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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 435

- 2021

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the execution of a Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement with Divisions, Inc., d/b/a Divisions Maintenance Group, pursuant to which the company agrees to create 649 new jobs at its office on the 3rd and 4th floors of the Foundry building (formerly known as Fountain Place) located at 505 Vine Street in Cincinnati's Central Business District and, for a period of 10 years, the City agrees to provide an income tax credit equal to 50% of City income tax revenue from such new jobs.

WHEREAS, the City seeks to increase employment opportunities and encourage the establishment of new jobs in the City in order to improve the economic welfare of the City and its citizens, in furtherance of the public purposes enunciated in Article VIII, Section 13 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Divisions, Inc., d/b/a Divisions Maintenance Group ("Employer") intends to construct leasehold improvements to the 3rd and 4th floors of the Foundry building (formerly known as Fountain Place) located at 505 Vine Street (the "Project" and the "Project Site," respectively), which will result in the creation of at least 649 new jobs in the City within three years if certain income tax credit assistance is provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority has authorized a State of Ohio Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement with Employer pursuant to ORC Section 122.17; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that Council authorize the execution of a Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement (the "Agreement") with Employer, in substantially the form attached hereto as Attachment A, which provides for an income tax credit equal to 50% of income tax revenue from new jobs created by Employer at the Project Site for a term of 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that Employer will spend a minimum of \$4,500,000 to implement the Project at the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, Employer represents and has documented to the City that the income tax credit authorized by the Agreement is a major factor in Employer's decision to go forward with the Project at the Project Site; and

WHEREAS, the City income tax credit approved by this ordinance is authorized by Sections 718.15 and 718.151 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore,

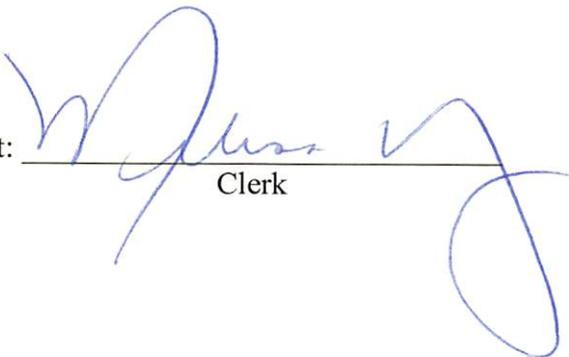
BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Council approves and authorizes the execution of a Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement (the "Agreement") with Divisions, Inc., d/b/a Divisions Maintenance Group ("Employer"), in substantially the form attached hereto as Attachment A, in order to assist Employer in constructing leasehold improvements to the 3rd and 4th floors of the Foundry building (formerly known as Fountain Place) located at 505 Vine Street, which provides for a City income tax credit equal to 50% of City income tax revenue from new jobs created by Employer at the project site for a period of 10 years, and the creation of 649 new jobs in the City within three years.

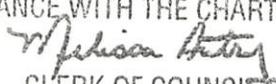
Section 2. That Council authorizes the proper City officials to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the City's obligations under the Agreement and to enforce the Agreement.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is to allow the Project and the corresponding revitalization of the City of Cincinnati and improvement of the City's economic welfare to begin at the earliest possible time.

Passed: November 17, 2021

Attest: 
Clerk


John Cranley, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO. 435-2021
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 11-30-2021

CLERK OF COUNCIL