



Build a **FUTURE**  
in *Wyandotte*

**SPECIFICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF  
VACANT PARCELS  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A  
NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOME  
ON PROPERTY OWNED BY  
THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE**

Department of Engineering and Building  
City of Wyandotte, Michigan

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City Engineer

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## INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS

### Delivery

Proposals with deposits shall be delivered to the City Engineer at Wyandotte City Hall, 3131 Biddle Avenue, Michigan, 48192 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Separate Proposals

A separate proposal must be submitted for each parcel. Proposals will become the property of the City of Wyandotte.

### Expeditious Agreement

The maker of the best proposal, as recommend by the Committee, shall expeditiously enter into a purchase agreement, subject to the terms set forth in these Specification for submission to the City Council.

### Terms of Sale

These lots are available for \$10,000. The City is discouraging any bids under \$10,000. The City offers terms for the sale of these lots which are as follows:

1. \$10,000 Cash plus all closing costs due at time of closing.
2. \$5,000 due at closing and \$5,000 plus closing cost (ie title commitment, recording fee, mapping fees) as a no interest fee lien on the property payable upon the next sale or if the property is remortgaged or transferred in any manner.
3. \$10,000 placed as no interest fee lien on the property which also includes closing costs (ie title commitment, recording fee, mapping fees). This lien will be forgivable if the purchaser(s) occupy the property as their primary residences for ten (10) years.

Further, a reduction of the purchase price of \$2,000 is available if the purchaser agrees to install energy saving systems such as solar systems capable of supplying 1 kw of energy or wind turbines supplying 400 watts of energy or geothermal systems capable of heating, cooling and provided hot water.

### As Is Condition

This property is being sold, in an "as is" condition without expressed or implied warranty. The City of Wyandotte assumes no responsibility for the environmental conditions of the properties.

Prospective purchaser understand that, whether buildings were removed or not, the City of Wyandotte accepts no responsibility for underground conditions in cases where there were previous structures, with or without a basement.

### Title Insurance

The City of Wyandotte will furnish a warranty deed. Title insurance must be obtained at the **purchaser's expense**. The City will provide its policy, if available, to the successful proposal maker as credit on a new policy.

### Taxes and Prorated Items

All taxes and assessments which have become a lien upon the land as of the date of the Purchase Agreement shall be paid by the City as Seller. Current taxes, if any, INCLUDING CURRENT TAXES ON HOMES ALREADY DEMOLISHED, shall be prorated and adjusted as of the date of closing in accordance with the "Due Date" basis of the taxing unit in which the property is located.

### Neighborhood Enterprise Zones (NEZ)

Properties which are located in an NEZ are eligible to receive a twelve (12) year tax abatement, which will reduce the taxes paid by homeowners. Proposals will be accepted by Developers and/or Builders and/or Owner Occupied Persons. The City may show preference towards an owner occupant's proposal depending on the quality of the proposal received. Example of the tax saving is as follows:

Home valued at \$200,000 **without** the tax abatement using 2006 Homestead Tax Rate:  
Taxable Value for land and house \$100,000 x 48 mills = \$4,800.00

Home valued at \$200,000 **with** the tax abatement using 2006 Homestead Tax Rate:  
Taxable Value for land \$10,000 x 48 mills = \$480.00  
Taxable Value for home \$90,000 x 16.86 mills = \$1,500.00

This is a yearly savings of \$2,820.00

CONTACT THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF LOT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS TAX INCENTIVE.

### Closing Fee

Purchaser is responsible for the payment of the TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLAR closing fee. The closing fee will be paid at time of closing.

### Subdivision Precluded

The properties are being offered as one single parcel each and shall not be subdivided.

### Dirt Removal

Said Agreement will provide that dirt shall be removed from the site at Purchaser's expense.

### Building Permit Prior to Closing

The Purchase Agreement will require that a building permit be obtained prior to closing. Permits will only be issued to licensed residential builders.

Exception - A homeowner who meets the following requirements: A bona fide owner of a single family residence which is or will be on completion, for a minimum of two (2) years his or her place of residence, and no part of which is used for rental or commercial purposes, nor is contemplated for such purpose, may do his or her own work, providing he or she applies for and secures a permit, pays the fee, does the work himself or herself in accordance with the provisions hereof, applies for inspections and receives approval of the work by the code official. Failure to comply with these requirements will subject the owner's permit to cancellation. Owners building their own homes, will be required to sign an affidavit that they understand and agree to these conditions. Any violation of the two (2) year occupancy requirement will result in prosecution by the City.

Purchaser will have 120 days to obtain a building permit from the date of the Agreement. One (1) thirty (30) day extension may be granted by the City Engineer if there is a good reason.

### Timely Development

Purchaser agrees to undertake development for the construction of a Single Family Dwelling no later than six (6) months from the date of the closing. Purchaser's failure to undertake development results in the City's right to repurchase the property at 80% of the purchase price as evidenced and enforced by a recordable document.

### Guideline Price Not Binding

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### Reservation

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and the right to waive any formal defects in proposals when deemed in the best interest of the City.

## REQUIREMENTS

### Sales Price

The proposed price must be written in both words and numerals. These lots are offered for \$10,000 per buildable lot. The following are the options available for purchase:

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### Disclosure and Anti-Collusion

Proposal makers must complete the sworn affidavit included in this RFP, listing all persons, firms or corporations having any interest in the Agreement that would result from acceptance of the proposal, and stating whether any member of the City Council, or Officer, or Employee of the City is directly interested in said proposal.

### Deposit

The proposal maker must accompany the proposal with a deposit in the form of a cashier's check, bank money order, or certified check payable to the City of Wyandotte for ten (10%) percent of the amount offered for the parcel. This earnest money deposit shall be applied to the purchase price at the time of closing.

In order to protect the integrity of this solicitation and review process, deposits may be forfeited in cases where acceptable proposals are withdrawn prior to execution of any Agreement. All other deposits shall be returned at the direction of the City Council.

Once the City determines to enter into an Agreement and the proposal maker fails to consummate the sale, the Deposit will be forfeited to the City of Wyandotte.

### Evaluation

In order to best serve the City's interest, proposals will be evaluated for: highest and best use of the property; quality of development as measured by meeting or exceeding the suggested minimum features; and the demonstrated experience, qualifications, and readiness of the prospective purchaser. The highest dollar amount does not necessarily determine the best proposal.

### Equalization Factor

Any current Wyandotte Resident submitting a proposal on lots included in these specifications will receive a five (5%) percent Equalization Factor Credit on their proposal price for the property should their proposal be considered equivalent in quality to the high dollar bid proposal.

Equivalent in quality shall mean similar size square footage, exterior, amenities, such as but not limited to; fireplaces, tile floors, bay windows, counter tops, bedrooms, bathrooms, fixtures, etc.

Proof of residency will be required upon request.

## BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

### Harmony with Adjoining Residential Properties

Proposed building should respect the existing character of the immediate neighborhood. McKinley Neighbors United Picture Portfolio applies on lots located in the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) located between Eureka and Grove. This Portfolio is for reference only. The City does not have any of these plans available.

### Building Features

Proposals must be attached to Signature Sheet and describe the proposed new single family dwelling by specifying the following features:

- a. Number of stories.
- b. Estimated amount of square feet.
- c. Provisions for a garage. *GARAGES PLACED IN FRONT OF THE LIVING QUARTERS, BECOMING THE PREDOMINANT FEATURE (more than 3 feet) IN THE FRONT YARD ARE UNDESIRABLE.*
- d. Number of bathrooms.
- e. Provisions for underground utilities. Contact Wyandotte Municipal Service and Ameritech for information.
- f. Other desirable architectural features such as covered porches, extended soffits, picture windows, bay windows, doorwalls, fireplaces, vaulted ceilings.
- g. Trim on house (vinyl, aluminum or painted wood).
- h. Decks or patios

### Suggested Minimum Features

One Story Building Minimum Features:

- a. Consist of a minimum of 1,200 square feet of living area. This does not include basement or garage square footage.
- b. Full brick exterior. (Vinyl or aluminum would be considered as an alternative depending on the neighborhood)
- c. Full basement.
- d. All utilities underground (Electric, Cable and Telephone).

Two Story Building Minimum Features:

- a. Consist of a minimum of 1,500 square feet of living area. This does not include basement or garage square footage.
- b. Brick exterior on the entire first floor. (Vinyl or aluminum would be considered as an alternative depending on the neighborhood)
- c. Full Basement.
- d. All utilities underground (Electric, Cable and Telephone).

Corner Lots:

- a. Wrap around porches

## **BUILDING REQUIREMENTS**

### Required Feature

1. All basements shall have backflow prevention system, which shall include back water valves and sump pump.
2. All basements shall comply with Section R310 – Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings in accordance with the 2003 Michigan Residential Code. Also a cover over the opening will be required in accordance with Section R310.4 - Bars, grills, covers and screens of the 2003 Michigan Residential Code.

### Standards

Purchaser understands that development of the property is subject to all the current codes and ordinances of the City of Wyandotte applicable for construction and use, such as the following:

Maximum Height:	Two (2) stories or thirty (30) feet.
Maximum Lot Coverage:	All structures can only cover thirty-five (35%) percent of property.
Yard Requirements:	Front: Minimum of twenty (20) feet. Side: Minimum of four (4) feet, except corner lots require minimum of five (5) feet on side abutting street. Total Side: Twelve (12) feet. Rear: Minimum of twenty-five (25) feet.

**NOTE:** Submittals which exceed these minimums requirements should be clearly stated on the proposal. More specific information of the proposed project will aid the Land Sale Committee in making its recommendation for acceptance to the Mayor and City Council.

The City reserves the right to reject any proposal wherein the square footage of the house does not meeting with the character of the neighborhood or size of the lot.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: The City Engineer  
Wyandotte, Michigan

Location of Parcel: \_\_\_\_\_

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFY AS FOLLOWS:

- INSPECTION: Familiarity with the present condition of premises based on recent inspection.
- COMPREHENSION: Understanding Specifications including expeditious agreement, Council approval, permit prior to closing, and commitment to develop within six (6) months.
- PROPOSED BUILDING FEATURES: **PROPOSAL MUST BE ATTACHED.**
- AMOUNT PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars  
(\$ \_\_\_\_\_)
- DEPOSIT: Ten Percent (10%) of above amount enclosed. Check No. \_\_\_\_\_
- EXECUTED ANTI-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT to be attached.

**CHECK ONE:**

**Proposal Maker will build home to reside in.**

**Proposal Maker will build home for sale.**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ANTI-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

NOTE: The affidavit set fourth before MUST be executed on behalf of the proposal makers and furnished with every proposal.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says he/she is the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) (Name of Company)

the proposal maker which has submitted, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
to the City of Wyandotte, Michigan, a proposal for: Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_  
known as \_\_\_\_\_

all as fully set forth in said proposals. The aforementioned proposal maker constitutes the only person, firm or corporation having any interest in said proposal or in any contract, benefit or profit which may, might or could accrue to, or grow out of the acceptance in whole or in part of said proposal, except as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Affiant further states that said proposal is in all respects fair and is submitted without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the City Council, or officer or employee of said City is directly or indirectly interested in said proposal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Affiant Signature

SWORN to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public, in for the above name State and County this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_