

**COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Washtenaw County, Michigan (the "County"), held on the _____, at _____, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Commissioners _____

ABSENT: Commissioners _____

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washtenaw County, Michigan previously has adopted a Resolution of Intent to authorize the establishment of a property assessed clean energy program ("PACE Program") and create a PACE district pursuant to Act No. 270, Public Acts of Michigan, 2010 ("Act 270"), for the purpose of promoting the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by owners of certain real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that financing energy projects is a valid public purpose because it stimulates economic development, improves property values, reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and increases employment in the County; and

WHEREAS, the types of energy projects, either energy efficiency improvements or renewable energy systems, that may be financed under the PACE Program include, but are not limited to: insulation in walls, roofs, floors, foundations, or heating and cooling distribution systems; storm windows and doors; multi-glazed windows and doors; heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated window and door systems; and additional glazing, reductions in glass area, and other window and door system modifications that reduce energy consumption; automated energy control systems; heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning and distribution system modifications or replacements; caulking, weather-stripping, and air sealing; replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to reduce the energy use of the lighting system; energy recovery systems; day lighting systems; installation or upgrade of electrical wiring or outlets to charge a motor vehicle that is fully or partially powered by electricity; measures to reduce the usage of water or increase the efficiency of water usage; any other installation or modification of equipment, devices, or materials approved as a utility cost-savings measure by the Board of Commissioners; a fixture, product, device, or interacting group of fixtures, products, or devices on the customer's side of the meter that use one or more renewable energy resources to generate electricity. Renewable energy resources include, but are not limited to: biomass (includes a biomass stove but does not include an incinerator or digester); solar and solar thermal energy; wind energy; geothermal energy and methane gas captured from a landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on _____, 2013, at _____, in the Board of Commissioners office, 220 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107, to receive comments on the proposed PACE Program, including the Report referenced in Section 9(1) of Act 270 (the "PACE Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to establish a PACE Program as described in the PACE Report, so as to provide a property owner based method of financing and funds for energy projects, including from the sale of bonds or notes which shall not be a general obligation of the County, amounts advanced by the County from any other source permitted by law, or from owner-arranged financing from a commercial lender, which funds and financing shall be secured and repaid by assessments on the property benefited, with the agreement of the record owners, such that no County moneys, general County taxes or County credit of any kind whatsoever shall be pledged, committed or used in connection with any project as required by, and subject to Act 270.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The PACE Program for the County is established and approved.
2. The PACE district, having the same boundaries as the County's jurisdictional boundaries, is established.
3. The PACE Program constitutes a valid public purpose because it stimulates economic development, improves property values, reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and increases employment in the County.
4. The PACE Report is incorporated herein in full by reference, and is approved and adopted.
5. The County formally joins Lean & Green Michigan™ and Levin Energy Partners, LLC is designated as PACE administrator to administer the PACE Program.
6. In accordance with the PACE Report, amendments to the PACE Program shall not require a public hearing, with the exception of amendments regarding property eligibility parameters found in paragraph 11 of the PACE Report.
7. In accordance with Act 270, an assessment imposed under the PACE Program, including any interest on the assessment and any penalty, shall constitute a lien against the property on which the assessment is imposed until the assessment, including any interest or penalty, is paid in full. The lien runs with the property and has the same priority and status as other property tax and assessment liens. The County has all rights in the case of delinquency in the payment of an assessment as it does with respect to delinquent property taxes. When the assessment, including any interest and penalty, is paid, the lien shall be removed from the property. The Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners or their designee, are authorized and directed to execute and deliver any special assessment agreement, document or

certificate necessary or appropriate to create, establish and record an assessment under the PACE Program.

8. In accordance with Act 270, installments of assessments due under the PACE Program may be included in each summer and winter tax bill issued under the General Property Tax Act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155 (“Act 206”), and may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as taxes collected under Act 206. Under owner-arranged financing, the County may impose an assessment and forward payments to the commercial lender or the record owner may pay the commercial lender directly. In all projects where the property owner will pay the installments of assessments through periodic payments to the County, the PACE special assessment agreement will provide for the County to be reimbursed for the actual costs of administering the billing and payment process.

9. The County may join with any other local unit of government, or with any person, or with any number or combination thereof, by contract or otherwise as may be permitted by law, for the implementation of the County’s PACE Program, in whole or in part, and the Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners or their designee are authorized to execute and deliver such documents, agreements or certificates as may be necessary or advisable to permit the cooperative implementation of the PACE Program as provided by Act 270 or other applicable law.

10. The Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners or their designee are authorized to sign necessary documents, agreements or certificates, and to take all other actions necessary or convenient to implement a PACE Program consistent with the PACE Report.

11. All resolutions and parts of resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

YEAS: Commissioners _____

NAYS: Commissioners _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Lawrence Kestenbaum
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washtenaw, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on _____, 2013, at _____, prevailing Eastern Time, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 and that minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by Act 267.

Lawrence Kestenbaum
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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