of section 12.

The term "maximum dividend" shall mean, with respect to any dividend year an amount equal to 10% of the development cost less all amounts payable during the dividend year as interest on, but not as amortization of, any indebtedness of the redevelopment corporation. The maximum dividend, however, may be apportioned in accordance with the provisions of section 13. The maximum dividend may change from time to time in accordance with changes in development cost, in outstanding indebtedness and in capital structure due to refunding operations.

The term "mortgage" shall mean a mortgage, trust indenture, deed of trust, building and loan contract or other instrument creating a lien on real property, and the indebtedness secured by each of them.

The term "neighborhood unit" shall mean a primarily residential district having the facilities necessary for well-rounded family living, such as schools, parks, playgrounds, parking areas and local shopping districts.

The term "planning commission" shall mean the official bureau, board, commission or agency of the city authorized to prepare, adopt and amend or modify plans for the development and improvement of the city generally.

The term "real property" shall include lands, buildings, improvements, land under water, waterfront property, and any and all easements, franchises and hereditaments, corporeal or incorporeal, and every estate, interest, privilege, easement, franchise and right therein, or appurtenant thereto, legal or equitable, including right of ways, terms for years and liens, charges, or incumbrances by mortgage, judgment or otherwise.

The term "redevelopment" shall mean the clearance, replanning, reconstruction or rehabilitation of a substandard or insanitary area, and the provision of such industrial, commercial, residential or public structures and spaces as may be appropriate, including recreational and other facilities incidental or appurtenant thereto.

The term "redevelopment corporation" shall mean a corporation organized pursuant to the corporation laws of the state whose certificate of incorporation shall comply with the requirements of section 6.

The term "state" shall mean the state of Michigan.

The term "supervising agency" shall mean the official, bureau, commission or agency appointed, established or designated pursuant to section 5.

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