Emergency Financial Manager of the City of Ecorse
(Directive No. 040)

ORDER OF THE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL MANAGER OF THE CITY OF ECORSE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, ON THE SALE AND DISPOSITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, under the Local Government Fiscal Responsibility Act, Act 72, Public Acts of Michigan, 1990, as amended ("Act 72") and a Contract (the "Contract") between the State of Michigan and Joyce A. Parker, dated October 30, 2009, Joyce A. Parker has been appointed as the Emergency Financial Manager (the "EFM") of the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne, Michigan (the "City") and charged with the power to take actions with respect to the City, including the power to exercise the authority and responsibilities of the Mayor, as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City, and of the City Council, as the governing body of the City, concerning the adoption, amendment and enforcement of ordinances or resolutions affecting the financial condition of the City as provided in the Home Rule City Act, Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended ("Act 279"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 72 and the Contract, the EFM, as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City, is authorized to, among other things, make, approve or disapprove any appropriation, contract, expenditure, or loan for the City, as well as, sell or otherwise use the assets of the unit of local government to meet obligations as she may deem necessary, within her sole discretion, to accomplish the purposes of Act 72; and.

WHEREAS the City of Ecorse has owned over a hundred properties for many years that not only continue to fall into further disrepair contributing to blighted conditions throughout the City but deprive the City from much needed property tax income. It is in the best economic interests of the City of Ecorse to aggressively address blight in its neighborhoods which includes the promotion of the sale of City owned property in order to encourage revitalization and purposeful use of the real estate and place same back on the City's tax rolls to generate further property tax income. It is, therefore, critical to the City's success in placing properties back on the tax roll that the City Assessor's Office, the Ecorse Real Estate Committee, the Ecorse City Council and the Emergency Financial Manager work in an intentional, meaningful team approach in order to reach these goals.

WHEREAS, the Deputy City Assessor is aggressively encouraging the sale of City owned property and the Real Estate Committee has regularly convened to discuss, consider and recommend to the full Ecorse City Council body the sale of various parcels of City owned property to individuals who have expressed a desire or otherwise have submitted a bid to purchase City owned property. However, for the past several months, the City Council, upon receiving the Ecorse Real Estate Committee's recommendations to sell certain parcels of City owned property has chosen not to approve the sale of these City owned real estate parcels. Given the City Council's unwillingness to address the aforementioned issues, the Emergency Financial Manager will take over from the City Council,until further notice,the task of reviewing the Real Estate Committee's recommendations and approving the sale of City owned real estate when appropriate.

WHEREAS, the Ecorse City Charter provides authority for a Mayor of Ecorse to execute deeds and other instruments necessary to legally transfer real estate parcels owned by the City of Ecorse. The City of Ecorse does not presently have a duly elected or appointed Mayor. Therefore, the Emergency Financial Manager has been performing said function, executing deeds and other instruments transferring City owned real estate and shall continue doing so until further notice.

WHEREAS, the Ecorse Real Estate Committee shall continue its duties in convening to discuss, consider and recommend the sale or other disposition of City owned property. However, the Committee shall make its recommendations in a formal report to the Emergency Financial Manager who will, until further notice, review the Committee's recommendations and approve the sale of City owned properties when appropriate. Additionally, the Emergency Financial Manager shall continue to execute all legal instruments, including deeds, required to legally transfer City owned property.

This Directive is necessary in order to carry out the duties and responsibilities required of the Emergency Financial Manager as set forth in Public Act 72, the contract between the Local Emergency Financial Assistance Loan Board and the Emergency Financial Manager and, additionally, is considered necessary to implement the financial plan.

RESOLVED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL MANAGER OF THE CITY OF ECORSE, PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 72 AND THE CONTRACT, THAT:

1. The City of Ecorse Real Estate Committee shall, at the conclusion of each meeting, forward to the Emergency Financial Managera report listing all real estate parcels considered during the meeting for sale or other disposition, the Committee's specific recommendations and the reasoning for same.

2. The Emergency Financial Manager shall consider all recommendations made by the Ecorse Real Estate Committee regarding the sale or other disposition of City owned real estate and approve for sale said properties when appropriate. The Emergency Financial Manager shall execute all legal documents, instruments and deeds necessary to effectuate the sale and transfer of City owned property until a Directive is executed ordering otherwise.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 10th day of November, 2010.

Joyce A. Parker
Emergency Financial Manager
City of Ecorse