



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

CALENDAR

Cincinnati City Council

Thursday, June 3, 2021

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FILING OF THE JOURNAL

MR. GOODIN

1. [202102078](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Goodin, **WE MOVE** the section of Ezzard Charles Drive between Central Parkway and Central Avenue shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Police Memorial Way."

Recommendation NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Goodin

MS. KEARNEY

2. [202102083](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati Administration provide a report on existing notice resources and practices for zoning changes, building issues, developments, notwithstanding ordinances, liquor licenses, and any other matter requiring notice to community councils, property owners and residents. **WE FURTHER MOVE** to request information on options for providing notice to residents in addition to the neighborhood community councils and property owners.

Recommendation MAJOR PROJECTS & SMART GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Kearney

3. [202102098](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, **WE MOVE** for the establishment of the Cincinnati Property Tax Delinquency Program to prevent loss of homeownership by homeowners who are delinquent in property tax payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused financial hardships for Cincinnati homeowners, putting many in danger of foreclosure due to delinquent property taxes. Hamilton County Treasurer Charlie Winburn reported in May 2021 that owners of 106 Cincinnati Homestead properties, and 636 Cincinnati owner-occupied homes are delinquent in property taxes, for a total of 742 delinquent Cincinnati property owners. Therefore, the Treasurer has requested that the City of Cincinnati partner with Hamilton County to provide funds to homeowners who are delinquent in property taxes due to the effects of the pandemic so that they will not lose their homes. The Treasurer estimates that the average delinquency is \$5,000 for a total of \$3,710,000 in delinquent property taxes. The agency that would manage the Cincinnati Property Tax Delinquency Program would verify

that the property tax delinquencies are COVID-related, and execute the necessary documents and actions to bring the homeowners current in their property taxes. The Hamilton County Treasurer's Office has partnered with the non-profit, Working in Neighborhoods, for this service at the total cost of \$500,000. The City could choose Working in Neighborhoods, the Hamilton County Community Action Agency, or another agency to manage the City's program. **THEREFORE**, the total projected cost for the Cincinnati Property Tax Delinquency Program is \$4,210,000. **WE FURTHER MOVE** for the City Administration to provide a REPORT on a feasible funding source or sources, such as funds from the State's share of the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF), the City's Reserves Fund, or other viable sources. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Kearney

MR. LANDSMAN

4. [202102077](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Landsman, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donation of a Juneteeth flag in order to fly it from the flagpole at City Hall during the month of June as a recognition of Juneteeth as National Freedom Day.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Landsman

MR. MANN

5. [202102096](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Mann, **I MOVE** that the fiscal year 2022 budget include \$1 million for preservation of the First Lutheran Church Bell Tower in Over the Rhine immediately adjacent to Washington Park. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Mann

MR. SEELBACH

6. [202102075](#) **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Seelbach, **RECOGNIZING** and honoring Kristin Shrimplin for her advocacy and support of the LGBTQI+ community as the president and chief executive officer of Women Helping Women.

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: Seelbach

MS. SUNDERMANN

7. [202102079](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, **WE MOVE** that the City prepare an ordinance to designate as a secondary honorary name for the one-block portion of Ezzard Charles Drive in front of the Cincinnati Police Memorial between Central Avenue and West Central Parkway as "Police Memorial Drive." (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Recommendation NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Sundermann

8. [202102085](#) **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **ESTBALISHING** certain policies and conditions regarding the application of residential Community Reinvestment Area real property tax abatements for homes in The Sanctuary at River Green subdivision in the California neighborhood of Cincinnati, notwithstanding Ordinance No. 370-2020.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Sundermann

MR. MANN

MS. KEARNEY

MR. SEELBACH

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9. [202102060](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Mann, Kearney, Seelbach and Sundermann, The recent neighborhood boundaries discussion involving Clifton, CUF and Corryville underscores the necessity to review how the City notified neighborhoods for issues happening in adjacent communities. **I MOVE** that the City Administration, in collaboration with Invest in Neighborhoods and Community Councils leadership, come up with a set of new recommendations to codify how the City engages citizens on issues of development that affect their neighborhoods.

Recommendation ECONOMIC GROWTH & ZONING COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Mann, Kearney, Seelbach and Sundermann

CITY MANAGER

10. [202101927](#) **REPORT**, dated 6/3/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding MARIJUANA-ONLY WARNINGS/CITATIONS/ARRESTS MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2021.

Recommendation LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

11. [202102061](#) **REPORT**, dated 6/3/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Department of Finance Report for the Month Ended April 30, 2021.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

12. [202102062](#) **REPORT**, dated 6/3/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Use of ARP Funds for Small Businesses and Neighborhood Business Districts. (See Doc. #202101124)

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

13. [202102063](#) **REPORT**, dated 6/3/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Greenspace Maintenance Budget. (See Doc. #202100742)
Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Sponsors: City Manager
14. [202102066](#) **REPORT**, dated 6/3/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for MAKE-A-WISH HOPE IS ESSENTIAL GALA.
Recommendation FILE
Sponsors: City Manager
15. [202102067](#) **REPORT**, dated 6/3/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for HYDE PARK BLAST.
Recommendation FILE
Sponsors: City Manager
16. [202102102](#) **REPORT**, dated 6/3/2021 submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for CINCINNATI PARK BOARD, DBA BURNET WOODS, 3251 Brookline Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230. (#1514087, F8, NEW) [Objections: NONE]
Recommendation FILE
Sponsors: City Manager
17. [202102069](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount not to exceed \$34,560 from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation for the purpose of administering an Internship Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Citizens Summer Jobs Fund 308.
Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Sponsors: City Manager
18. [202102080](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, "Blair Lofts I Residential Development - TIF," for the purpose of providing resources for Phase I of the Blair Lofts residential development for the creation of affordable housing in the Avondale neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Avondale Equivalent Fund 468 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, "Blair Lofts I Residential Development - TIF," to provide resources for acquisition and development costs associated with Phase I of the Blair Lofts residential development in the Avondale neighborhood; and further **DECLARING** that expenditures from capital improvement program project account no.

980x162x211629, "Blair Lofts I Residential Development - TIF," will serve a public purpose because the project will provide affordable housing to the Avondale neighborhood.

Recommendation

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors:

City Manager

19. [202102081](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 for the purpose of providing funds for an audit of City Council ordinances that passed related to economic development deals between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors:

City Manager

20. [202102082](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$125,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY21 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant Program (CFDA #16.710), for the purpose of providing assistance with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department's current law enforcement mental health and wellness efforts; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21LEMH.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors:

City Manager

21. [202102087](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with LPH Thrives, LLC, an affiliate of Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2113-2117 W. 8th Street, 2122 St. Michael Street, 2130 St. Michael Street, 2131 St. Michael Street, and 642-646 Neave Street in the Lower Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of ten existing buildings and construction of one new building on the property to create approximately 1,789 square feet of commercial space and approximately 67,505 square feet of residential space, consisting of 47 rental units, with the construction of the new building to be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$9,415,634.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

22. [202102088](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **Establishing** fund no. 335, "Schmidlapp Endowments," for the purpose of receiving interest from Schmidlapp Trust Fund 708 to stage music events in parks.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

23. [202102089](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with 1410 Vine LLC, an affiliate of 3CDC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1410 Vine Street in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 6,572 square feet of commercial space, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$3,630,000.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

24. [202102090](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **TO APPROPRIATE** to public use property required for the construction of a retaining wall, tiebacks, and drainage system as part of the Riverside Drive Hillside Stabilization Project.

Recommendation MAJOR PROJECTS & SMART GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

25. [202102091](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Transit Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and bridge construction projects throughout the City.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

26. [202102092](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with 60 East LLC, thereby authorizing a 12-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 60 E. McMicken Avenue in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the existing buildings into approximately 5,220 square feet of residential space, consisting of 5 two-bedroom residential units, and 1,800 square feet of commercial space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$1,178,160.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**Sponsors:** City Manager

27. [202102093](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with Broadway Square IV, LLC, an affiliate of The Model Group, Inc., and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 418-424 E. 12th Street, 555 E. 13th Street, and 1409 Main Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, connection with the remodeling of the existing buildings into approximately 4,272 square feet of commercial retail and office space and approximately 15,539 square feet of residential space consisting of 31 residential units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$5,178,022.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**Sponsors:** City Manager

28. [202102094](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with 1623 Pleasant Street, LLC, thereby authorizing an 8-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1623 Pleasant Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the existing building to create approximately 3,530 square feet of residential space consisting of 8 residential units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$602,544.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**Sponsors:** City Manager

29. [202102095](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with Blair Lofts I, LTD. and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 3401 Reading Road and 609 Maple Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new building comprised of approximately 71,057 square feet of residential space, consisting of 64 rental units, which construction shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$10,022,542.

Recommendation BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**Sponsors:** City Manager

30. [202102101](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/3/2021, **MODIFYING** the provisions of Title V, "Traffic Code," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 501-1-E3, "e-Scooter,"

of Chapter 501, "Definitions," Section 506-4, "Operation of Bicycle, Motorized Bicycles, e-Scooters, and Motorcycles," of Chapter 506, "Operation and Right of Way," and Section 505-13, "Protective Equipment," of Chapter 505, "Loads and Passengers," and by ORDAINING new Section 501-1-L2, "Low Speed Micromobility Device," of Chapter 501, "Definitions," for the purpose of modifying regulations governing the operation of e-scooters on City sidewalks, rights-of-way, and streets.

Recommendation MAJOR PROJECTS & SMART GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

31. [202102084](#) **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/1/2021, **APPROVING** the petition for the 2022-2025 Services Plan that was submitted by property owners within the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District; **APPROVING** the 2022-2025 Services Plan adopted by Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District, Inc.; and **DECLARING** the necessity of assessing the real property within the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District in order to raise funds for the implementation of the 2022-2025 Services Plan, in accordance with Chapters 727 and 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

32. [202102076](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 6/2/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation in an amount up to \$505,000 from Cincinnati, LLC for the purpose of supporting the operations and maintenance of the Cincinnati streetcar; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into Streetcar Operations Fund revenue account no. 455x8645; and further **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of service payments received in lieu of taxes for streetcar operations in accordance with agreements with third-party developers from Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent II Fund 763 to Streetcar Operations Fund 455.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

33. [202102013](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 5/26/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and deposit an amount up to \$500,000 into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation for the purpose of providing resources for the design required for completion of Smale Riverfront Park; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, "Smale Riverfront Design," for the purpose of providing resources for the design required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment Fund 430 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no.

980x203x212005, "Smale Riverfront Design," for the purpose of providing resources for the Lot 23 and Lot 28 phase 2 design services required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park; and AUTHORIZING the City Manager to transfer and appropriate \$202,215 from the Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, "Smale Riverfront Design" for the purpose of providing resources for Lot 23 and Lot 28 phase 2 design services required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

34. [202102015](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 5/26/2021, **ESTABLISHING** three new capital improvement program project accounts: no. 980x233x212324, "Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant," for the purpose of providing Ohio Public Works Commission ("OPWC") grant resources for the second phase of improvements on Auburn Avenue, no. 980x233x212339, "Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant," for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements on Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues, and no. 980x233x212346, "River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant," for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements to River Road and Thornton Avenue; AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$3,706,540 from OPWC Funding Round 35 to provide resources in an amount up to \$1,700,000 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212324, "Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant," in an amount up to \$1,680,000 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212339, "Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant," and in an amount up to \$326,540 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212346, "River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant," for the purposes described herein; and further AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: City Manager

35. [202102016](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 5/26/2021 **APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Apple Street Senior LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 4145 Apple Street in the Northside neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new building comprised of approximately 49,475 square feet of residential space, consisting of 57 rental units, which construction shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$8,759,328.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

36. [202102017](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City

Manager, on 5/26/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grants from the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality programs, in an amount of up to \$6,000,000, and to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments in an amount of up to \$750,000, all for the timely completion of several transportation projects managed by the City's Department of Transportation & Engineering.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

37. [202102018](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 5/26/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of capital improvement program project accounts nos. 980x233x212304, "Western Hills Viaduct - STBG 2020 Grant," and 980x233x212317, "Western Hills Viaduct - STBG HC Match," for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG) Program (CFDA 20.205) through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212304, "Western Hills Viaduct - STBG 2020 Grant"; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$125,000 from Hamilton County to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212317, "Western Hills Viaduct - STBG HC Match"; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$1,328,938.76 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x172357, "Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Non-Local Grants," for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and local matching resources.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

38. [202102019](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 5/26/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from the 2021 Community Makeover Program valued at approximately \$600,000 in the form of improvements to the Avondale Recreation Area and the Rockdale Recreation Area.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

39. [202102022](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 5/26/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY21 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program, to support two domestic violence advocates from Women Helping Women.

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: City Manager

40. [202102023](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 5/26/2021, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept funds in an amount up to \$7,178,997.50 from the United States Department of the Treasury as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act for the purpose of providing resources for an Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA2”) program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 revenue account no. 469x8543; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of providing resources for the ERA2 program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$7,178,997.50 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of providing resources for the ERA2 program; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to contract with third parties and take other necessary actions to quickly implement the ERA2 program; and **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” to be for a public purpose.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

41. [202102026](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 5/26/2021 **DETERMINING** to proceed with special street lighting assessments in Lighting Group 1 for three years beginning August 1, 2020, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 727.23, on the streets or portions of the streets described in Exhibit A hereto.

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: City Manager

42. [202102027](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 5/26/2021, **TO LEVY** special assessments to pay for a portion of the cost of special street lighting in Lighting Group 1, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 727.25, for the three-year period beginning on August 1, 2020.

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: City Manager

43. [202102049](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 5/26/2021, **AMENDING** Ordinance 313-2020 to increase the amount of loan funding the City Manager or her designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Water Supply Revolving Loan Account from the previously authorized amount of \$8,000,000 to approximately the approximate amount of \$10,000,000.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjournment



Steven P. Goodin
Councilmember

May 27, 2021

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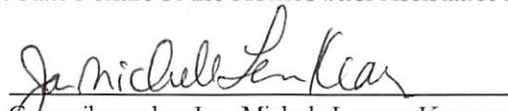
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The agency that would manage the Cincinnati Property Tax Delinquency Program would verify that the property tax delinquencies are COVID-related, and execute the necessary documents and actions to bring the homeowners current in their property taxes. The Hamilton County Treasurer's Office has partnered with the non-profit, Working in Neighborhoods, for this service at the total cost of \$500,000. The City could choose Working in Neighborhoods, the Hamilton County Community Action Agency, or another agency to manage the City's program.

THEREFORE, the total projected cost for the Cincinnati Property Tax Delinquency Program is \$4,210,000.

WE FURTHER MOVE for the City Administration to provide a REPORT on a feasible funding source or sources, such as funds from the State's share of the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF), the City's Reserves Fund, or other viable sources.


Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

STATEMENT

The Hamilton County Treasurer has identified homeowners who are on the verge of foreclosure due to delinquent property taxes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Cincinnati Property Tax Delinquency Program would go to immediately help those in need to ensure that owners stay in their homes and that the COVID-19 pandemic does not eliminate housing due to an owner's inability to pay delinquent property taxes.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, [illegible]

FROM : [illegible]

SUBJECT: [illegible]

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, [illegible]

FROM : [illegible]

SUBJECT: [illegible]

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202102077

Date: May 25, 2021

To: Councilmember Greg Landsman
From: Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor *AWG*
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Juneteenth Flag Donation**

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donation of a Juneteenth flag in order to fly it from the flagpole at City Hall during the month of June as a recognition of Juneteenth as National Freedom Day.

AWG/AKS/(Ink)
Attachment
339660

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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AWB

An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donation of a Juneteenth flag in order to fly it from the flagpole at City Hall during the month of June as a recognition of Juneteenth as National Freedom Day.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has designated the nineteenth day of June as “Juneteenth National Freedom Day,” memorializing June 19, 1865, when a Union General re-issued Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, informing the people of Texas that “all slaves are free” with an “absolute equality between former masters and slaves”; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati has celebrated Juneteenth with an annual Festival since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration intends to fly a Juneteenth flag from the flagpole at City Hall during the month of June in recognition of Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Landsman has purchased a Juneteenth flag and offered to donate it to the City for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the value of the flag is \$180; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Cincinnati City Council supports the City Administration’s intention to display a Juneteenth flag on the flagpole of City Hall as an appropriate vehicle by which the City of Cincinnati may communicate its commitment to the recognition of Juneteenth as National Freedom Day.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a donation from Councilmember Greg Landsman of a Juneteenth flag valued at \$180.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. 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 the immediate need to accept the donation in time to fly a Juneteenth flag during the month of June.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

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David S. Mann
Councilmember

June 1, 2021

I move that the fiscal year 2022 budget include \$1 million for preservation of the First Lutheran Church Bell Tower in Over the Rhine immediately adjacent to Washington Park.


Councilmember David Mann

Statement:

The total funding necessary for this project is around \$3 million. About two thirds of the money has been raised, including the participation of over 200 households, several foundations, the First Lutheran Church, and Federal Historic Tax Credits.

As our City continues to enhance OTR, it has an obligation to preserving its priceless heritage. Preserving the Bell Tower of First Lutheran Church is essential to maintain our historical character.

Following a request from First Lutheran Church to assess the Tower, the City Building Department performed an inspection which concluded that the Tower was not safe.

As a result, since November 2020, the Tower has been under an emergency demolition order which drastically limits the ability to raise additional funds for its preservation.

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Councilmember

Restoration of this Bell Tower is necessary to not only preserve this important cultural icon, but also to create an accessible building for all members of the community. Loss of the Bell Tower will have a tremendously negative impact on the beauty of Washington Park.

202102075

Date: May 25, 2021

To: Councilmember Chris Seelbach
From: Andrew Garth, City Solicitor *AWG*
Subject: **Resolution – Pride Kristin Shrimplin**

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

RECOGNIZING and honoring Kristin Shrimplin for her advocacy and support of the LGBTQI+ community as the president and chief executive officer of Women Helping Women.

