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## **Westland to Update City's Zoning Ordinance**

**Westland, MI (August 10, 2021)** -On Monday, August 2 the Westland City Council approved a contract with metro-Detroit based, Wade Trim to conduct a comprehensive rewrite and update of the city's zoning ordinance in the amount of not to exceed \$60,470.

The City of Westland has identified the need to update the city's zoning ordinance and corresponding zoning map in a way that will promote the community's vision, modernize our zoning district and be more user friendly. There has been no major update of the city's zoning ordinance since 1997.

Updating the Zoning Ordinance and Map was also a recommendation under the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program. The RRC recommended that Westland incorporate modern, user-friendly tools such as centralizing development requirements and also creating tables, and providing graphic examples where appropriate. In order to support Westland's alignment with RRC Best Practices, the MEDC has committed to reimbursing \$30,000 of expenses towards the rewrite project.

"This project is the next step in progressing towards Westland's vision for the future," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Streamlining and simplifying our framework will promote user-friendliness which will result in a more attractive and constructive guide for potential developers."

The audit and rewrite is expected to launch in September.

**If you are interested in participating on the steering committee for this project or for more information, please contact the Planning Department at (734)467-3219.**

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Westland, Michigan is the state's 10<sup>th</sup> largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000.

Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street's America's Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland shopping Center, one of the country's original four regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts. Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Westland's Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to “cut the red tape” and expedite the approval process for new business development.