

**CITY OF ALIQUIPPA  
BEAVER COUNTY  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2021**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED EXIT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ALIQUIPPA, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIAL RECOVERY ACT (ACT 47 OF 1987) AS AMENDED AND ACT 23 OF 2020 PROVIDING FOR AN EIGHTEEN (18) MONTH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, on October 21, 1987, the City Council of the City of Aliquippa filed a petition with the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs (now Department of Community and Economic Development) requesting financially distressed status under Act 47; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 1987, the City of Aliquippa was designated by the Department as a financially distressed municipality under Act 47 of 1987 as amended; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 1988, the City Council of Aliquippa approved the adoption and implementation of the City's Municipal Recovery Plan for the City of Aliquippa pursuant to Act 47 of 1987 as amended; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1990, the City Council of the City of Aliquippa adopted its First Amended Municipal Recovery Plan pursuant to act 47 of 1987 as amended; and

WHEREAS, in February of 1993, the City Council of the City of Aliquippa adopted its Second Amended Municipal Recovery Plan pursuant to Act 47 of 1987 as amended; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1995, the City Council of the City of Aliquippa adopted its Third Amended Municipal Recovery Plan pursuant to Act 47 of 1987 as amended; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2004, the City Council of the City of Aliquippa adopted its Fourth Amended Municipal Recovery Plan pursuant to Act 47 of 1987 as amended; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2007, the City Council of the City of Aliquippa adopted its Fifth Amended Municipal Recovery Plan pursuant to Act 47 of 1987 as amended; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2014, the City Council of the City of Aliquippa adopted its Sixth Amended Municipal Recovery Plan pursuant to Act 47 of 1987 as amended; and

WHEREAS, Act 47 of 1987 as amended by Act 199 in 2014 provides that municipalities operating under a Recovery Plan shall be subject to a termination of financial distress designation on the date that is five (5) years from the effective date of the most recent Recovery Plan in place at the time of that amendment; and

WHEREAS, the relevant five-year period from the effective date of the Sixth Amended Recovery Plan for the City of Aliquippa was June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City's Act 47 Coordinator filed a report and conducted a public meeting on December 18, 2018 evaluating the financial condition of the City of Aliquippa and issued findings confirming that a three-year Exit Plan was warranted; and

WHEREAS, based on the result of that finding, the Coordinator, under Act 199 which amended Act 47, filed an Exit Plan within 90 days from the close of the financial condition evaluation report rendering said findings; and

WHEREAS, the City's Act 47 Coordinator filed an Exit Plan with the City of Aliquippa and the Department of Community and Economic Development on February 26, 2019 and conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Exit Plan included strategies for ensuring a satisfactory exit of the City of Aliquippa from the Act 47 designation no later than June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the Recovery Plan Coordinator, the City Council concluded that an Exit Plan was the most appropriate manner in which to proceed and adopted the Exit Plan on April 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed and the Governor signed into law Act 23 of 2020 providing for an eighteen (18) month extension to municipalities operating under a Recovery Plan due to the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, the Act 47 Team, and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development agree that the extension of the Exit Plan is the prudent course of action for the City of Aliquippa;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same that:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, hereby approves and adopts the attached Amended Exit Plan, as set forth and filed with the City on July 30, 2021, extending the Exit Plan until December 30, 2023.

ORDAINED and ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Aliquippa, County of Beaver, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on this 8th day of September, 2021.

CITY OF ALIQUIPPA

  
Dwan Walker, Mayor

ATTEST:

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance **2 of 2021**, as the same was adopted by the City Council and signed by the Mayor of the City of Aliquippa, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Gill, City Administrator

  
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