AWG/CFG/(lnk)
Attachment
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Standard Operating Procedure

1. Introduction

2. Purpose

3. Scope

The purpose of this document is to provide a clear and concise description of the standard operating procedure for the [specific process]. This document is intended for use by all personnel involved in the [specific process] and is subject to change without notice.

Page 2 of 2

RESOLUTION NO. _____-2021

RECOGNIZING and honoring Kristin Shrimplin for her advocacy and support of the LGBTQI+ community as the president and chief executive officer of Women Helping Women.

WHEREAS, June is LGBT Pride Month, which celebrates the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (“LGBT”) community and recognizes the impact LGBT individuals have had on the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, since 2015 Kristin Shrimplin has served as president and CEO of Women Helping Women (“WHW”), a non-profit agency dedicated to combating gender-based violence and empowering survivors; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 WHW implemented an LGBTQI+ advocate and served over twice as many LGBTQI+ survivors as the previous year, nearly quadrupling the service time provided compared to 2015, and increasing the access to intentional, competent services by 169% in one year; and

WHEREAS, since 2016 the level of services WHW provides to LGBTQI+ survivors has increased annually by an average of 23%; and

WHEREAS, these services include support and intervention arising from sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking, including hotline assistance, accompaniment to hospitals and courts, court advocacy, individual crisis intervention and support groups, specifically focused for LGBTQI+ identified survivors; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Ms. Shrimplin, WHW has also implemented inclusive screening for partner violence/and sexual assault at community agencies including Caracole, Lighthouse Youth Services, and select mental health professionals that routinely interact with the LGBTQI+ community; and

WHEREAS, WHW operates the largest, inclusive evidence-based curriculum concerning dating and sexual violence, “Prevent & Empower,” implemented in Cincinnati-based schools and addressing the needs of LGBTQI+ youth and enabling them to enjoy healthy, safe, and equitable relationships; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shrimplin also serves on the boards of the Human Services Chamber, the Leadership Council of Nonprofits, and the HealthPath Foundation of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shrimplin is a member of the Mayor’s Council on Gender Equality, and was named as one of “Ten Women Who Changed Criminal Justice in 2018” in *The Crime Report*,

a publication by the Center on Media, Crime, and Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City College of New York; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shrimplin is also a leader in statewide networks targeting sexual and domestic violence, including the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence and the Ohio Domestic Violence Network; and

WHEREAS, as a change-driven leader focusing on social innovation, collaboration, and impact, Ms. Shrimplin has successfully advanced policy, advocacy, and ground-breaking practices for the support and protection of LGBTQI+ survivors of gender-based violence; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati hereby recognize Kristin Shrimplin for her advocacy and support of the LGBTQI+ community as the president and chief executive officer of Women Helping Women.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of council and copies be provided to Ms. Shrimplin through the office of Councilmember Chris Seelbach.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Seelbach



Betsy Sundermann
Cincinnati City Councilmember

May 26, 2021

MOTION

WE MOVE that the City prepare an ordinance to designate as a secondary honorary name for the one-block portion of Ezzard Charles Drive in front of the Cincinnati Police Memorial between Central Avenue and West Central Parkway as "Police Memorial Drive."



Betsy Sundermann

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STATEMENT

The section of Ezzard Charles Drive between Central Avenue and West Central Parkway is home to the Cincinnati Police Memorial on the southern side of the drive which stands as a shining symbol to commemorate the sacrifice of our fallen officers. This section of Ezzard Charles Drive should reflect the cultural and historical significance of fallen officers in our city and our city's police force.



202102025
Date: May 24, 2021

To: Councilmember Betsy Sundermann
From: Andrew Garth, City Solicitor *AWG*
Subject: **Ordinance – Residential CRA The Sanctuary at River Green**

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

ESTABLISHING certain policies and conditions regarding the application of residential Community Reinvestment Area real property tax abatements for homes in The Sanctuary at River Green subdivision in the California neighborhood of Cincinnati, notwithstanding Ordinance No. 370-2020.

AWG/KMG/(lnk)
Attachment
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City of Cincinnati

KMG

AWB

An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

ESTABLISHING certain policies and conditions regarding the application of residential Community Reinvestment Area real property tax abatements for homes in The Sanctuary at River Green subdivision in the California neighborhood of Cincinnati, notwithstanding Ordinance No. 370-2020.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 274-2017, passed by this Council on September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 166-2018, passed by this Council on June 27, 2018, designated the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati as a “Community Reinvestment Area” (“CRA”) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the “Statute”); and

WHEREAS, effective October 23, 2017, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 276-2017, passed by this Council on September 27, 2017 (the “2017 Ordinance”), sets forth certain additional policies, conditions, and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled residential structures in the CRA; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 370-2020, passed by this Council on November 12, 2020 (the “2020 Ordinance”), amends the 2017 Ordinance to (i) expand the definition of residential properties to include structures containing four dwelling units, and (ii) create additional caps on residential real property tax abatements and make certain other changes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an approval provided by City Planning Commission on July 7, 2017, Osterfeld Construction, Inc. (“Developer”) recently created a new subdivision for forty-four homes along Sanctuary Place in the Cincinnati neighborhood of California, which neighborhood has not seen new single-family construction in over ten years and is in need of additional development and economic stimulus, at a cost to Developer of \$3,800,000, and which property is more particularly described on Attachment A (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, Developer installed and upgraded 2,130 linear feet of the existing public water main provided by Greater Cincinnati Water Works, at a cost to Developer of \$295,000, which upgrade now enables adequate firefighting for the entire California neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Developer upgraded three blocks of existing Renslar Avenue in the California neighborhood, which included widening the road, improving drainage, and adding curbs, sidewalks and landscaping, at a cost to Developer of \$141,250; and

WHEREAS, Developer has built over 750' of new streets, complete with all utilities, at a cost of \$1,057,000 to Developer, which have been transferred to the City at no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, Developer constructed and incurred the foregoing costs prior to the passage of the 2020 Ordinance as part of its significant investment in the California neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Ordinance is applicable to applications for tax exemption for residential improvements when the remodeling or construction commenced on and after January 1, 2022, as more particularly described therein; and

WHEREAS, in consideration for the significant public infrastructure improvements that Developer has made to the California neighborhood, Council desires to apply the terms and conditions of the 2017 Ordinance to residential real property tax abatement applications for any portion of the Property received by the City on or before January 1, 2026, notwithstanding the 2020 Ordinance; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That this Council desires to apply the policies, terms, and conditions for residential real property tax abatements established pursuant to Ordinance No. 276-2017 to applications for residential real property tax abatements received by the City on or before January 1, 2026, related to any portion of the property described on Attachment A of this ordinance (the "Property").

Section 2. That this Council enacts Section 1 of this ordinance notwithstanding Ordinance No. 370-2020.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 herein.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attachment A
to Ordinance

Situated in Bennett Tompkins Military Survey No. 395, Anderson Township, City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot Nos. 1 through, and including, Lot No. 44 of The Sanctuary at River Green Subdivision, Phase "I", as recorded in Plat Book 464, Pages 73 and 74, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.



202102060

David S. Mann
Councilmember

May 25, 2021

MOTION

The recent neighborhood boundaries discussion involving Clifton, CUF and Corryville underscores the necessity to review how the City notifies neighborhoods for issues happening in adjacent communities. I move that the City Administration, in collaboration with Invest in Neighborhoods and Community Councils leadership, come up with a set of new recommendations to codify how the City engages citizens on issues of development that affect their neighborhoods.


Councilmember David Mann

Statement:

Community engagement is an essential component of good government. Communities adjacent to neighborhoods are only notified when some specific criteria are met. These criteria need to be reviewed and updated. Without these updates, I fear that boundary issues will increase.

For example, notifying residents only within a 400' overlap zone does not take into consideration the role Community Councils play to preserve and enhance the quality of life of their communities. Community Councils must be systematically notified.

Also, the traditional 400' buffer notification, does not acknowledge that some development beyond these boundaries may have drastic consequences on neighboring communities.

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David S. Mann
Councilmember

These concerns should not be dealt with by changing the historical boundaries of our neighborhoods but by being better at engaging our citizens.

David S. Mann

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202101927
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: Marijuana-Only Warnings/Citations/Arrests Monthly Report, April 2021

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #201901197

On August 7, 2019 the following item was referred for a report:

MOTION, submitted Vice Mayor Smitherman and Councilmembers Landsman and Sittenfeld and Pastor WE MOVE that the administration provide a monthly report to the Law and Public Safety Committee on the number of marijuana-only warnings/citations/arrests the Cincinnati Police Department has made by age, race, and neighborhood under City and state law. The report should include only warnings/citations/arrests for individuals with 100 grams or less of marijuana. The date to begin tracking the Marijuana violations is July 12, 2019 when the new marijuana city ordinance became law. (Statement Attached) (BALANCE OF MOTION ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

Response

Attached is a report which breaks down the number of 910-23 warning violations issued by Cincinnati Police Officers during the month of April 2021. A total of 120 warnings were issued within the five districts and Central Business Section respectively. The race and age range of those receiving warnings is also broken down.

Attachment- 910-23 Monthly Warnings

cc: Colonel Eliot K. Isaac, Police Chief

April 2021, CMC 910-23; Marijuana Ordinance Violations

	<u>AGE BREAKDOWN</u>					<u>RACE BREAKDOWN</u>			
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>		<u>B</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>O</u>	
<u>District</u>	<u>18-25</u>	<u>26-35</u>	<u>36-45</u>	<u>46+</u>	<u>Totals per District:</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Totals by Race:</u>
CBS	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Dst. 1	5	4	0	0	9	8	1	0	9
Dst. 2	3	2	1	0	6	6	0	0	6
Dst. 3	14	12	6	2	34	34	0	0	34
Dst. 4	13	19	12	1	45	44	1	0	45
Dst. 5	11	10	3	1	25	25	0	0	25
All	46	47	23	4	120	118	2	0	120

June 3, 2021

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

202102061

FROM: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

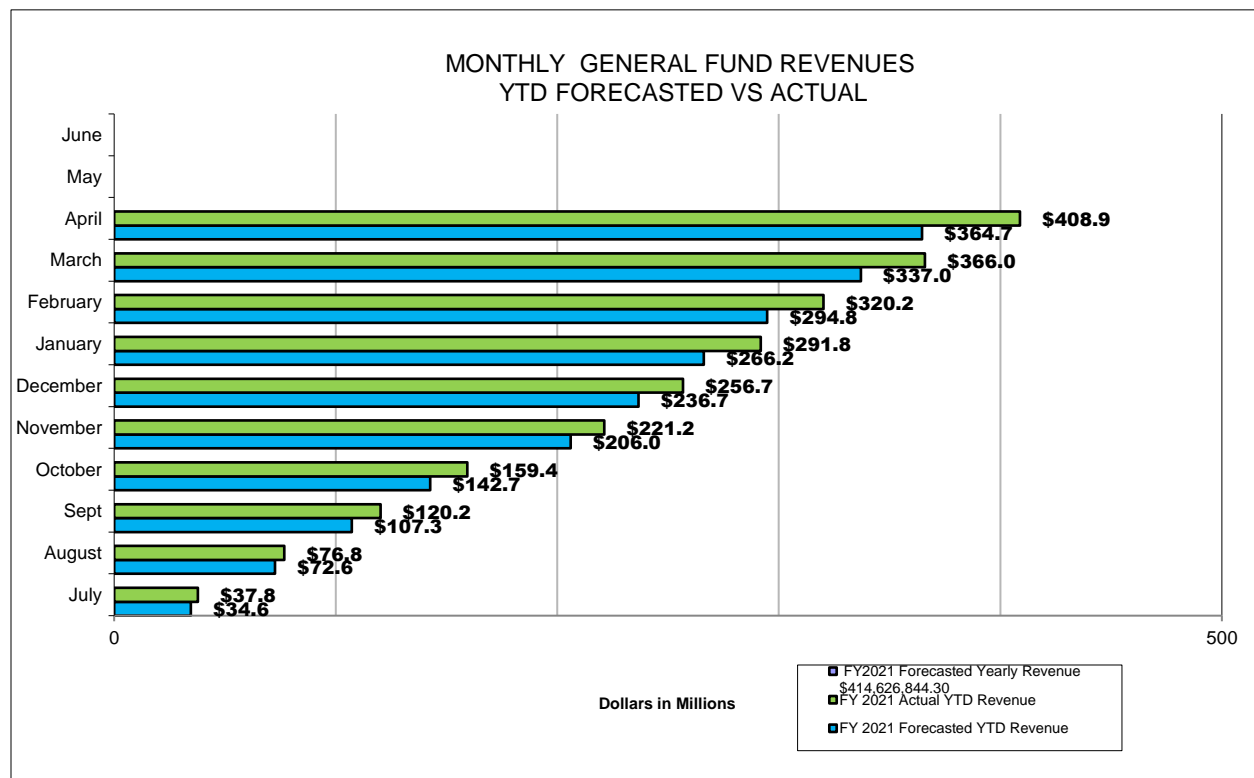
SUBJECT: Department of Finance Report for the Month Ended April 30, 2021

**APRIL 2021
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The following report provides an update on the City of Cincinnati’s financial condition as of the month ending April 30, 2021. Variances are based on current year estimates and prior year activity in attached schedules.

A more detailed explanation of revenues is attached for review, including reports comparing current year actual revenue vs. forecasted revenue and prior year actual revenue vs. current year actual revenue. Both of those reports are presented on a monthly and year to date basis.

The chart below portrays the performance of actual revenue collected against the forecasted revenue collected through April 30, 2021 and shows that actual revenue of \$409 million was above forecasted revenue of \$365 million by \$44 million.



The major revenue components of the General Fund are listed in the table below. This table highlights the year to date variance (favorable and unfavorable) in General Fund revenue collections as compared to forecasted revenue collections. Each major category that differs significantly from forecasted collections will be discussed in further detail.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES		
	FAVORABLE VARIANCE	(UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE
General Property Tax	\$3,752,981	
City Income Tax	\$45,614,797	
Admission Tax		(\$1,458,382)
Short Term Rental		
Excise Tax	\$305,799	
Licenses & Permits		(\$1,256,319)
Fines, Forfeitures, & Penalties		(\$1,948,484)
Investment Income	\$281,227	
Local Government	\$761,849	
Casino	\$2,228,109	
Police		(\$438,305)
Buildings and Inspections	\$560,180	
Fire	\$599,422	
Parking Meter		(\$1,896,830)
Other		(\$2,848,240)
	<u>\$54,104,364</u>	<u>(\$9,846,560)</u>
Difference	\$44,257,804	

General Fund (favorable variance) is \$44.2 million above the amount forecasted thru April in the FY 2021 Budget. What follows is an explanation of significant variances of individual General Fund revenue components.

General Property Tax (favorable variance) is \$3.8 million above the forecasted amount. The City received the final settlement for FY2021 in April. Revenue is greater than projected as a result of higher assessed property values utilized by the County Auditor.

Income Tax (favorable variance) is \$45.6 million above the forecasted amount. The work from home exception due to the pandemic has been challenged in the courts. If the courts rule in favor of the plaintiff, a large portion of these revenues would need to be refunded. The Income Tax component represents 71% of the total General Fund percentage. The Administration continues to evaluate the continued trend of employees working from home and the effect it will have on income tax revenue into the future.

Admission Tax (unfavorable variance) is \$1.5 million below estimate. Most venues that generate admission tax have been closed or open with very limited capacity most of the fiscal year due to the pandemic. While additional venues are starting to open with limited capacity, the estimate in this revenue category will still not be met for the fiscal year.

License & Permits (unfavorable variance) is down \$1.3 million. The Beer and Liquor

Tax permit application and payment deadline was extended by the State due to the pandemic. The delayed first quarter payment should be received in FY 2022; therefore, this category will stay below the estimate this year. General Building and Heating & Ventilating permits are slightly behind estimates as well.

Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties (unfavorable variance) is down \$1.9 million. Parking fines make up most of the revenue in this category, and parking fines continue to be significantly below estimate. As the pandemic continues, the demand for parking remains below normal around the City and will result in this estimate not being met for the fiscal year.

Local Government (favorable variance) is \$762k above the forecasted amount. The favorable variance is the result of increased revenue collection from the State of Ohio General Revenue tax sources.

Casino (favorable variance) is up \$2.2 million. Despite the pandemic and limited capacity, the casino revenues continue to exceed estimates.

Buildings and Inspections (favorable variance) is up \$560k. This favorable variance is due to collections related to elevator inspections which are billed one time a year.

Fire (favorable variance) is \$599k above the forecasted amount. The Fire Department enlisted an outside vendor to improve their billing and collection processes. The positive results of that show with this favorable variance. The estimates are based on historical collections and will take some time to level out with the new processes.

Parking Meter (unfavorable variance) is \$1.9 million below estimate. The unfavorable variance is due to reduced economic activity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other (unfavorable variance) is \$2.8 million below forecast. This category is made up of many small sources of revenue that fluctuate from time to time. Finance will continue to monitor these various revenue sources.

Restricted Funds:

Convention Center (unfavorable) is down \$5 million. Many conventions cancelled this fiscal year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The convention center has hosted some smaller events; however, the estimate in this revenue category will still not be met for the fiscal year.

Municipal Golf (favorable variance) is up \$2.2 million. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission has experienced an increase in the utilization of the golf courses as people are looking for outside activities during the pandemic, resulting in increased revenue.

Parking Meter (unfavorable variance) is down \$549k. Parking Meter revenue is not meeting estimates due to reduced economic activity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sawyer Point (unfavorable variance) is down \$297k. The unfavorable variance is due to less economic activity at the park as a result of the pandemic restrictions.

Recreation Special (unfavorable variance) is down \$3.2 million. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission has experienced a reduction in revenue due to the cancellation of recreation center programs as a result of the pandemic.

