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# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

**DATE:** July 16, 2024

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Committee

**LIAISON:** Molly Clarin, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Financial Officer

**FROM:** Sarah Rainero, Economic Development Director  
Economic Development

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution approving an Amendment to the Land Banking Agreement with the State Land Bank Authority**

Attached is a resolution approving Amendment Seven (the "Amendment") to the Land Banking Agreement (the "Agreement") between the City of Grand Rapids (the "City") and the State Land Bank Authority (SLBA). The Agreement has six previous amendments, all of which were approved by City Commission Proceeding No. 89904, and all of which solely removed properties from Exhibit A subsequent to the sale of those properties.

On October 8, 2019, the City Commission approved the Agreement, which defines the terms, conditions, roles and responsibilities related to the ownership, maintenance, costs and disposition of property in the City that was previously owned by the Kent County Land Bank Authority, and any other property that the City or State Land Bank may come into ownership of that may be used for a public purpose.

The Agreement currently allows for the City to pay the SLBA up to \$1,750 plus a 10% service fee for title, attorney, and legal costs for each property for the purposes of providing a marketable title. The Amendment will keep the existing language but add the ability for the City and SLBA to agree to exceed these limits for particular properties if agreed to by both parties in writing.

The Amendment is being brought forward in response to two properties that require additional title work to allow for the prospective buyer to obtain title insurance on the properties. The costs for this work are unknown currently but are not expected to be significantly higher than \$1,750 per property. The Amendment provides the City and SLBA the necessary flexibility to facilitate the title work in a timely manner so the prospective buyer can begin their projects. Any costs will be recuperated with the proceeds of the sales.

Staff recommends approval of the Amendment.

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Your FISCAL COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution approving an Amendment Seven to the Land Banking Agreement (the "Agreement") with the State Land Bank Authority.

WHEREAS:

1. On October 8, 2019, via Commission Proceeding No. 89277, the City Commission approved a Land Banking Agreement (the "Agreement") between the City of Grand Rapids and the State Land Bank Authority; and
2. The parties to the Agreement desire to amend the Agreement to incorporate language that allows both parties to agree in writing to spend more than the not-to-exceed amount for work related to providing marketable title for certain properties as necessary; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That Amendment Seven is approved; and
2. That the Mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW