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DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN NOTIFICATION State ID Number 81-2010

January 29, 2008

Mr. Tom Crawford, Finance City of Ann Arbor 100 North Fifth Avenue P.O. Box 8647 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107-8647

Dear Mr. Crawford:

We have received an audit report from your local unit, which indicates a deficit balance in one or more funds as follows:

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AMOUNT

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Golf Course

\$1,132,340

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According to MCL 141.921, if a local unit of government ends its fiscal year in a deficit condition, the local unit of government shall formulate and file a financial plan with the Department of Treasury within 90 days after the beginning of the fiscal year to correct the deficit. The local unit of government shall file the financial plan with the Department of Treasury for evaluation and certification to ensure the correction of the deficit condition. Upon certification by the Department of Treasury, the local unit shall institute the plan.

Your deficit elimination plan is due within 30 days from the date of this letter. If the deficit elimination plan is not filed within that 30-day time period, we WILL recommend that 25% of your State-Shared Revenue be withheld pursuant to MCL 141.921(2). A complete plan should identify exactly how the deficit is to be eliminated. The following are acceptable evidence to support a plan:

1. Certified copies of board/council resolutions (describing funds and amounts) approving additional appropriations sufficient to eliminate the deficit <u>and</u> a copy of the journal entry that shows that the transfer has been made.

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- 2. Projected budget approved by the legislative body as evidenced by a certified resolution itemizing yearly revenues by source, expenditures/expenses by activity, and changes in the fund balance/retained earnings through the year of the deficit's eventual elimination. There is a five-year limit for an approved plan; the plan must be amended if the deficit increases or the plan is not otherwise followed.
- 3. For tax increment finance or downtown development authorities, the ordinance or development plan approving their existence is acceptable <u>if</u> it shows the flow of revenues.
- 4. For drain or other special assessment-type funds that have deficits, which are not "covered" on the balance sheet by a long-term receivable and deferred revenue, a letter from the Drain Commissioner itemizing assessment levies which could not be recognized for the audited fiscal year due to generally accepted accounting principles, will suffice as a deficit elimination plan.

After receiving your plan, we will notify you in writing if additional information is needed or that your plan has been certified. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (517) 373-3227.

Sincerely,

Jai Jaglan, CPA, CGFM, MST

Auditor

Local Audit and Finance Division

c: Gene Arlt, Audit Specialist

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