Hazard Abatement (unfavorable variance) is down \$811K. The Vacant Buildings Maintenance License revenue is down due to the number of license waivers requested during

the pandemic. In addition, Vacant Foreclosure License revenue is below estimate as a result of the reduced number of foreclosures being processed during the pandemic.

Submitted herewith are the following Department of Finance reports:

1. Comparative Statement of Revenue (Actual, Forecast and Prior Year) as of April 30, 2021.
2. Audit of the City Treasurer's Report for the month ended March 31, 2021.
3. Statement of Balances in the various funds as of April 30, 2021.

By approval of this report, City Council appropriates the revenues received in the various restricted funds on the attached Statement of Balances and as stated in greater detail on the records maintained by the Department of Finance, Division of Accounts & Audits. Such revenues are to be expended in accordance with the purposes for which the funds were established.

c: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachments

June 3, 2021

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council **2021012062**

FROM: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

**SUBJECT: Report- Use of ARP Funds for Small Businesses and
Neighborhood Business Districts**

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202101124

City Council adopted at its session on March 24, 2021 the following Motion:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Keating, Mann, Sundermann and Kearney, Our small businesses have suffered from the negative impacts of COVID-19 at a disproportionate level. The City of Cincinnati is to receive \$290 million from the American Rescue Plan, President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion coronavirus stimulus bill. WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare a REPORT on how much money, of the \$290 million from the American Rescue Plan, that the city could feasibly set aside to aid the small business community in their COVID-19 recovery efforts. This approach needs to be a two-pronged effort that not only targets specific small businesses but also takes a blanket approach to focus on providing aid to neighborhood business districts. Therefore, WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Administration prepare a REPORT on how much money of \$290 million from the American Rescue Plan, that the city could feasibly set aside to identify and aid the neighborhood business districts that have been most negatively impacted by the COVID-10 impact. WE further MOVE that the City Administration prepare a REPORT on the eligibility requirements in which small businesses and neighborhood business districts would need to meet in order to qualify for relief through the city. These funds would be utilized to assist in the recovery from the losses our small businesses and communities have endured due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We request these reports within 21 days to allocate enough time to consider these findings for the upcoming budget process.

The Administration's proposed use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds includes various support programs for businesses which directly and indirectly impact small businesses as follows:

- **CVB Support** – This would provide operational support to the Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- **Restaurant Grant Phase 2** – This would provide funds for a second phase of the local economic stimulus plan to support dining and drinking establishments in the City.
- **Neighborhood Activation Fund** – This would provide funds for neighborhood activation and events in public spaces throughout the City.
- **Neighborhood Business Districts Support Grants** – This would provide additional funds for businesses located in the Neighborhood Business Districts.
- **Minority Business Partnerships** – This would provide funds for a partnership with the Urban League.
- **Minority Business Accelerator – Ascend** – This would provide funds to Ascend*Cincy, a partnership between the City, Urban League, the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, and the Minority Business Accelerator to provide staffing, accounting, human resources, financial coaching, and other assistance to Black-owned businesses.
- **Women Business Program** – This would provide funds to support women owned businesses through a partnership with Main Street Ventures for women owned businesses.
- **Outdoor Dining Grant Program (Neighborhoods)** – This would provide resources for a grant program to cover the cost of the design and construction of public infrastructure improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety in various City neighborhoods.
- **ROW & Pedestrian Safety Improvements Outdoor Dining Urban Core** – This would provide funds for DOTE to make Right-Of-Way (ROW) improvements in the Urban Core designed to enhance outdoor dining.

Since then, additional programs have been proposed by councilmembers, and the Administration will implement the approved programs.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager

June 3, 2021

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council **202102063**
FROM: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
SUBJECT: Report – Greenspace Maintenance Budget

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202100742

City Council adopted at its session on February 24, 2021 the following Motion:

MOTION, (AMENDED) dated 02/17/2021, submitted by Councilmembers Mann and Landsman, We MOVE that the city should build medians and other traffic calming infrastructure with provisions made for the long-term maintenance needs & costs. We further move the administration present to council a fully funded greenspace maintenance budget that covers the needed maintenance requirements of all city managed properties". We further move that the City provides a report and a maintenance master plan for all such amenities created in the past. The report should include a strategy for taking care of the maintenance. The strategy should include potential redesigns funded through capital funds, to enhance the maintainability of these features.

Medians and traffic calming infrastructure, particularly those that include greenspace and gateways, would be considered in the right-of-way. As such maintenance for these areas is an eligible expense from the Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund. In the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update, additional funds in the amount of \$200,000 were provided to DPS as a budget exception to cover various roadway related costs including the costs associated with maintaining these areas. This allocation was budgeted as an ongoing expense so those funds will be included in the FY 2022-2023 Recommended Biennial Budget as well as future budgets.

For future construction of medians and traffic calming infrastructure, the Department of Transportation and Engineering will take into account design features that are best suited for maintainability as part of the capital project design. As new infrastructure is added to the list of areas to be maintained, the Department of Public

Services will request a budget exception for additional funds for maintaining these areas which will be a considered a priority for inclusion in future budgets.

The Cincinnati Parks Department, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC), and the Department of Public Services (DPS) each have responsibility for maintaining various greenspace throughout the City. Each department maintains their own greenspace maintenance plans which are periodically reviewed internally. As additional budgetary needs arise, departments can request mid-year budget adjustments or additional funding for the upcoming fiscal year during the annual budget development process.

For FY 2022, Parks has requested an additional 3.0 FTEs totaling \$120k for greenspace maintenance as part of their budget request. A portion of that expense is requested from the Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund and a portion of the expense is requested from the Parks Donations/Special Activities Fund.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager

Date: 06/03/2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: Make-A-Wish Hope is Essential Gala**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; Make-A-Wish Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): Cincinnati Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Parks Department, Department of Building and Inspections, Department of Community and Economic Development, Department of Finance, Department of Public Services, and Department of Transportation and Engineering. There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE: Make-A-Wish Hope is Essential Gala
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER: Make-A-Wish Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana
CONTACT PERSON: Amy Merritt
LOCATION: 166 West Mehring Way - Smale Park (Great Event Lawn)
DATE(S) AND TIME(S): July 10th, 2021 6:00PM to 10:00PM
EVENT DESCRIPTION: Private ticketed event with a fireworks display
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE: 300
ALCOHOL SALES: YES. NO.
TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS: Make-A-Wish Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana

cc: Colonel Eliot K. Isaac, Police Chief

Date: 06/03/2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: Hyde Park Blast**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; Hyde Park Blast has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): Cincinnati Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Parks Department, Department of Building and Inspections, Department of Community and Economic Development, Department of Finance, Department of Public Services, and Department of Transportation and Engineering. There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE: Hyde Park Blast
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER: Hyde Park Blast
CONTACT PERSON: Lori Salzarulo
LOCATION: Hyde Park Square, 2700 Erie Av. and surround streets
DATE(S) AND TIME(S): September 25th, 2021 4:00PM to Midnight
EVENT DESCRIPTION: 4 Mile Run and party open to the public (NO BIKE RACES)
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE: 10,000
ALCOHOL SALES: YES. NO.
TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS: (identify, if "YES" is checked above)

cc: Colonel Eliot K. Isaac, Police Chief

Date: June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Liquor License – Temporary (F8)**

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FINAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT

OBJECTIONS: None

This is a report on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for the following:

APPLICATION: 1514087
PERMIT TYPE: TEMP
CLASS: F8
NAME: CINCINNATI PARK BOARD
DBA: BURNET WOODS
3251 BROOKLINE AVE
CINCINNATI, OH 45230

On May 21, 2021 Clifton Towne Meeting was notified of this application and do not object.

Police Department Approval

David M. Laing, Assistant City Prosecutor
Law Department - Recommendation
 Objection No Objection

MUST BE RECEIVED BY OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL BY: June 30, 2021

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102069
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Seasongood Internship Program Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount not to exceed \$34,560 from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation for the purpose of administering an Internship Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Citizens Summer Jobs Fund 308.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount not to exceed \$34,560 from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation for the purpose of administering an Internship Program. Approval of this Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Citizens Summer Jobs Fund 308.

There is a grant available from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation that will allow for the administration of an Internship Program, for temporary placement of up to six interns in various departments such as, Human Resources, City Planning, Greater Cincinnati Water Works, and Community and Economic Development.

This grant does not require matching funds. There are no new FTEs associated with this grant.

As the grant application deadline was April 15, 2021, the Department of Human Resources has applied for the grant prior to approval of this Ordinance, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval of this Emergency Ordinance by the City Council.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant funding prior to the end of the fiscal year, for timely hiring and payment of interns.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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WHEREAS, there is a grant available from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation that will allow for the administration of an Internship Program, for temporary placement of up to six interns in various departments such as Human Resources, City Planning, Greater Cincinnati Water Works, and Community and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, as the grant application deadline was April 15, 2021, the Department of Human Resources has applied for the grant prior to approval of this Emergency Ordinance, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval of this Ordinance by Council; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount not to exceed \$34,560 from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation for the purpose of administering an Internship Program.

Section 2. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the grant funds into Citizens Summer Jobs Fund 308.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2 herein.

Section 4. 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

the immediate need to accept grant funding prior to the end of the fiscal year, for timely hiring and payment of interns.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

202102080

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Blair Lofts I Residential Development
– TIF Project**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, “Blair Lofts I Residential Development – TIF,” for the purpose of providing resources for Phase I of the Blair Lofts residential development for the creation of affordable housing in the Avondale neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Avondale Equivalent Fund 468 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, “Blair Lofts I Residential Development – TIF,” to provide resources for acquisition and development costs associated with Phase I of the Blair Lofts residential development in the Avondale neighborhood; and further **DECLARING** that expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, “Blair Lofts I Residential Development – TIF,” will serve a public purpose because the project will provide affordable housing to the Avondale neighborhood.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, “Blair Lofts I Residential Development – TIF,” for the purpose of providing resources for Phase I of the Blair Lofts residential development for the creation of affordable housing in the Avondale neighborhood. Approval of this Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Avondale Equivalent Fund 468 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, “Blair Lofts I Residential Development – TIF,” to provide resources for acquisition and development costs associated with Phase I of the Blair Lofts residential development in the Avondale neighborhood. Finally, the Emergency Ordinance will declare that expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, “Blair Lofts I Residential Development – TIF,” will serve a public purpose because the project will provide affordable housing to the Avondale neighborhood.

Phase I of the Blair Lofts residential development will result in the construction of an apartment building containing sixty-four affordable units with a single elevator, and which will be certified to LEED-Silver standards. All units in the newly constructed apartment building will serve households earning no more than sixty

percent (60%) of the area median income, as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Provide a full spectrum of housing options and improve housing quality and affordability” as described on pages 164-177 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the stakeholders to execute a development agreement and commence Construction within the strict schedule established.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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WHEREAS, the Avondale neighborhood is currently experiencing substantial development activity, creating a significant need for quality affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Phase I of the Blair Lofts residential development will result in the construction of an apartment building containing sixty-four affordable units with a single elevator, and which will be certified to LEED-Silver standards; and

WHEREAS, all units in the newly constructed apartment building will serve households earning no more than sixty percent (60%) of the area median income, as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Blair Lofts I Residential Development – TIF capital improvement project is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Provide a full spectrum of housing options and improve housing quality and affordability” as described on pages 164-177 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That new capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, “Blair Lofts I Residential Development – TIF,” is hereby established for the purpose of providing resources for Phase I of the Blair Lofts residential development for the creation of affordable housing in the Avondale neighborhood.

Section 2. That the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the Avondale Equivalent Fund 468 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, “Blair Lofts I Residential Development – TIF,” to provide resources for acquisition and development costs associated with Phase I of the Blair Lofts residential development in the Avondale neighborhood (collectively, the “Public Improvements”), is hereby authorized.

Section 3. That Council hereby declares that the Public Improvements constitute a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Section 5709.40(A)(8)), that will benefit and/or serve the District 21 – Avondale Incentive District, subject to compliance with ORC Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

Section 4. That expenditures from capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x211629, “Blair Lofts I Residential Development – TIF,” are hereby declared to serve a public purpose because the project will provide affordable housing to the Avondale neighborhood.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 4 hereof.

Section 6. 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 the immediate need to allow the stakeholders to execute a development agreement and commence Construction within the strict schedule established.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102081
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Audit Services RFP for Economic Development Ordinances

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, “Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to City Manager’s Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 for the purpose of providing funds for an audit of City Council ordinances that passed related to economic development deals between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020.

On February 3, 2021, City Council adopted Motion #202100210 to solicit a quote for audit services to review Ordinances related to economic development deals from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020. Subsequently, the City published a Request for Proposals (RFP) and received quotes for the audit. The cost of auditing the approximately 200 approved Ordinances will be an estimated \$150,000. Funds to cover the cost of the audit will be transferred from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, “Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs” to the City Manager’s Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accomplish the audit.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Biggam, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, “Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to City Manager’s Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 for the purpose of providing funds for an audit of City Council ordinances that passed related to economic development deals between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, City Council passed a Motion to solicit a quote for audit services to review ordinances related to economic development deals from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City published a Request for Proposals (RFP) and received quotes for the service; and

WHEREAS, the cost of auditing the approximately 200 approved ordinances will be an estimated \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the Administration prepared a report detailing the cost and timeline and the Law and Public Safety Committee filed the report; and

WHEREAS, the source of funds is the “Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs;” now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the sum of \$150,000 is hereby transferred from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, “Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 2. That the sum of \$150,000 is hereby transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager’s Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 for the purpose of providing funds for an

audit of Council ordinances that passed related to economic development deals between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020.

Section 3. That the appropriate City officers are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 herein.

Section 4. 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 the immediate need to accomplish the audit.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102082

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – FY 2021 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$125,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY21 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant Program (CFDA #16.710), for the purpose of providing assistance with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department’s current law enforcement mental health and wellness efforts; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21LEMH.

This Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant for up to the amount of to \$125,000 in FY21 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant Program funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (CDFA # 16.710) for assistance with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department’s (CPD) current law enforcement mental health and wellness efforts. This grant would add a Senior Administrative Specialist position, for which \$62,500 of the granted funds would be used to fund the personnel and benefits costs of the position annually, with the remainder of the costs using CPD’s existing personnel budget. The grant does not require matching funds.

This Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21LEMH. The grant application deadline is June 3, 2021. As a result, the Cincinnati Police Department will have applied for this grant prior to this Ordinance receiving approval from the City Council. Should this Ordinance not be approved, the grant funding will not be accepted.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the Live goal to “Create a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$125,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY21 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant Program (CFDA #16.710), for the purpose of providing assistance with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department's current law enforcement mental health and wellness efforts; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21LEMH.

WHEREAS, there is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY21 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant Program (CFDA #16.710), a grant in an amount up to \$125,000 for the purpose of providing assistance with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department's ("CPD") current law enforcement mental health and wellness efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used to add a Senior Administrative Specialist, the salary and fringe benefits for which will be funded using \$62,500 of the grant funds annually for the two-year grant term and the remainder using CPD's existing personnel budget; and

WHEREAS, there is a 1.0 new FTE associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is June 3, 2021, and CPD intends to apply by this date, but no grant funds will be accepted before approval by City Council; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "create a more livable community, support our neighborhoods" as described on page 156 and 171 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$125,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY21 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant

Program (CFDA #16.710), for the purpose of providing assistance with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department's current law enforcement mental health and wellness efforts.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21LEMH.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of this grant and Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102087
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: LEED CRA TAX EXEMPTION FOR LPH THRIVES, LLC

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with LPH Thrives, LLC, an affiliate of Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2113-2117 W. 8th Street, 2122 St. Michael Street, 2130 St. Michael Street, 2131 St. Michael Street, and 642-646 Neave Street in the Lower Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of ten existing buildings and construction of one new building on the property to create approximately 1,789 square feet of commercial space and approximately 67,505 square feet of residential space, consisting of 47 rental units, with the construction of the new building to be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$9,415,634.

BACKGROUND/CURRENT CONDITIONS

LPH Thrives, LLC owns and intends to renovate ten (10) historic, vacant, blighted buildings and construct one (1) building on a vacant lot at 2117 West 8th Street in Lower Price Hill. In October 2020, the project was allocated \$1,000,000 in City HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding by City Council Ordinance 341-02020 to promote affordable, rehabilitated units for owner-occupants in Lower Price Hill. Additionally, the project was awarded \$380,000 in City Lead Poisoning Prevention Program funding.

The redevelopment of the site will replace underutilized land blocks, reduce vacancy, create jobs, and provide quality affordable housing options.

DEVELOPER INFORMATION

LPH Thrives, LLC is a partnership between Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, Inc. (OTRCH) and Community Matters, Inc. OTRCH, a non-profit community development organization, is serving as the main developer and has significance experience in providing affordable and supportive housing options to residents in the Cincinnati area. OTRCH has over 40 years of experience developing affordable housing and has developed over 750 units of affordable housing and currently owns and manages nearly 500 units. Community Matters, founded in 2014, is serving as the co-developer and supportive services provider. Community Matters will coordinate supportive services for the residents of LPH Thrives like job training, financial literacy, credit counseling, education assistance, utility payment assistance and other needs that might come up through a Resident Service Coordinator on staff with Community Matters. Referrals will be made to alternate service providers as necessary and as feasible.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The scattered-site, mixed-use project consists of the full gut renovation and preservation of ten (10) historic, vacant, blighted buildings and the new construction of one (1) building on a vacant lot at 2117 West 8th Street. At completion, the project will create thirty-one (31) rehabilitated units and sixteen (16) newly constructed residential rental units and will include approximately 65,505 square feet of total residential space. All residential units will be made affordable to households earning between a range of 30% – 60% of the Area Median Income, as established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The unit count by type will consist of: (5) studio units, (11) one-bedroom units, (18) two-bedroom units, and (13) three-bedroom units. Rent will range between \$491-\$1,094 per month depending on the square footage of the unit (ranging from 539-1401 square feet). In addition, the project will include a fitness center at 642 Neave Street and include a total of 1,789 square feet in two new commercial spaces at 2113 & 2115 West 8th Street. The project will meet the Federal Historic Tax Credit standards as well as Enterprise Green Communities certification for the rehabilitated buildings and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver for the newly constructed building.

The total investment is estimated to be at \$14 million with construction costs estimated to be at approximately \$10.4 million. In addition to the \$1 million City HOME loan funds and \$380,000 City Lead funds, LPH Thrives will attract approximately \$8.5 million in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) equity, \$600,000 in Housing Development Loan funding from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, \$1.4 million in Federal Historic Tax Credit equity, \$963,213 in State Historic Tax Credit equity, and \$975,000 in traditional debt. The project is estimated to be completed by Fall 2022 and is anticipated to create 180 temporary construction jobs with a total payroll of \$7.1 million during the eighteen-month construction period.

The Lower Price Hill Community Council is in support of the LPH Thrives project. This project represents Plan Cincinnati’s “Vision to Compete” by making a targeted investment, and its “Vision of Live” to support and stabilize our neighborhoods. This project also achieves Plan Cincinnati’s Live Goal 3 (pages 164-178) by providing a full spectrum of housing options and improving housing quality and affordability. This incentive is consistent with the uniform rules for Community Reinvestment Areas adopted by Council Ordinance 119-2007.

PROPOSED INCENTIVE

The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is recommending a 100% net 67%, 15-year LEED CRA tax exemption for this project. Pursuant to the Commercial CRA policy established by City Council, this project has committed to a 33% PILOT to Cincinnati Public Schools. DCED has determined that this project meets the qualifications of an Undercapitalized Project, as described in Section 3 of Ordinance 339-2018, passed on October 31, 2018, based on the following factors:

- A maximum tax exemption helps support the creation of affordable residential units for extremely low- to very low-income households (30% – 60% AMI) for a minimum of 15 years.
- Financial underwriting showed that the project needs direct monetary assistance via City funding and is also in need of maximum tax exemption to increase the financial feasibility of the project.
- Incentive is consistent with previously awarded LITHC projects.

SUMMARY	
Incentive Value	
Annual Net Abatement (Savings to Developer)	\$129,772
Total Term Net Abatement (Savings to Developer)	\$1,946,579
City's Portion of Property Taxes Forgone	\$374,967
Public Benefit	
CPS PILOT	
Annual CPS Pilot	\$63,918
Total Term CPS PILOT	\$958,763
VTICA	
Annual VTICA	\$0
Total Term VTICA PILOT	\$0
Income Tax (Max)	\$223,017
New Permanent Jobs	0
Total Public Benefit (CPS PILOT/VTICA PILOT/Income Tax)	\$1,181,780
Total Public Benefit ROI	\$0.61
City's ROI	\$0.59

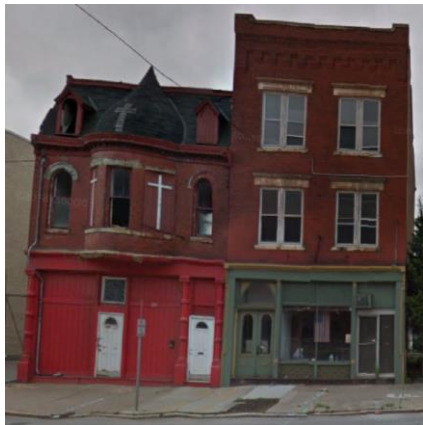
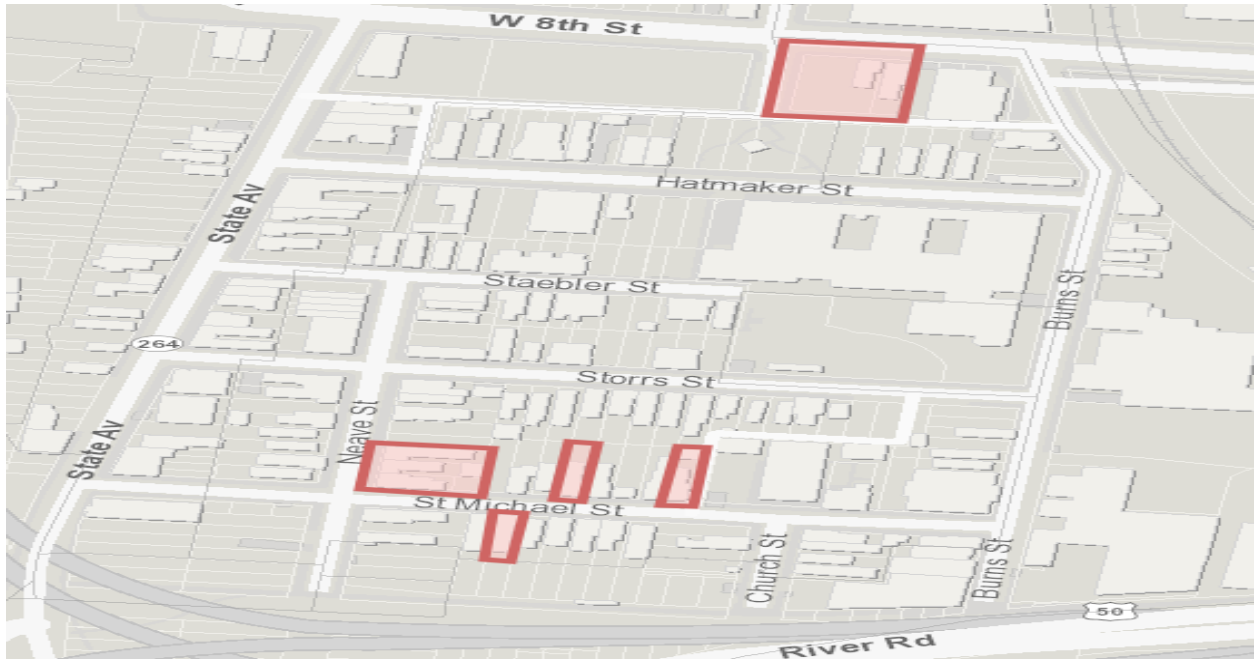
RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approval of this Emergency Ordinance.

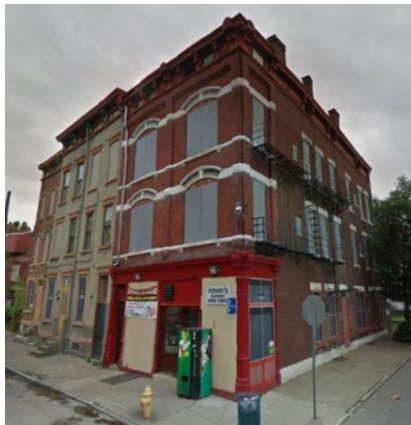
Attachment: A. Property location and photographs

Copy: Markiea L. Carter, Director, Department of Community & Economic
Development *MLC*

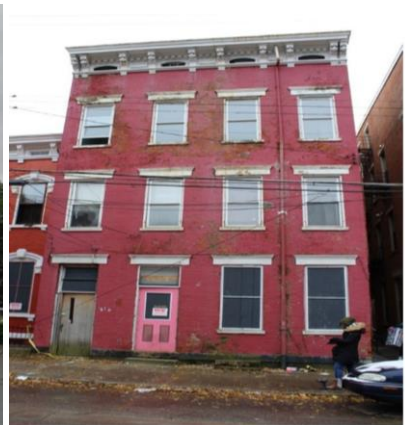
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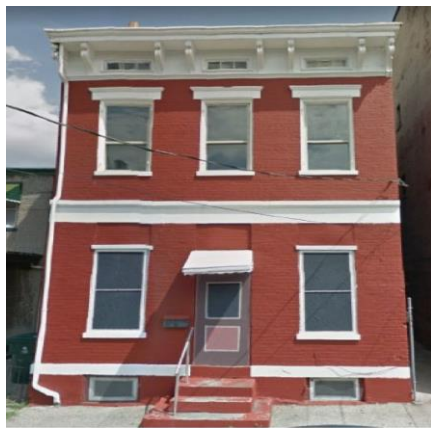
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2131 St. Michael Street



2130 St. Michael Street



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APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with LPH Thrives, LLC, an affiliate of Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 2113-2117 W. 8th Street, 2122 St. Michael Street, 2130 St. Michael Street, 2131 St. Michael Street, and 642-646 Neave Street in the Lower Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of ten existing buildings and construction of one new building on the property to create approximately 1,789 square feet of commercial space and approximately 67,505 square feet of residential space, consisting of 47 rental units, with the construction of the new building to be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$9,415,634.

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property, the Council of the City of Cincinnati by Ordinance No. 274-2017 passed on September 27, 2017, designated the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati as a “Community Reinvestment Area” pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the “Statute”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 275-2017 passed by this Council on September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018, passed by this Council on October 31, 2018 (as amended, the “Commercial Policy Ordinance”), sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area; and

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property in a more environmentally-friendly manner, the Commercial Policy Ordinance incentivizes: (i) construction and remodeling to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council); and (ii) construction and remodeling that obtains (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the “Energy Petal” of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (collectively, “LBC” standards), all pursuant to the Statute; and

WHEREAS, effective October 23, 2017, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute; and

WHEREAS, LPH Thrives, LLC (the “Company”) desires to remodel ten existing buildings and construct one new building on real property at 2113-2117 W. 8th Street, 2122 St. Michael Street, 2130 St. Michael Street, 2131 St. Michael Street, and 642-646 Neave Street located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, to create approximately 1,789 square feet of commercial space and approximately 67,505 square feet of residential space, consisting of 47 rental units, with construction of the new building to be completed in compliance with LEED or LBC standards (the “Improvements”), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, to provide an appropriate development incentive for the Improvements, the City Manager has recommended a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)*, in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, to authorize a real property tax exemption for the Improvements in accordance with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, the property is located within the Cincinnati City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the “Board of Education”), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020 (as may be amended, the “Board of Education Agreement”), has approved exemptions of up to 100% of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and the right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Education Agreement, the Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to 33% of the exempt real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements do not involve relocation of part or all of the Company’s operations from another county or municipal corporation in Ohio or, if there is relocation, notice has been given per ORC Section 3735.673; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council approves a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with LPH Thrives, LLC (the “Agreement”), thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the assessed value of improvements to be made to real property located at 2113-2117 W. 8th Street, 2122 St. Michael Street, 2130 St. Michael Street, 2131 St. Michael Street, and 642-646 Neave Street in Cincinnati, as calculated by the Hamilton County Auditor, in connection with the remodeling of ten existing buildings and construction of one new building to create approximately 1,789 square feet of commercial space and approximately 67,505 square feet of residential space, consisting of 47 rental units, with

construction of the new building to be constructed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council) or Living Building Challenge standards (as described in the Agreement and as determined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council, as applicable), at a total construction cost of approximately \$9,415,634.

Section 2. That Council authorizes the City Manager:

- (i) to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance; and
- (ii) to forward on behalf of Council a copy of the Agreement, within fifteen (15) days after execution, to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(F); and
- (iii) to submit on behalf of Council annual reports on the Agreement to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency and to the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672; and
- (iv) to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the City's obligations under 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 the immediate need to allow the remodeling and construction described in this ordinance and the corresponding revitalization of the City of Cincinnati and the benefits to the City's economic welfare to begin at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attachment A to Ordinance

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

SEE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), and LPH THRIVES, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company and affiliate of Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, an Ohio nonprofit corporation (the "Company").

Recitals:

- A. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- B. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- C. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- D. Pursuant to the Commercial Policy Ordinance, a project that is constructed or remodeled to (1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council), or (2) receives a (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the "Energy Petal" of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (such qualifying remodeling or construction is referred to, collectively, as "LBC" remodeling or construction), may qualify for a longer term and/or greater abatement.
- E. The Company is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 2113-2117 W. 8th Street, 2122 St. Michael Street, 2130 St. Michael Street, 2131 St. Michael Street, and 642-646 Neave Street (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- F. The Company has proposed the remodeling of existing buildings located on the Property, and the construction of a new building on the Property, which new construction will be to LEED Silver standards as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"); provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.

- G. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.
- H. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- I. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- J. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- K. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- L. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- M. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- N. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, any related member of the Company, nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- O. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- P. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- Q. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property

located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to remodel ten existing buildings and construct one new building on the Property to create, in aggregate, approximately 1,789 square feet of commercial space and approximately 67,505 square feet of residential space, consisting of 47 rental units (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$9,415,634 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than April 30, 2023; *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in his discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The remodeling and construction shall be in compliance with applicable building code requirements and zoning regulations, and the new construction shall be in compliance with LEED Silver standards. The Company hereby represents that it has registered with the U.S. Green Building Council with intent to certify compliance with LEED Silver standards as it relates to the new construction. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of 100% of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of 15 years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of remodeling and construction, (B) the cost of remodeling and construction, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption, (D) compliance with LBC and/or LEED standards identified in Section 1, and (E) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling and construction has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall

commence after tax year 2023 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2037 or (ii) the end of the 15th year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number

of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 323-1-S, “SBEs”). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City’s annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City’s total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City’s goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

- (i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.
- (ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources.

The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.

(iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.

(iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.

(v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.

(vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create 180 full-time temporary construction jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with construction and remodeling.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately \$7,079,904 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same

manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under

this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

LPH Thrives, LLC
114 W. 14th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45212
Attn: Ben Eilerman, Project Manager

With a copy to:

CREA
30 South Meridian Street, Suite 400
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to

take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised

regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation
Reference source not found.

LPH THRIVES, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company**Error!**

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Date: _____, 2021

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant City Solicitor

Certified Date: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

642 Neave St.

Parcel ID No. 149-0011-0286-00

All that certain lot of land situated in Section 30, Town 4, Fractional Range 1, Storrs Township in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, known, numbered and designated as Lot 96 on the Plat of T & C Neave's Subdivision, a plat of which is recorded in Deed Book 122, page 278, and Plat Book 1, page 302, Hamilton County, Ohio Records, less and excepting, however, a tract of land 25.50 feet in front on the northerly side of St. Michael Street by 29 feet in depth and lying 74.50 feet east of Neave Street, heretofore conveyed by said grantor to Sybel Fisher, recorded in Deed Book 1268, page 301, Hamilton County, Ohio Records.

644 Neave St.

Parcel ID: 149-0011-0287-00

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio:

Beginning at a point in the East line of Neave Street, 29.05 feet North of the Northeast corner of Neave and St. Michael Street; thence in the East line of Neave Street, North 5 degrees 00' East 29.10 feet; thence South 85 degrees 26' East 59.00 feet; thence South 85 degrees 24' East 22.00 feet; thence North 5 degrees East 00.26 of a foot; thence South 85 degrees 31' East 18.50 feet; thence South 5 degrees 00' West 28.85 feet; thence North 85 degrees 44' West 99.50 feet to the East line of Neave Street and the place of beginning.

646 Neave St.

Plat Book 149, Page 0011, Parcel 0288

Situated in the County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, City of Cincinnati, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the East line of Neave Street in said City of Cincinnati, fifty-eight and 15/100 (58.15) feet North of the northeast corner of Neave Street and St. Michael Streets, said point being also the northwest corner of land described in Registered Land Certificate No. 1140. Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office; thence, South 85° 26' East fifty-nine (59) feet to a point; thence, South 85° 24' East twenty-two (22) feet to a point; thence, North 5° East.26, of a foot to a point; thence, South 85° 31' East eighteen and 50/100 (18.50) feet to a point in the East line of Lot No. 95 of T & C Neave Subdivision as per plat recorded in Plat Book I, pages 302 and 303, Hamilton County, Ohio Plat records; thence, North along said East line of Lot Nos. 94 and 95, twenty-eight (28) feet and 8 3/8', more or less, to the North line of said Lot No. 94; thence, West along said North line of Lot No. 94 one hundred (100) feet to the West line of said Lot No. 94 and the East line of Neave Street; thence, South along the West line of said Lot No. 94 and the East line of Neave Street twenty-nine (29) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning. Being the major portion of said Lot No. 94.

2122 St. Michael Street

APN: 149-0011-0278-00

Fronting Twenty-five (25) feet on the North side of St. Michael Street and extending back between parallel lines for a distance of One Hundred Sixteen (116) feet, being all of Lot No. 10 of John B. Purcell's Subdivision as the same is recorded in Deed Book 172, Page 272 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

2130 St. Michael Street

Parcel ID No. 149-0011-0282-00

Situate in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Number 107 of T. & C. Neave's Subdivision a plat of which is recorded in Book 122, page 278 Hamilton County Records, being 25 feet in front of the north side of St. Michaels Street and 116 feet in depth.

2131 St. Michael Street

Parcel Number: 149-11-347

Situate in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being Lot No. 136 in T & C Neave Subdivision of lots in Storrs Township (now 21st Ward, Cincinnati) said lot being on the south side of St. Michael Street and 100 feet in depth, as described on said plat as recorded in Plat Book 1, Pages 302 and 303 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Records.

2113 W. Eighth Street

Plat Book 149, Page 11, Parcel 136

All that certain lot of land in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, in Section 30, Township 4, Fractional Range I, of the Miami Purchase, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point in the South line or Eighth Street seventy-five (75) feet East of Depot Street and extending thence eastwardly twenty-five (25) feet to a point in the South line or said Eighth Street; thence, southwardly parallel to Depot Street one hundred twenty (120) feet more or less to Pardee Alley; thence, westwardly with Pardee Alley twenty-five (25) feet to a point seventy-five (75) feet distant from Depot Street; thence, northwardly one hundred twenty (120) feet more or less to the outh line of Eighth treet and the place of beginning.

