

**MICHIGAN ZONING ENABLING ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 110 of 2006**

**125.3508 PDR program; purchase of development rights by local unit of government; conveyance; notice; requirements for certain purchases.**

Sec. 508.

(1) A development rights ordinance shall provide for a PDR program. Under a PDR program, the local unit of government purchases development rights, but only from a willing landowner. A development rights ordinance providing for a PDR program shall specify all of the following:

- (a) The public benefits that the local unit of government may seek through the purchase of development rights.
  - (b) The procedure by which the local unit of government or a landowner may by application initiate purchase of development rights.
  - (c) The development rights authorized to be purchased subject to a determination under standards and procedures required by subdivision (d).
  - (d) The standards and procedures to be followed by the legislative body for approving, modifying, or rejecting an application to purchase development rights, including the determination of all the following:
    - (i) Whether to purchase development rights.
    - (ii) Which development rights to purchase.
    - (iii) The intensity of development permitted after the purchase on the land from which the development rights are purchased.
    - (iv) The price at which development rights will be purchased and the method of payment.
    - (v) The procedure for ensuring that the purchase or sale of development rights is legally fixed so as to run with the land.
  - (e) The circumstances under which an owner of land from which development rights have been purchased under a PDR program may repurchase those development rights and how the proceeds of the purchase are to be used by the local unit of government.
- (2) If the local unit of government has a zoning ordinance, the purchase of development rights shall be consistent with the plan referred to in section 203 upon which the zoning ordinance is based.
- (3) Development rights acquired under a PDR program may be conveyed only as provided under subsection (1) (e).
- (4) A county shall notify each township, city, or village, and a township shall notify each village, in which is located land from which development rights are proposed to be purchased of the receipt of an application for the purchase of development rights and shall notify each township, city, or village of the disposition of that application.
- (5) A county shall not purchase development rights under a development rights ordinance from land subject to a township, city, or village zoning ordinance unless all of the following requirements are met:
- (a) The development rights ordinance provisions for the PDR program are consistent with the plan upon which the township, city, or village zoning is based.
  - (b) The legislative body of the township, city, or village adopts a resolution authorizing the PDR program to apply in the township, city, or village.
  - (c) As part of the application procedure for the specific proposed purchase of development rights, the township, city, or village provides the county with written approval of the purchase.

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