Prior Deed Book Reference: Official Record 3364, page 400

Hamilton County. Ohio Deed Records

2115 W. Eighth Street (New legal description post split into two parcels)

Situate in Section 30, Town 4, Fractional Range 1, Storrs Township, in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being part of the lands conveyed to Education Matters, Inc. in O.R. 12690, Pg. 898 and shown on

P.B. 456, Pg. 89 and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a cross found at the intersection of the east right of way line of Depot Street and the north right of way line of Pardee Alley at the southwest corner of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, thence along the north right of way line of Pardee Alley and the south line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, South 88°38'00" East a distance of 55.93 feet to a nail set in the north right of way of Pardee Alley and the south line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89 at the Point of Beginning;

Thence, from the Point of Beginning, leaving the north right of way line of Pardee Alley and the south line of

P.B. 456, Pg. 89, along a new division line, North 01°50'24" East a distance of 37.03 feet to a set nail;

Thence, along a new division line, North 87°33'54" East a distance of 6.00 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin with cap;

Thence, along a new division line, along the west face of a building the projection of said building line, generally North 01°50'24" East a distance of 82.00 feet to a point in the south right of way line of West 8th Street and the north line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, said point witnessed by a cross set on a northerly projection of the said course at a distance of 3.00 feet;

Thence, along the south right of way line of West 8th Street and the north line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89,

South 87°39'00" East a distance of 25.00 feet to a point in the south right of way line of West 8th Street at the northeast corner of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, said point witnessed by a cross found on a northerly projection of the following course at a distance of 3.00 feet;

Thence, leaving the south right of way line of West 8th Street, and along the east line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89 being along a line between two adjoining buildings and the projections of said building lines, generally

South 01°45'43" West a distance of 118.71 feet to a point in the north line of Pardee Alley at the southeast corner of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, said point witnessed by a spike found west at a distance of 0.09 feet;

Thence, along the north right of way line of Pardee Alley and the south line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89; North 88°38'00" West a distance of 19.16 feet to the Point of Beginning;

Containing 0.06336 acres.

Subject to all existing easements and rights of way.

Based on a survey prepared by Baumann Land Survey, Inc. in December 2019.

Bearings based on the centerlines of Depot Street, West 8th Street, and Pardee Alley as shown on P.B. 456, Pg. 89.

2117 W. Eighth Street (New Split from original 2115 West 8th)

Situate in Section 30, Town 4, Fractional Range 1, Storrs Township, in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being part of the lands conveyed to Education Matters, Inc. in O.R. 12690, Pg. 898 and shown on P.B. 456, Pg. 89 and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a cross found at the intersection of the east right of way line of Depot Street and the north right of way line of Pardee Alley at the southwest corner of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, thence along the east right of way line of Depot Street and the west line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, North 01°50'39" East a distance of

120.00 feet to a point at the intersection of the east right of way line of Depot Street and the south right of way line of West 8th Street at the northwest corner of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, said point witnessed by a bent 5/8" iron pin with cap found south at a distance of 0.15 feet;

Thence, along the south right of way line of West 8th Street and the north line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89,

South 87°39'00" East a distance of 49.92 feet to a point in the south right of way line of West 8th Street and the north line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, said point witnessed by a cross set on a northerly projection of the following course at a distance of 3.00 feet;

Thence, leaving the south right of way line of West 8th Street and the north line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, and along a new division line along the west face of a building and the projection of said building line, generally

South 01°50'24" West a distance of 82.00 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin with cap;

Thence, along a new division line, South 87°33'54" East a distance of 6.00 feet to a set nail;

Thence, along a new division line, South 01°50'24" West a distance of 37.03 feet to a nail set in the north right of way line of Pardee Alley and in the south line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89;

Thence, along the north right of way line of Pardee Alley and the south line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89,

North 88°38'00" West a distance of 55.93 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing 0.14214 acres.

Subject to all existing easements and rights of way.

Based on a survey prepared by Baumann Land Survey, Inc. in December 2019.

Bearings based on the centerlines of Depot Street, West 8th Street, and Pardee Alley as shown on P.B. 456, Pg. 89.

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement

APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED TO EXECUTION VERSION

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), and LPH THRIVES, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company and affiliate of Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, an Ohio nonprofit corporation (the "Company").

Recitals:

- A. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- B. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- C. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- D. Pursuant to the Commercial Policy Ordinance, a project that is constructed or remodeled to (1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council), or (2) receives a (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the "Energy Petal" of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (such qualifying remodeling or construction is referred to, collectively, as "LBC" remodeling or construction), may qualify for a longer term and/or greater abatement.
- E. The Company is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 2113-2117 W. 8th Street, 2122 St. Michael Street, 2130 St. Michael Street, 2131 St. Michael Street, and 642-646 Neave Street (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- F. The Company has proposed the remodeling of existing buildings located on the Property, and the construction of a new building on the Property, which new construction will be to LEED Silver standards as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"); provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.

- G. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.
- H. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- I. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- J. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- K. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- L. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- M. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- N. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, any related member of the Company, nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- O. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- P. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- Q. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property

located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to remodel ten existing buildings and construct one new building on the Property to create, in aggregate, approximately 1,789 square feet of commercial space and approximately 67,505 square feet of residential space, consisting of 47 rental units (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$9,415,634 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than April 30, 2023; *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in his discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The remodeling and construction shall be in compliance with applicable building code requirements and zoning regulations, and the new construction shall be in compliance with LEED Silver standards. The Company hereby represents that it has registered with the U.S. Green Building Council with intent to certify compliance with LEED Silver standards as it relates to the new construction. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of 100% of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of 15 years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of remodeling and construction, (B) the cost of remodeling and construction, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption, (D) compliance with LBC and/or LEED standards identified in Section 1, and (E) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling and construction has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall

commence after tax year 2023 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2037 or (ii) the end of the 15th year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number

of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 323-1-S, “SBEs”). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City’s annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City’s total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City’s goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

- (i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.
- (ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources.

The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.

- (iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.

- (iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.

- (v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.

- (vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create 180 full-time temporary construction jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with construction and remodeling.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately \$7,079,904 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same

manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under

this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

LPH Thrives, LLC
114 W. 14th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45212
Attn: Ben Eilerman, Project Manager

With a copy to:

CREA
30 South Meridian Street, Suite 400
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to

take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised

regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

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Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
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an Ohio limited liability company **Error!**

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Date: _____, 2021

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant City Solicitor

Certified Date: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

642 Neave St.

Parcel ID No. 149-0011-0286-00

All that certain lot of land situated in Section 30, Town 4, Fractional Range 1, Storrs Township in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, known, numbered and designated as Lot 96 on the Plat of T & C Neave's Subdivision, a plat of which is recorded in Deed Book 122, page 278, and Plat Book 1, page 302, Hamilton County, Ohio Records, less and excepting, however, a tract of land 25.50 feet in front on the northerly side of St. Michael Street by 29 feet in depth and lying 74.50 feet east of Neave Street, heretofore conveyed by said grantor to Sybel Fisher, recorded in Deed Book 1268, page 301, Hamilton County, Ohio Records.

644 Neave St.

Parcel ID: 149-0011-0287-00

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio:

Beginning at a point in the East line of Neave Street, 29.05 feet North of the Northeast corner of Neave and St. Michael Street; thence in the East line of Neave Street, North 5 degrees 00' East 29.10 feet; thence South 85 degrees 26' East 59.00 feet; thence South 85 degrees 24' East 22.00 feet; thence North 5 degrees East 00.26 of a foot; thence South 85 degrees 31' East 18.50 feet; thence South 5 degrees 00' West 28.85 feet; thence North 85 degrees 44' West 99.50 feet to the East line of Neave Street and the place of beginning.

646 Neave St.

Plat Book 149, Page 0011, Parcel 0288

Situated in the County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, City of Cincinnati, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the East line of Neave Street in said City of Cincinnati, fifty-eight and 15/100 (58.15) feet North of the northeast corner of Neave Street and St. Michael Streets, said point being also the northwest corner of land described in Registered Land Certificate No. 1140. Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office; thence, South 85° 26' East fifty-nine (59) feet to a point; thence, South 85° 24' East twenty-two (22) feet to a point; thence, North 5° East.26, of a foot to a point; thence, South 85° 31' East eighteen and 50/100 (18.50) feet to a point in the East line of Lot No. 95 of T & C Neave Subdivision as per plat recorded in Plat Book I, pages 302 and 303, Hamilton County, Ohio Plat records; thence, North along said East line of Lot Nos. 94 and 95, twenty-eight (28) feet and 8 3/8', more or less, to the North line of said Lot No. 94; thence, West along said North line of Lot No. 94 one hundred (100) feet to the West line of said Lot No. 94 and the East line of Neave Street; thence, South along the West line of said Lot No. 94 and the East line of Neave Street twenty-nine (29) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning. Being the major portion of said Lot No. 94.

2122 St. Michael Street

APN: 149-0011-0278-00

Fronting Twenty-five (25) feet on the North side of St. Michael Street and extending back between parallel lines for a distance of One Hundred Sixteen (116) feet, being all of Lot No. 10 of John B. Purcell's Subdivision as the same is recorded in Deed Book 172, Page 272 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office.

2130 St. Michael Street

Parcel ID No. 149-0011-0282-00

Situate in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Number 107 of T. & C. Neave's Subdivision a plat of which is recorded in Book 122, page 278 Hamilton County Records, being 25 feet in front of the north side of St. Michaels Street and 116 feet in depth.

2131 St. Michael Street

Parcel Number: 149-11-347

Situate in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being Lot No. 136 in T & C Neave Subdivision of lots in Storrs Township (now 21st Ward, Cincinnati) said lot being on the south side of St. Michael Street and 100 feet in depth, as described on said plat as recorded in Plat Book 1, Pages 302 and 303 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Records.

2113 W. Eighth Street

Plat Book 149, Page 11, Parcel 136

All that certain lot of land in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, in Section 30, Township 4, Fractional Range I, of the Miami Purchase, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point in the South line or Eighth Street seventy-five (75) feet East of Depot Street and extending thence eastwardly twenty-five (25) feet to a point in the South line or said Eighth Street; thence, southwardly parallel to Depot Street one hundred twenty (120) feet more or less to Pardee Alley; thence, westwardly with Pardee Alley twenty-five (25) feet to a point seventy-five (75) feet distant from Depot Street; thence, northwardly one hundred twenty (120) feet more or less to the outh line of Eighth treet and the place of beginning.

Prior Deed Book Reference: Official Record 3364, page 400

Hamilton County. Ohio Deed Records

2115 W. Eighth Street (New legal description post split into two parcels)

Situate in Section 30, Town 4, Fractional Range 1, Storrs Township, in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being part of the lands conveyed to Education Matters, Inc. in O.R. 12690, Pg. 898 and shown on

P.B. 456, Pg. 89 and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a cross found at the intersection of the east right of way line of Depot Street and the north right of way line of Pardee Alley at the southwest corner of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, thence along the north right of way line of Pardee Alley and the south line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, South 88°38'00" East a distance of 55.93 feet to a nail set in the north right of way of Pardee Alley and the south line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89 at the Point of Beginning;

Thence, from the Point of Beginning, leaving the north right of way line of Pardee Alley and the south line of

P.B. 456, Pg. 89, along a new division line, North 01°50'24" East a distance of 37.03 feet to a set nail;

Thence, along a new division line, North 87°33'54" East a distance of 6.00 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin with cap;

Thence, along a new division line, along the west face of a building the projection of said building line, generally North 01°50'24" East a distance of 82.00 feet to a point in the south right of way line of West 8th Street and the north line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, said point witnessed by a cross set on a northerly projection of the said course at a distance of 3.00 feet;

Thence, along the south right of way line of West 8th Street and the north line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89,

South 87°39'00" East a distance of 25.00 feet to a point in the south right of way line of West 8th Street at the northeast corner of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, said point witnessed by a cross found on a northerly projection of the following course at a distance of 3.00 feet;

Thence, leaving the south right of way line of West 8th Street, and along the east line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89 being along a line between two adjoining buildings and the projections of said building lines, generally

South 01°45'43" West a distance of 118.71 feet to a point in the north line of Pardee Alley at the southeast corner of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, said point witnessed by a spike found west at a distance of 0.09 feet;

Thence, along the north right of way line of Pardee Alley and the south line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89; North 88°38'00" West a distance of 19.16 feet to the Point of Beginning;

Containing 0.06336 acres.

Subject to all existing easements and rights of way.

Based on a survey prepared by Baumann Land Survey, Inc. in December 2019.

Bearings based on the centerlines of Depot Street, West 8th Street, and Pardee Alley as shown on P.B. 456, Pg. 89.

2117 W. Eighth Street (New Split from original 2115 West 8th)

Situate in Section 30, Town 4, Fractional Range 1, Storrs Township, in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being part of the lands conveyed to Education Matters, Inc. in O.R. 12690, Pg. 898 and shown on P.B. 456, Pg. 89 and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a cross found at the intersection of the east right of way line of Depot Street and the north right of way line of Pardee Alley at the southwest corner of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, thence along the east right of way line of Depot Street and the west line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, North 01°50'39" East a distance of

120.00 feet to a point at the intersection of the east right of way line of Depot Street and the south right of way line of West 8th Street at the northwest corner of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, said point witnessed by a bent 5/8" iron pin with cap found south at a distance of 0.15 feet;

Thence, along the south right of way line of West 8th Street and the north line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89,

South 87°39'00" East a distance of 49.92 feet to a point in the south right of way line of West 8th Street and the north line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, said point witnessed by a cross set on a northerly projection of the following course at a distance of 3.00 feet;

Thence, leaving the south right of way line of West 8th Street and the north line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89, and along a new division line along the west face of a building and the projection of said building line, generally

South 01°50'24" West a distance of 82.00 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin with cap;

Thence, along a new division line, South 87°33'54" East a distance of 6.00 feet to a set nail;

Thence, along a new division line, South 01°50'24" West a distance of 37.03 feet to a nail set in the north right of way line of Pardee Alley and in the south line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89;

Thence, along the north right of way line of Pardee Alley and the south line of P.B. 456, Pg. 89,

North 88°38'00" West a distance of 55.93 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing 0.14214 acres.

Subject to all existing easements and rights of way.

Based on a survey prepared by Baumann Land Survey, Inc. in December 2019.

Bearings based on the centerlines of Depot Street, West 8th Street, and Pardee Alley as shown on P.B. 456, Pg. 89.

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement

APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED TO EXECUTION VERSION

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102088
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Establishing New Fund for
Schmidlapp Music Income**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING fund no. 335, “Schmidlapp Endowments,” for the purpose of receiving interest from Schmidlapp Trust Fund 708 to stage music events in parks.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the establishment of fund no. 335, “Schmidlapp Endowments,” for the purpose of receiving interest from Schmidlapp Trust Fund 708 to stage music events in parks. Funds from the Schmidlapp Trust Fund 708 (“Trust Fund”) have been used for the purpose of staging music events in parks as required by the conditions of the original donation, and income from the Trust Fund has been deposited into Park Donations and Special Activity Fund 326.

The establishment of this new fund, Schmidlapp Endowments Fund 335, will allow the Cincinnati Park Board to better track expenditures from the Trust Fund consistent with similar trust funds managed by the Park Board.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to transfer the funds necessary to avoid a disruption in services.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

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ESTABLISHING fund no. 335, “Schmidlapp Endowments,” for the purpose of receiving interest from Schmidlapp Trust Fund 708 to stage music events in parks.

WHEREAS, funds from the Schmidlapp Trust Fund 708 (“Trust Fund”) have been used for the purpose of staging music events in parks as required by the conditions of the original donation; and

WHEREAS, income from the Trust Fund has been deposited into Park Donations and Special Activity Fund 326; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a new fund to receive income from the Schmidlapp Trust Fund 708 will allow the Cincinnati Park Board to better track expenditures from the Trust Fund consistent with similar trust funds managed by the Park Board; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish new fund no. 335, “Schmidlapp Endowments,” for the purpose of receiving income from Schmidlapp Trust Fund 708 in order to stage music events.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1 hereof.

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 the immediate need to transfer the funds necessary to avoid a disruption in services.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102089
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **LEED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX EXEMPTION
AGREEMENT FOR 1410 VINE LLC**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with 1410 Vine LLC, an affiliate of 3CDC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1410 Vine Street in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 6,572 square feet of commercial space, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$3,630,000.

BACKGROUND/CURRENT CONDITIONS

This property is a multi-story vacant building in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati. It is within the OTR Historic District, and many Cincinnatians know this building as the former Wielert's Café—a saloon and beer garden that served as a home base for the infamous Boss Cox. The Developer submitted a CRA application to DCED requesting assistance in the redevelopment of this property.

DEVELOPER INFORMATION

1410 Vine, LLC is a subsidiary of Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC). 3CDC is a non-profit organization that has invested over \$1.47 billion dollars in development in Downtown and Over-the-Rhine over the past 15 years. This investment has resulted in 300 apartment units, 534 condominiums, 156 hotel rooms, 320 shelter beds, 1,070,500 square feet of commercial space, and 4,925 parking

spaces. They recently completed a similar condominium development on the north side of Court Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Once completed, this project will consist of 6,572 square feet of commercial space. In connection with this project, it is estimated that 73 temporary construction jobs are created at a total annual payroll of \$2,270,000 and 44 full-time equivalent employees will be created at a total annual payroll of \$1,785,000.

This project is consistent with several of Plan Cincinnati's goals including the City's goal to remain competitive economically, and the City's goal to be good stewards of its resources—both built and environmental.

PROPOSED INCENTIVE

The Ordinance provides for a 100% (net 52%), 15-year CRA tax exemption for this property. The exemption applies only to the increase in value of the building attributable to the project improvements. Pursuant to the LEED Commercial CRA policy established by City Council, this project is located within the Streetcar VTICA Area and is therefore eligible for a 15-year net 60% CRA Tax Abatement.

SUMMARY	
Forgone Public Benefit if Project Does not Proceed	
CPS PILOT (Forgone New Revenue)	(\$333,669)
VTICA (Forgone New Revenue)	(\$151,668)
Income Tax (Forgone New Revenue)	(\$598,028)
Total Public Benefit Lost	(\$1,083,365)
Incentive Value	
Annual Net Incentive to Developer	\$35,052
Total Term Incentive to Developer	\$525,782
City's Portion of Property Taxes Forgone	\$130,496
Public Benefit	
CPS PILOT	
Annual CPS Pilot	\$22,245
Total Term CPS PILOT	\$333,669
VTICA	
Annual VTICA	\$10,111
Total Term VTICA	\$151,668
Income Tax (Max)	\$598,028
Total Public Benefit (CPS PILOT/VTICA /Income Tax)	\$1,083,365
Total Public Benefit ROI*	\$2.06
City's ROI*	\$8.30
*If the project were going to happen regardless of incentive, this is the return of real dollars for public benefits as potential future dollars are forgone	

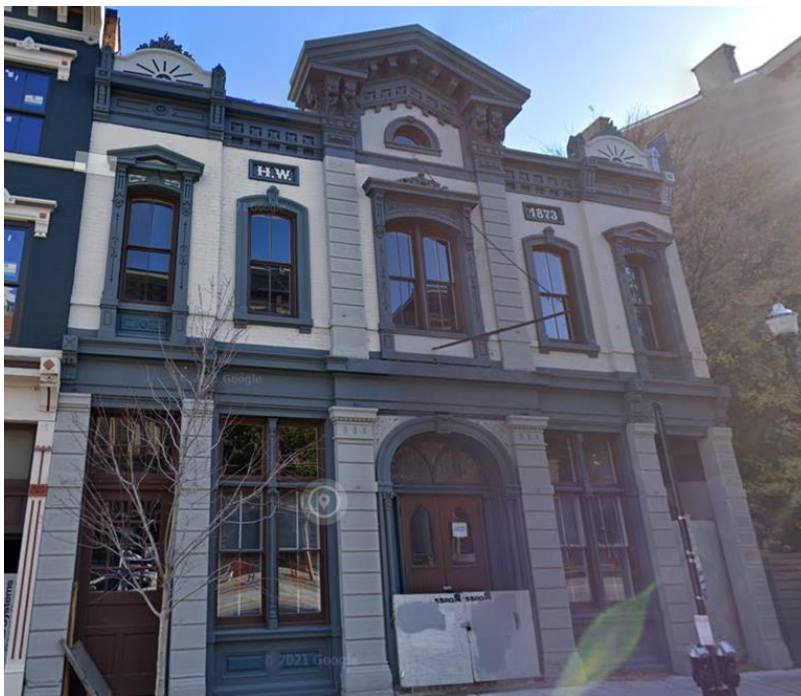
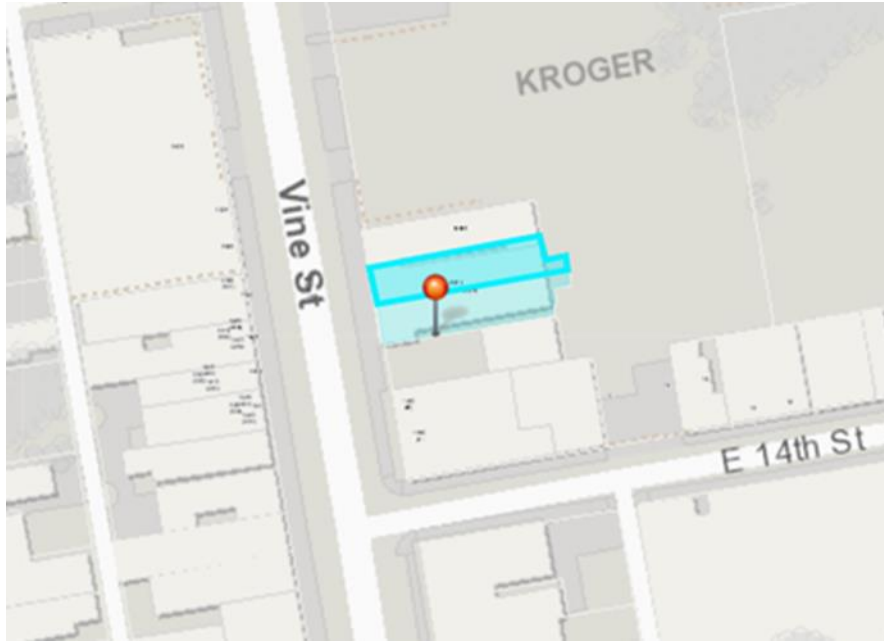
RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approval of this Emergency Ordinance. This is an Emergency Ordinance to allow 3CDC to commence construction at the earliest possible time.

Attachment: A. Property location and photographs

Copy: Markiea L. Carter, Director, Department of Community & Economic Development *MLC*

Attachment A: Location and Photographs



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An Ordinance No. _____ - 2021

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with 1410 Vine, LLC, an affiliate of 3CDC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1410 Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 6,572 square feet of commercial space, which remodeling shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$3,630,000.

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property, the Council of the City of Cincinnati by Ordinance No. 274-2017 passed on September 27, 2017, designated the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati as a “Community Reinvestment Area” pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the “Statute”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 275-2017 passed by this Council on September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018, passed by this Council on October 31, 2018 (as amended, the “Commercial Policy Ordinance”), sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area; and

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property in a more environmentally-friendly manner, the Commercial Policy Ordinance incentivizes: (i) construction and remodeling to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council); and (ii) construction and remodeling that obtains (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the “Energy Petal” of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (collectively, “LBC” standards), all pursuant to the Statute; and

WHEREAS, effective October 23, 2017, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute; and

WHEREAS, 1410 Vine, LLC (the “Company”) desires to remodel an existing building into approximately 6,572 square feet of commercial space on real property at 1410 Vine Street located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, to LEED or LBC standards (the

“Improvements”), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, to provide an appropriate development incentive for the Improvements, the City Manager has recommended a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)*, in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, to authorize a real property tax exemption for the Improvements in accordance with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, the property is located within the Cincinnati City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the “Board of Education”), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020 (as may be amended, the “Board of Education Agreement”), has approved exemptions of up to 100% of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and the right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Education Agreement, the Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to 33% of the exempt real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Company has represented that it has entered into (or will enter into) a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization for amounts equal to 15% of the exempt real property taxes, which funds shall be committed by the third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the property; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements do not involve relocation of part or all of the Company’s operations from another county or municipal corporation in Ohio or, if there is relocation, notice has been given per ORC Section 3735.673; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council approves a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with 1410 Vine, LLC, an affiliate of 3CDC (the “Agreement”), thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the assessed value of improvements to be made to real property located at 1410 Vine Street in Cincinnati, as calculated by the Hamilton County Auditor, in connection with the remodeling of an existing building into approximately 6,572 square feet of commercial space, to be constructed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined

by the U.S. Green Building Council) or Living Building Challenge standards (as described in the Agreement and as determined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council, as applicable) at a total remodeling cost of approximately \$3,630,000.

Section 2. That Council authorizes the City Manager:

- (i) to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance; and
- (ii) to forward on behalf of Council a copy of the Agreement, within fifteen (15) days after execution, to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(F); and
- (iii) to submit on behalf of Council annual reports on the Agreement to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency and to the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672; and
- (iv) to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the City's obligations under 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 the immediate need to allow the remodeling described in this ordinance and the corresponding revitalization of the City of Cincinnati and the benefits to the City's economic welfare to begin at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attachment A to Ordinance

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

SEE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), and 1410 VINE, LLC, an an Ohio limited liability company (the "Company"), an affiliate of Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC).

Recitals:

- A. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- B. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- C. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- D. Pursuant to the Commercial Policy Ordinance, a project that is constructed or remodeled to (1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council), or (2) receives a (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the "Energy Petal" of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (such qualifying remodeling or construction is referred to, collectively, as "LBC" remodeling or construction), may qualify for a longer term and/or greater abatement.
- E. The Company is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 1410 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- F. The Company has proposed the remodeling of a building located on the Property to LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"); provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.
- G. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax

exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.

- H. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- I. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- J. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- K. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- L. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- M. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- N. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, any related member of the Company, nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- O. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- P. City Council passed (i) Motion No. 201401368 on November 19, 2014, establishing a tax incentive policy that incentivizes each applicant for a real property tax abatement in the neighborhoods of Downtown and OTR to enter into a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization ("VTICA") for an amount equal to a percentage of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement (the "VTICA Contribution"), which funds shall be committed by a third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the abated property, and (ii) Motion No. 201501592 on December 16, 2015, which established that the VTICA Contribution to be recognized by the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development is 15% of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement. The Commercial Policy Ordinance confirmed that such motions have not been superseded and remain the will of Council.

- Q. The Company acknowledges that Streetcar operations in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine will specially benefit the Project due to (a) the Streetcar's enhancement of public transit options in such neighborhoods and (b) the anticipated increase in property values attributable to public investment in Streetcar infrastructure.
- R. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company has entered or will enter into a VTICA and shall pay the VTICA Contribution each year for the full term of the abatement.
- S. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- T. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, the VTICA Contribution, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to remodel the building on the Property into approximately 6,572 square feet of commercial space (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$3,630,000 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than November 1, 2022; *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in her discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The remodeling shall be in compliance with applicable building code and zoning regulations, as well as complying with LBC standards or LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council. The Company hereby represents that it has registered with the U.S. Green Building Council with intent to certify compliance with LEED Silver standards. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of 100% of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of 15 years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days

after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of remodeling, (B) the cost of remodeling, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption, (D) compliance with LBC standards or LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, and (E) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall commence after tax year 2022 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2026 or (ii) the end of the fifteenth (15th) year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements.

As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") Section 323-1-S, "SBEs"). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City's annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City's total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City's goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City's Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

(i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.

(ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources.

The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.

(iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.

(iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.

(v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.

(vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 44 full-time permanent jobs and (ii) 73 full-time temporary construction jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with remodeling, and in the case of the other jobs described herein, the job creation period shall begin upon completion of remodeling and shall end three (3) years thereafter.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$1,785,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs and (ii) \$2,270,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any

successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations – Board of Education Agreement and VTICA. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA Contribution shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Subject to the terms of the VTICA, if the VTICA is unenforceable for reasons of infeasibility or otherwise, the Company shall enter into alternative arrangements providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution in order to support streetcar operations. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution through formation of a special improvement district. For purposes of this Section 19.B, alternative arrangements must result in services substantially similar to those that would have been supported through the VTICA and at a value that is the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution, which value shall not be required to exceed the VTICA Contribution amount that would have been payable by the Company. Any determination of infeasibility or mechanism for providing alternative arrangements is subject to approval by the City at its sole discretion. Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in

Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

1410 Vine, LLC
Attention: Katie Westbrook, Development Manager
1203 Walnut Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement or VTICA in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement and VTICA, as applicable. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

1410 VINE, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

By: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant City Solicitor

Certified Date: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Property Address: 1410 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Parcel ID No.: Unit C - PPN: 080-0001-0266-00
Unit D - PPN: 080-0001-0267-00

Note: All capitalized terms used below in this legal description and not expressly defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in that certain Declaration of Condominium Ownership recorded in Official Record Book 13968, Page 1390 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office as amended by the First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium Ownership ("Declaration").

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio and being known as the Condominium Unit Numbers as set forth below, of The Paint Building Condominium, as created by the Declaration, the Condominium Drawings for which are recorded in Plat Book 473, Page 77 et. seq. of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office, as amended by the Amendment to Exhibit D to Condominium Declaration which is recorded in the Plat Books of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office, together with said undivided interest in the Common Elements of the Condominium and any Limited Common Elements assigned to said Units, all on and subject to the terms of the Declaration, as amended by the foregoing First Amendment.

Unit C - PPN: 080-0001-0266-00
Unit D - PPN: 080-0001-0267-00

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the “City”), and 1410 VINE, LLC, an an Ohio limited liability company (the “Company”), an affiliate of Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC).

Recitals:

- A. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the “Statute”).
- B. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director’s determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- C. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the “Commercial Policy Ordinance”), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- D. Pursuant to the Commercial Policy Ordinance, a project that is constructed or remodeled to (1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council), or (2) receives a (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the “Energy Petal” of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (such qualifying remodeling or construction is referred to, collectively, as “LBC” remodeling or construction), may qualify for a longer term and/or greater abatement.
- E. The Company is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 1410 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (the “Property”), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the “Excluded Property”), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City’s Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- F. The Company has proposed the remodeling of a building located on the Property to LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the “Project”); provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.
- G. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax

exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.

- H. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- I. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- J. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- K. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- L. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- M. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- N. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, any related member of the Company, nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- O. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- P. City Council passed (i) Motion No. 201401368 on November 19, 2014, establishing a tax incentive policy that incentivizes each applicant for a real property tax abatement in the neighborhoods of Downtown and OTR to enter into a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization ("VTICA") for an amount equal to a percentage of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement (the "VTICA Contribution"), which funds shall be committed by a third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the abated property, and (ii) Motion No. 201501592 on December 16, 2015, which established that the VTICA Contribution to be recognized by the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development is 15% of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement. The Commercial Policy Ordinance confirmed that such motions have not been superseded and remain the will of Council.

- Q. The Company acknowledges that Streetcar operations in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine will specially benefit the Project due to (a) the Streetcar's enhancement of public transit options in such neighborhoods and (b) the anticipated increase in property values attributable to public investment in Streetcar infrastructure.
- R. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company has entered or will enter into a VTICA and shall pay the VTICA Contribution each year for the full term of the abatement.
- S. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- T. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, the VTICA Contribution, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to remodel the building on the Property into approximately 6,572 square feet of commercial space (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$3,630,000 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than November 1, 2022; *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in her discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The remodeling shall be in compliance with applicable building code and zoning regulations, as well as complying with LBC standards or LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council. The Company hereby represents that it has registered with the U.S. Green Building Council with intent to certify compliance with LEED Silver standards. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of 100% of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of 15 years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days

after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of remodeling, (B) the cost of remodeling, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption, (D) compliance with LBC standards or LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, and (E) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall commence after tax year 2022 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2026 or (ii) the end of the fifteenth (15th) year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements.

As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") Section 323-1-S, "SBEs"). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City's annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City's total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City's goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City's Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

(i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.

(ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources.

The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.

(iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.

(iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.

(v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.

(vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 44 full-time permanent jobs and (ii) 73 full-time temporary construction jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with remodeling, and in the case of the other jobs described herein, the job creation period shall begin upon completion of remodeling and shall end three (3) years thereafter.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$1,785,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs and (ii) \$2,270,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any

successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations – Board of Education Agreement and VTICA. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA Contribution shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Subject to the terms of the VTICA, if the VTICA is unenforceable for reasons of infeasibility or otherwise, the Company shall enter into alternative arrangements providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution in order to support streetcar operations. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution through formation of a special improvement district. For purposes of this Section 19.B, alternative arrangements must result in services substantially similar to those that would have been supported through the VTICA and at a value that is the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution, which value shall not be required to exceed the VTICA Contribution amount that would have been payable by the Company. Any determination of infeasibility or mechanism for providing alternative arrangements is subject to approval by the City at its sole discretion. Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in

Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

1410 Vine, LLC
Attention: Katie Westbrook, Development Manager
1203 Walnut Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement or VTICA in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement and VTICA, as applicable. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

1410 VINE, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Date: _____, 2021

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant City Solicitor

Certified Date: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Property Address: 1410 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Parcel ID No.: Unit C - PPN: 080-0001-0266-00
Unit D - PPN: 080-0001-0267-00

Note: All capitalized terms used below in this legal description and not expressly defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in that certain Declaration of Condominium Ownership recorded in Official Record Book 13968, Page 1390 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office as amended by the First Amendment to Declaration of Condominium Ownership ("Declaration").

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio and being known as the Condominium Unit Numbers as set forth below, of The Paint Building Condominium, as created by the Declaration, the Condominium Drawings for which are recorded in Plat Book 473, Page 77 et. seq. of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office, as amended by the Amendment to Exhibit D to Condominium Declaration which is recorded in the Plat Books of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office, together with said undivided interest in the Common Elements of the Condominium and any Limited Common Elements assigned to said Units, all on and subject to the terms of the Declaration, as amended by the foregoing First Amendment.

Unit C - PPN: 080-0001-0266-00
Unit D - PPN: 080-0001-0267-00

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202102090

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Appropriate to Public Use Property for the Riverside Drive Hillside Stabilization Project

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

TO APPROPRIATE to public use property required for the construction of a retaining wall, tiebacks, and drainage system as part of the Riverside Drive Hillside Stabilization Project.

In 2017, the City initiated the construction of a retaining wall to protect affected underground public utility infrastructure, including mains for water, sanitary sewer, and natural gas in the Riverside Drive right of way as part of the Riverside Drive Hillside Stabilization Project. The City entered into agreements with owners of property on which the project was located for temporary access, with the understanding that the City would initiate appropriation of the property to public use in order to obtain permanent easements and provide compensation for the easements. This Emergency Ordinance is to initiate the process of appropriation.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Cathy B. Bailey, Executive Director/Greater Cincinnati Water Works^{CBB/vja}

Attachment

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

TO APPROPRIATE to public use property required for the construction of a retaining wall, tiebacks, and drainage system as part of the Riverside Drive Hillside Stabilization Project.

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2018, Council for the City of Cincinnati passed Resolution No. 35-2018 captioned as follows:

DECLARING the intent to appropriate to public use property required for the construction of a retaining wall, tiebacks, and drainage system as part of the Riverside Drive Hillside Stabilization Project.

WHEREAS, notice of the passage of the Resolution has been served according to law; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That it is hereby deemed necessary and hereby declared to be the intent of this Council to appropriate to public use for the purpose of the Riverside Drive Hillside Stabilization Project, which project includes the construction of a retaining wall, tiebacks, and drainage system to benefit the infrastructure and utilities of the City of Cincinnati located in, on, and under Riverside Drive, permanent easement interests in the real property described on Exhibit A attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein by reference, and temporary construction easements in the real property described on Exhibit B attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein by reference (collectively, the "Property"), with the owners of record of the Property being as follows:

<u>Project Parcel</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Hamilton Co. Auditor Parcel Nos.</u>
05	The I.T. Verdin Co	032-0002-0106 thru 0113; 032-0001-0016

Section 2. That the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to commence proceedings in a proper court by filing a complaint for appropriation of the Property at such time as the City has met the requirements of Section 163.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. That at any time prior or subsequent to the filing of a complaint or complaints for appropriation, the City Manager is hereby authorized, with the approval of the City Solicitor, to acquire by purchase the real property interests described in Section 1 hereof, and in connection with such acquisition, or for the preparation of court proceedings, to enter into special contracts for necessary services, expert or otherwise, as the same may be required.

Section 4. 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 the immediate need to file one or more complaints for appropriation in order that the City may complete the Riverside Drive Hillside Stabilization Project, in accordance with the schedules set forth in the contracts being entered into for this project.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Permanent Retaining Wall Easement (05) for Book 32 Page 2 Parcel 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112 & 113 of The I T Verdin Company

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, being part of Lots Thirty to Thirty Eight of the Plat of Subdivision of Carrsville by Francis Carr Deed Book 39 Page 5 as Recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office, also part of the following Deeds recorded: Deed Book 4279 page 1432, Deed Book 7170 page 557, Deed Book 4366 page 1387, Deed Book 7170 page 555, Deed Book 7762 page 1468, Deed Book 4382 page 738 and Deed Book 4382 page 735.

Commencing at the intersection point of the north right of way line of Riverside Drive (Eastern Avenue) and the west right of way line of Merivale Street marked with an iron pin with cap set by Greater Cincinnati Water Works thence with the north right of way line South $60^{\circ}59'11''$ West a distance of 57.42 feet to the intersection of said north right of way line and the common property line of The I T Verdin Company Deed Book 4279 page 1432 and Merivale Station LLC Deed Book 10023 page 1665 recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office; thence leaving said north right of way line with the said common property line North $28^{\circ}43'29''$ West a distance of 95.94 feet to the intersection of said common property line with the common Permanent Retaining Wall and Temporary Construction easement line and the Point of Beginning for this description.

Thence leaving said common property line with the common Permanent Retaining Wall and Temporary Construction easement line South $60^{\circ}47'09''$ West a distance of 112.36 feet to an angle point in the common Permanent Retaining Wall and Temporary Construction easement line; thence continuing with said common easement line South $60^{\circ}48'36''$ West a distance of 97.64 feet to the intersection of the common Permanent Retaining Wall and Temporary Construction easement line with the common property line of The I T Verdin Company Deed Book 4382 page 735 and Andrew Filusch Deed Book 4226 page 1243 recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office; thence with the common property line North $28^{\circ}43'29''$ West a distance of 29.75 feet to the intersection of said common property line with the south property line of SORTA recorded in Deed Book 6507 page 257; thence with the south line of SORTA and north property line of The I T Verdin Company North $60^{\circ}59'11''$ East a distance of 210.00 feet to the intersection of said north property line and the common property line of The I T Verdin Company Deed Book 4279 page 1432 and Merivale Station LLC Deed Book 10023 page 1665 recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office; thence with said common property line South $28^{\circ}43'29''$ East a distance of 29.06 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 6,177.663185 square feet or 0.142 acre of land, more or less. This description was taken from a survey by Greater Cincinnati Water Works on February 20, 2017



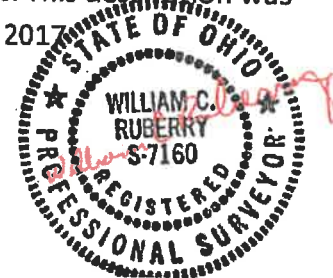
Temporary Construction Easement (05) for Book 32 Page 2 Parcel 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112 & 113 of The I T Verdin Company

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Commencing at the intersection point of the north right of way line of Riverside Drive (Eastern Avenue) and the west right of way line of Merivale Street marked with an iron pin with cap set by Greater Cincinnati Water Works thence with the north right of way line South 60°59'11" West a distance of 57.42 feet to the intersection of the north right of way line Riverside Drive (eastern Avenue) and the common property line of The I T Verdin Company Deed Book 4279 page 1432 and Merivale Station LLC Deed Book 10023 page 1665 recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office and the Point of Beginning for this description.

Thence continuing with the north right of way line of Riverside Drive (Eastern Avenue) South 60°59'11" West a distance of 210.00 feet to the intersection of said north right of way line and the common property line of The I T Verdin Company Deed Book 4382 page 735 and Andrew Filusch Deed Book 4226 page 1243 recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office; thence leaving said north right of way line with the said common property line North 28°43'29" West a distance of 95.25 feet to the intersection of said common property line with the common Permanent Retaining Wall and Temporary Construction easement line; thence with the Permanent Retaining Wall and Temporary Construction easement line North 60°48'36" East a distance of 97.64 feet to an angle point in said easement line; thence continuing with said easement line North 60°47'09" East a distance of 112.36 feet to the intersection of the common Permanent Retaining Wall and Temporary Construction easement line with the common property line of The I T Verdin Company Deed Book 4279 page 1432 and Merivale Station LLC Deed Book 10023 page 1665 recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office; thence with said common property line South 28°43'29" East a distance of 95.94 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 20,072.002733 square feet or 0.461 acre of land, more or less. This description was taken from a survey by Greater Cincinnati Water Works on February 20, 2017.



**Temporary Construction Easement (05A)
for Book 32 Page 1 Parcel 16
The I T Verdin Company**

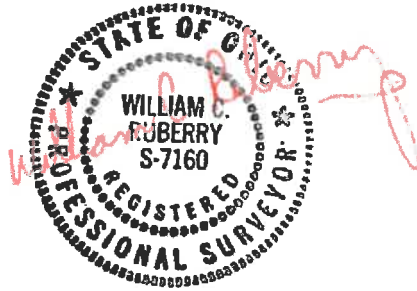
Situated In the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, being part of Lot Fifteen of the Plat of Vanceville Subdivision Deed Book 101 Page 220 as Recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office, also part of the recorded Deed Book 3809 page 538.

Commencing at an existing Iron pin cap by Abercrombie & Associates on the intersection of the north right of way line of Riverside Drive (Eastern Avenue) and the common line between Merivale Station LLC in Deed Book 9015 page 729 and Elizabeth Squeri-Kroth in Deed Book 11671 page 1209 recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office; thence along said common property line North 30°22'50" West a distance of 111.05 feet to the common corner of said properties recorded in Deed Book 9015 page 759 and Deed Book 11671 page 1209 and the south property line of SORTA recorded in Deed Book 6507 page 257; thence along said south property line of SORTA the following three courses: South 62°52'45" West a distance of 73.01 feet to a point; thence South 63°55'41" West a distance of 50.30 feet to a point; thence South 63°55'15" West a distance of 114.50 feet to the intersection of said south property line of SORTA and the common property line between Merivale Station LLC Deed Book 9452 page 6371 and Patrick J. & Jeanne K. Cunningham Deed Book 10362 page 477 recorded in the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office; thence with said common property line South 32°21'09" East a distance of 122.49 feet to the intersection of said common property line and north right of way line of Riverside Drive (Eastern Avenue); thence with the said right of way line South 60°53'10" West a distance of 91.79 feet to the intersection of the north right of way line of Riverside Drive (Eastern Avenue) and the common property line of The I T Verdin Company Deed Book 3809 page 538 and Gerald S. and Betty R. Burns Deed Book 6159 page 45 and the point of Beginning for this description.

Thence continuing with said north right of way line South 60°53'10" West a distance of 72.10 feet to the intersection of the north right of way line of Riverside Drive (Eastern Avenue) and the east right of way of Merivale Street and the west property line Deed Book 3809 page 538: thence with the said east right of way line and Deed Book 3809 page 538 North 07°12'08" East a distance of 108.04 feet to common property line of The I T Verdin Company Deed Book 3809 page 538 and Merivale Station LLC Deed Book 11232 page 519; thence with said common property line North 71°00'51" East a distance of 3.27 feet to the common property corner of The I T Verdin Company Deed

Book 3809 page 538 and Gerald S. and Betty R. Burns Deed Book 6159 page 45 Deed;
thence with said common property line South 32°21'09" East a distance of 86.62 feet to
the Point of Beginning.

Containing 3,276.477700 square feet or 0.075 acre of land, more or less. This
description was taken from a survey by Greater Cincinnati Water Works on February 20,
2017



June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

202102091

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Apply for Transit Infrastructure Fund Grants

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Transit Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and bridge construction projects throughout the City.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Transit Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and bridge construction projects throughout the City.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) intends to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Transit Infrastructure Fund by June 30, 2021, for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects, in order to ensure the timely completion of projects DOTE identifies as high priorities. A list of potential projects and planned sources for the local match is attached, although the list is subject to change and DOTE may apply for resources or projects not included in Attachment A. DOTE will request authorization from the City Council to accept and appropriate grant funding if awarded.

There are no FTE increases associated with these grants.

The implementation of these potential projects is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for DOTE to apply for grants awarded by the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund by June 30, 2021, for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Transit Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of ensuring the timely completion of various road and bridge construction projects throughout the City.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) intends to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Transit Infrastructure Fund by June 30, 2021, for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects, in order to ensure the timely completion of projects DOTE identifies as high priorities; and

WHEREAS, DOTE has identified the attached list of potential projects as high priorities for which it intends to apply for assistance, although the list is subject to change and DOTE may apply for resources for projects not included in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, depending on the terms of the grant award for each project, local match funds would be required for acceptance; and

WHEREAS, anticipated sources of local match funds, which would come from existing and future capital improvement program project accounts, are identified for each of the projects in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, if the City is awarded any grants under the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund, DOTE will request authorization from the City Council in order to accept and appropriate such resources; and

WHEREAS, no additional FTEs are associated with these applications for grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of these potential projects is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for grants awarded by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Transit Infrastructure Fund to ensure the timely completion of various road and bridge construction projects throughout the City.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1 herein.

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 the immediate need for the Department of Transportation and Engineering to apply for grants awarded by the SORTA Transit Infrastructure Fund by June 30, 2021, for fiscal year 2022 capital improvement projects.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attachment A – Transit Infrastructure Grant Potential Applications

1. Western Hills Viaduct
2. River Rd – Anderson Ferry to Fairbanks
 - This project includes street rehabilitation.
 - The total construction cost is approximately \$5,000,000.
 - The local match will come from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Urban Paving as well as existing and future capital programs.
3. Beekman Avenue Rehabilitation – Hopple Street to Elmore Street
 - This project includes the following:
 - Rehabilitating the entire length,
 - Rehabilitating the retaining wall at 3138 Beekman Avenue,
 - Restriping to help control speeds,
 - Removing the pedestrian bridge, and
 - Making intersection improvements at Elmore Street to promote pedestrian safety.
 - The total construction cost is approximately \$2,800,000 for the following:
 - Rehabilitation - \$2,200,000
 - Bridge Removal - \$300,000
 - Intersection improvements - \$300,000
 - The design and local match will come from existing and future capital programs.
4. Paxton – Wasson Road to Marburg Avenue
 - This project includes the following:
 - Street rehabilitation and
 - Intersection improvements at Paxton/Isabella/Wasson intersection.
 - The total construction cost is approximately \$2,000,000.
 - The local match will come from existing and future capital programs.
5. Warsaw Avenue – Glenway Avenue to Grand Avenue
 - This project includes the following:
 - Rehabilitating entire limits,
 - Restriping with the community's preference, and
 - Making pedestrian safety improvements (RRFB, bump-outs).
 - The total construction cost is approximately \$1,000,000.
 - The local match for the rehabilitation portion will come from existing and future capital projects. The local match for the design and safety improvements needs to be identified.
6. Glenway Avenue – Warsaw Avenue to Shirley Place
 - This project includes street rehabilitation.
 - The total construction cost is approximately \$3,000,000.
 - The local match will come from existing and future capital programs.
7. Edwards Road Reconstruction – Observatory Avenue to Wasson Way
 - This project includes rehabilitating the entire length,
 - Potential left turn lanes on Observatory at Edwards Avenue,
 - Restriping Edwards Road, between Erie Avenue and Wasson Way,

Attachment A – Transit Infrastructure Grant Potential Applications

- Lower hump near Wasson Way, and
 - Safety improvements at Edwards Road and Madison Road.
 - The total construction cost is about \$1,300,000.
 - The design and local match will come from existing and future capital programs.
8. 8th St Improvements – Linn Street to Gest Street
- This project includes converting travel lanes to bus/bike lanes.
 - The total construction cost is about \$1,000,000.
 - The design and local match will need to be identified.
9. West North Bend Road – Marie Avenue to Hamilton Avenue
- This project includes street rehabilitation.
 - The total construction cost is approximately \$1,000,000.
 - The local match will come from existing and future capital programs.
10. Madison Road – Plainville Road to Glenshade Avenue
- This project includes the following:
 - Rehabilitating the entire length,
 - Restriping to clarify lane usage, and
 - Potential pedestrian improvements.
 - The total construction cost is approximately \$400,000.
 - The local match and design will come from existing and future capital programs.
11. Whetsel Avenue – Sierra Street to North Corp Line
- This project includes street rehabilitation.
 - The total construction cost is about \$750,000.
 - The local match will come from existing and future capital programs.
12. Art Museum Drive – Retaining wall on downhill side, new walk, and guardrail
- This project includes the following:
 - Landslide correction,
 - Installing a new guardrail to meet park standards, and
 - Installing a new walk.
 - The total construction cost is about \$1,000,000.
 - The design and local match will come from existing and future capital programs.

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102092
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **CRA TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT FOR 60 EAST, LLC**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with 60 East LLC, thereby authorizing a 12-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 60 E. McMicken Avenue in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the existing buildings into approximately 5,220 square feet of residential space, consisting of 5 two-bedroom residential units, and 1,800 square feet of commercial space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$1,178,160.

BACKGROUND/CURRENT CONDITIONS

60 East, LLC owns and intends to renovate the property located at 60 E McMicken Avenue in Over-the-Rhine, between Sharp Alley and Lang Street. The property contains two buildings that have long been vacant and in severe disrepair. After acquiring the property in 2020, 60 East, LLC completed emergency stabilization repairs, but the buildings still require substantial renovation to become habitable. In September 2020, the project was awarded a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) loan of \$280,000 in City Capital funding.

DEVELOPER INFORMATION

60 East, LLC is a limited liability corporation 100% owned by 8K Development, a Cincinnati-based developer and registered SBE. 8K and its affiliates have been in operation since 2009 and have grown into an integrated construction and property development company specializing in historic renovations. 8K has completed numerous historic rehab projects as developer and general contractor, including nearby renovation projects at 57 E McMicken Avenue and 1714 Vine Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Developer is proposing the renovation of the three-story property located at 60 E McMicken Avenue to include five (5) two-bedroom residential rental units and one (1) 1,800 square foot storefront intended for an office tenant. Residential rents will be approximately \$1,100 per month and all 5 units will be affordable to households not to exceed 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for 10 years. Total project cost is estimated to be \$1,370,000, with hard construction cost estimated to be \$1,178,160. The project is estimated to take 12 months to complete and is anticipated to create 10 temporary construction jobs with an estimated total payroll of \$600,000. Following completion, the project is anticipated to create five (5) full time permanent jobs with an annual payroll of \$300,000.

PROPOSED INCENTIVE

DCED is recommending a 12-year, net 52% CRA tax exemption. The exemption applies only to the increase in improvement value attributed to the renovation.

Pursuant to the Commercial CRA policy established by City Council, this project is located in the Streetcar VTICA Area and is therefore subject to analysis based on project underwriting, VTICA contribution, and job creation to determine abatement terms. The project merits a 12-year, net 52% CRA Tax Abatement based on the following criteria:

- The project will create five (5) units of affordable housing at 80% AMI for 10 years.
- Financial underwriting showed that the project was in need of direct monetary assistance via NOFA, and thus, also in need of an abatement.
- Net 15% Streetcar VTICA contribution totals \$39,381 over 12 years.
- The project is anticipated to create 10 temporary construction jobs with a total annual payroll of \$600,000 and five (5) full time permanent jobs with a total annual payroll of \$300,000.
- The project anticipates a \$3.39 return for each dollar of City investment.

SUMMARY	
Incentive Value	
Annual Net Abatement (Savings to Developer)	\$11,377
Total Term Net Abatement (Savings to Developer)	\$136,519
City's Portion of Property Taxes Forgone	\$33,883
Public Benefit	
CPS PILOT	
Annual CPS Pilot	\$7,220
Total Term CPS PILOT	\$86,637

VTICA	
Annual VTICA	\$3,282
Total Term VTICA PILOT	\$39,381
Income Tax (Max)	\$75,600
New Permanent Jobs	5
Total Public Benefit (CPS PILOT/VTICA PILOT/Income Tax)	\$201,618
Total Public Benefit ROI	\$1.48
City's ROI	\$3.39

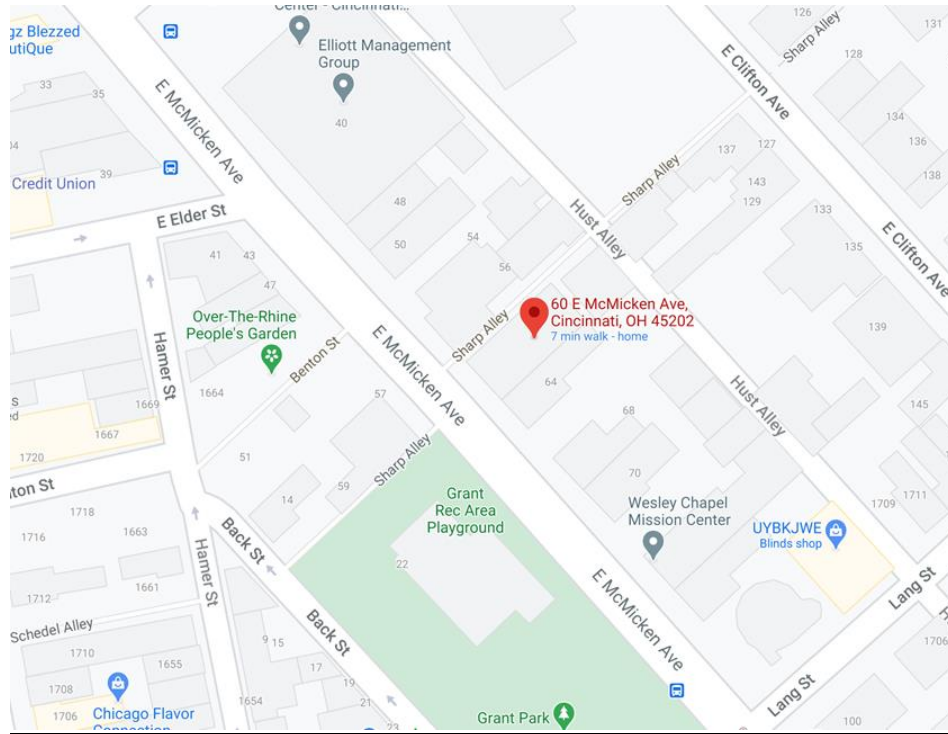
RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approval of this Emergency Ordinance.

Attachment: A. Property location and photographs

Copy: Markiea L. Carter, Director, Department of Community & Economic Development *MLC*

Attachment A: Location and Photographs



Property Location



60 E McMicken Avenue

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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____ - 2021

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with 60 East LLC, thereby authorizing a 12-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 60 E. McMicken Avenue in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the existing buildings into approximately 5,220 square feet of residential space, consisting of 5 two-bedroom residential units, and 1,800 square feet of commercial space, at a total construction cost of approximately \$1,178,160.

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property, the Council of the City of Cincinnati by Ordinance No. 274-2017 passed on September 27, 2017, designated the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati as a “Community Reinvestment Area” pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the “Statute”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 275-2017 passed by this Council on September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018, passed by this Council on October 31, 2018, sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area; and

WHEREAS, effective October 23, 2017, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute; and

WHEREAS, 60 East LLC (the “Company”) desires to remodel the existing buildings into approximately 5,220 square feet of residential space, consisting of 5 two-bedroom residential units, and 1,800 square feet of commercial space on real property at 60 E. McMicken Avenue located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati (the “Improvements”), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, to provide an appropriate development incentive for the Improvements, the City Manager has recommended a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement*, in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, to authorize a real property tax exemption for the Improvements in accordance with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, the property is located within the Cincinnati City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the “Board of Education”), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020 (as

may be amended, the “Board of Education Agreement”), has approved exemptions of up to 100% of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and the right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Education Agreement, the Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to 33% of the exempt real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Company has represented that it has entered into (or will enter into) a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization for amounts equal to 15% of the exempt real property taxes, which funds shall be committed by the third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the property; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements do not involve relocation of part or all of the Company’s operations from another county or municipal corporation in Ohio or, if there is relocation, notice has been given per ORC Section 3735.673; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council approves a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with 60 East LLC (the “Agreement”), thereby authorizing a 12-year tax exemption for 100% of the assessed value of improvements to be made to real property located at 60 E. McMicken Avenue in Cincinnati, as calculated by the Hamilton County Auditor, in connection with the remodeling of the existing buildings into approximately 5,220 square feet of residential space, consisting of 5 two-bedroom residential units, and 1,800 square feet of commercial space, to be completed at a total construction cost of approximately \$1,178,160.

Section 2. That Council authorizes the City Manager:

- (i) to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance; and
- (ii) to forward on behalf of Council a copy of the Agreement, within fifteen (15) days after execution, to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(F); and
- (iii) to submit on behalf of Council annual reports on the Agreement to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency and to the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672; and

- (iv) to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the City's obligations under 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 the immediate need to allow the remodeling described in this ordinance and the corresponding revitalization of the City of Cincinnati and the benefits to the City's economic welfare to begin at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attachment A to Ordinance

CRA Tax Exemption Agreement

SEE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), and 60 EAST LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (the "Company").

Recitals:

- A. The City and the Company are parties to a *Funding Agreement* dated [____], 2021, pertaining to the development of the Property (the "Funding Agreement").
- B. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- C. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- D. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- E. The Company is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 60 East McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- F. The Company has proposed to remodel existing buildings located on the Property, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.
- G. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.
- H. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.

- I. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- J. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- K. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- L. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- M. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- N. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, nor any related member of the Company nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- O. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- P. City Council passed (i) Motion No. 201401368 on November 19, 2014, establishing a tax incentive policy that incentivizes each applicant for a real property tax abatement in the neighborhoods of Downtown and OTR to enter into a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization ("VTICA") for an amount equal to a percentage of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement (the "VTICA Contribution"), which funds shall be committed by a third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the abated property, and (ii) Motion No. 201501592 on December 16, 2015, which established that the VTICA Contribution to be recognized by the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development is 15% of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement. The Commercial Policy Ordinance confirmed that such motions have not been superseded and remain the will of Council.
- Q. The Company acknowledges that Streetcar operations in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine will specially benefit the Project due to (a) the Streetcar's enhancement of public transit options in such neighborhoods and (b) the anticipated increase in property values attributable to public investment in Streetcar infrastructure.

- R. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company has entered or will enter into a VTICA and shall pay the VTICA Contribution each year for the full term of the abatement.
- S. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- T. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, the VTICA Contribution, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to remodel two existing buildings on the Property into approximately 5,220 square feet of residential space, consisting of five (5) two-bedroom residential units, and 1,800 square feet of commercial space (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$1,178,160 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than June 30, 2023, *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in her discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The remodeling shall be in compliance with applicable building code requirements and zoning regulations. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "ADA"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of twelve (12) years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of remodeling, (B) the cost of remodeling, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption and (D) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the

remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall commence after tax year 2023 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2034 or (ii) the end of the twelfth (12th) year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement

including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") Section 323-1-S, "SBEs"). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City's annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City's total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City's goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City's Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

- (i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.
- (ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources. The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.
- (iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.
- (iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.
- (v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.
- (vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 5 full-time permanent jobs and (ii) 10 full-time temporary construction jobs. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with remodeling, and in the case of the other jobs described herein, the job creation period shall begin upon completion of remodeling and shall end three (3) years thereafter.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$300,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs, and (ii) \$600,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement or the Funding Agreement, or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30)

days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company

has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations – Board of Education Agreement and VTICA. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA Contribution shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Subject to the terms of the VTICA, if the VTICA is unenforceable for reasons of infeasibility or otherwise, the Company shall enter into alternative arrangements providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution in order to support streetcar operations. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution through formation of a special improvement district. For purposes of this Section 19.B, alternative arrangements must result in services substantially similar to those that would have been supported through the VTICA and at a value that is the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution, which value shall not be required to exceed the VTICA Contribution amount that would have been payable by the Company. Any determination of infeasibility or mechanism for providing alternative arrangements is subject to approval by the City at its sole discretion. Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

60 East LLC
Attention: Michael Chewing, Partner
57 E. McMicken Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement or VTICA in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement and VTICA, as applicable. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the

Board of Education Agreement or VTICA upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

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an Ohio limited liability company

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

By: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant City Solicitor

Certified Date: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Property Address: 60 E. McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Auditor's Parcel ID: 094-0005-0297-00

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and the State of Ohio located at 60-62 East McMicken Avenue and situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio. Being all that part of Block 2 in a subdivision made by General James Finley, and James C. Ludlow and recorded in Book 40, Pages 420, 421, and 422, in the records of Hamilton County, Ohio; being the whole of Lot no. 10 and 7 feet off the west side of Lot No. 9 in said Block 2 as now subdivided by the Executors of James Finley, deceased, and recorded in Deed Book 70, page 133, of the records of said County, together with the improvements thereon which are known and designated as 60 and 62 East McMicken Avenue, in the City of Cincinnati, in said County and State.

Said Lot No. 10 and 7 feet off the west side of Lot No. 9 bounded and described as follows:

Beginning in the northeast corner of Hamilton Road (now McMicken Avenue) and a 12 foot alley; thence eastwardly along the north side of McMicken Avenue 37 feet; thence northwardly 120 feet to a 12 alley; thence westwardly along said alley 37 feet to a point in the first named alley; thence southwardly along said alley 120 feet to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to Henry Bonner by Donald Shabazz and Gloria E. Shabazz by deed recorded at Book 7369, page 2141, Official Records, Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), and 60 EAST LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (the "Company").

Recitals:

- A. The City and the Company are parties to a *Funding Agreement* dated [____], 2021, pertaining to the development of the Property (the "Funding Agreement").
- B. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- C. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- D. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- E. The Company is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 60 East McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- F. The Company has proposed to remodel existing buildings located on the Property, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.
- G. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.
- H. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.

- I. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- J. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- K. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- L. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- M. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- N. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, nor any related member of the Company nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- O. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- P. City Council passed (i) Motion No. 201401368 on November 19, 2014, establishing a tax incentive policy that incentivizes each applicant for a real property tax abatement in the neighborhoods of Downtown and OTR to enter into a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization ("VTICA") for an amount equal to a percentage of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement (the "VTICA Contribution"), which funds shall be committed by a third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the abated property, and (ii) Motion No. 201501592 on December 16, 2015, which established that the VTICA Contribution to be recognized by the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development is 15% of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement. The Commercial Policy Ordinance confirmed that such motions have not been superseded and remain the will of Council.
- Q. The Company acknowledges that Streetcar operations in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine will specially benefit the Project due to (a) the Streetcar's enhancement of public transit options in such neighborhoods and (b) the anticipated increase in property values attributable to public investment in Streetcar infrastructure.

- R. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company has entered or will enter into a VTICA and shall pay the VTICA Contribution each year for the full term of the abatement.
- S. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- T. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, the VTICA Contribution, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to remodel two existing buildings on the Property into approximately 5,220 square feet of residential space, consisting of five (5) two-bedroom residential units, and 1,800 square feet of commercial space (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$1,178,160 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than June 30, 2023, *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in her discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The remodeling shall be in compliance with applicable building code requirements and zoning regulations. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of twelve (12) years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of remodeling, (B) the cost of remodeling, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption and (D) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the

remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall commence after tax year 2023 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2034 or (ii) the end of the twelfth (12th) year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement

including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") Section 323-1-S, "SBEs"). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City's annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City's total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City's goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City's Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

(i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.

(ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources.

The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.

(iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.

(iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.

(v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.

(vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 5 full-time permanent jobs and (ii) 10 full-time temporary construction jobs. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with remodeling, and in the case of the other jobs described herein, the job creation period shall begin upon completion of remodeling and shall end three (3) years thereafter.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$300,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs, and (ii) \$600,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement or the Funding Agreement, or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30)

days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company

has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations – Board of Education Agreement and VTICA. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA Contribution shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Subject to the terms of the VTICA, if the VTICA is unenforceable for reasons of infeasibility or otherwise, the Company shall enter into alternative arrangements providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution in order to support streetcar operations. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution through formation of a special improvement district. For purposes of this Section 19.B, alternative arrangements must result in services substantially similar to those that would have been supported through the VTICA and at a value that is the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution, which value shall not be required to exceed the VTICA Contribution amount that would have been payable by the Company. Any determination of infeasibility or mechanism for providing alternative arrangements is subject to approval by the City at its sole discretion. Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

60 East LLC
Attention: Michael Chewning, Partner
57 E. McMicken Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement or VTICA in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement and VTICA, as applicable. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the

Board of Education Agreement or VTICA upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

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an Ohio limited liability company

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

By: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant City Solicitor

Certified Date: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Property Address: 60 E. McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Auditor's Parcel ID: 094-0005-0297-00

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and the State of Ohio located at 60-62 East McMicken Avenue and situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio. Being all that part of Block 2 in a subdivision made by General James Finley, and James C. Ludlow and recorded in Book 40, Pages 420, 421, and 422, in the records of Hamilton County, Ohio; being the whole of Lot no. 10 and 7 feet off the west side of Lot No. 9 in said Block 2 as now subdivided by the Executors of James Finley, deceased, and recorded in Deed Book 70, page 133, of the records of said County, together with the improvements thereon which are known and designated as 60 and 62 East McMicken Avenue, in the City of Cincinnati, in said County and State.

Said Lot No. 10 and 7 feet off the west side of Lot No. 9 bounded and described as follows:

Beginning in the northeast corner of Hamilton Road (now McMicken Avenue) and a 12 foot alley; thence eastwardly along the north side of McMicken Avenue 37 feet; thence northwardly 120 feet to a 12 alley; thence westwardly along said alley 37 feet to a point in the first named alley; thence southwardly along said alley 120 feet to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to Henry Bonner by Donald Shabazz and Gloria E. Shabazz be deed recorded at Book 7369, page 2141, Official Records, Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

June 3, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102093
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **CRA TAX EXEMPTION FOR BROADWAY SQUARE IV, LLC**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with Broadway Square IV, LLC, an affiliate of The Model Group, Inc., and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 418-424 E. 12th Street, 555 E. 13th Street, and 1409 Main Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, connection with the remodeling of the existing buildings into approximately 4,272 square feet of commercial retail and office space and approximately 15,539 square feet of residential space consisting of 31 residential units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$5,178,022.

BACKGROUND/CURRENT CONDITIONS

Broadway Square IV is the \$8.4 million fourth phase of The Model Group's \$40 million Broadway Square master development plan in the Pendleton and Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods. Located at 418-424 E. 12th Street, 555 E. 13th Street, and 1409 Main Street, the scattered site, mixed-use project includes a gut rehab of six historic buildings and will yield 31 apartment units, with a mix of affordable and market-rate, and 4,272 square feet of street-level commercial space. This project is being funded through a combination of developer equity, traditional debt, state and federal historic tax credits, as well as new market tax credits. Additionally, in September 2020, the City awarded the project a loan of \$400,000 in City Capital funds through DCED's 2020 Notice of Available Funding (NOFA).

DEVELOPER INFORMATION

Broadway Square IV, LLC is a limited liability corporation operated by The Model Group (TMG). TMG has developed more than \$750 million in real estate, including

over 400 historic properties in Ohio. TMG has extensive experience in developing mixed-use, mixed-income projects, particularly in the Pendleton and Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The scattered-site, mixed-use project consists of the full gut rehabilitation of four historic buildings as well as the rehabilitation of the ground floor commercial space of two additional historic buildings for the creation of 31 residential rental units and 4,272 square feet of commercial space. Of the 31 rental residential units, 20 will be maintained as affordable, with six (6) to be made affordable to households earning 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) and fourteen (14) affordable to households earning 80 percent of the AMI. The remaining eleven will be market rate with monthly rents ranging between \$850 and \$1,050. The unit count by type is 15 studio and 16 one-bedroom units. Lead and asbestos remediation are required.

The total project cost is approximately \$8.4 million with construction costs estimated to be approximately \$5.2 million. In addition to the \$400,000 City NOFA loan, Broadway Square IV will attract approximately \$2 million in Federal New Market Tax Credits, \$1.1 million in Federal Historic Tax Credit equity, \$638,000 in State Historic Tax Credit equity, and \$2.5 million in traditional debt.

The project will be done to National Parks Service Historic Guidelines and is targeting Enterprise Green Communities certification. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 13 months and is expected to create 107 temporary construction jobs with an annual payroll of \$2.5 million. Following completion, the project will create 9 full time jobs with an annual payroll of \$400,000 and 8 part time jobs with an annual payroll of \$120,000.

Broadway Square IV achieves Plan Cincinnati's Live Goal 3 (pages 164-178) by providing a full spectrum of housing options and improving housing quality and affordability. Additionally, the project accomplishes Plan Cincinnati's Live Goal 2 (pages 156-163) of creating a more livable community by activating property that has long been vacant in both the Pendleton and Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods.

PROPOSED INCENTIVE

DCED is recommending a 15-year, net 52% CRA tax exemption based on the 15% VTICA contribution and financial underwriting.

Pursuant to the Commercial CRA policy established by City Council, this project is located in the Streetcar VTICA Area and is therefore subject to analysis based on project underwriting, VTICA contribution, and job creation to determine abatement terms. The project merits a 15-year net 52% CRA Tax Abatement based on the following criteria:

- Net 15% Streetcar VTICA contribution totals to \$157,343
- Financial underwriting showed that the project was in need of direct monetary assistance via NOFA, and thus, also in need of an abatement.
- The Project will create 107 temporary construction jobs with a total payroll of \$2.5 million, 9 permanent full-time jobs with a total annual payroll of \$400,000, and 8 permanent part-time jobs with a total annual payroll of \$120,000.
- Project provides a \$2.56 return for every dollar of City investment.

SUMMARY	
Incentive Value	
Annual Net Abatement (Savings to Developer)	\$36,364
Total Term Net Abatement (Savings to Developer)	\$545,457
City's Portion of Property Taxes Forgone	\$135,379
Public Benefit	
CPS PILOT	
Annual CPS Pilot	\$23,077
Total Term CPS PILOT	\$346,155
VTICA	
Annual VTICA	\$10,490
Total Term VTICA PILOT	\$157,343
Income Tax (Max)	\$189,150
New Permanent Jobs	17
Total Public Benefit (CPS PILOT/VTICA PILOT/Income Tax)	\$692,649
Total Public Benefit ROI	\$1.27
City's ROI	\$2.56

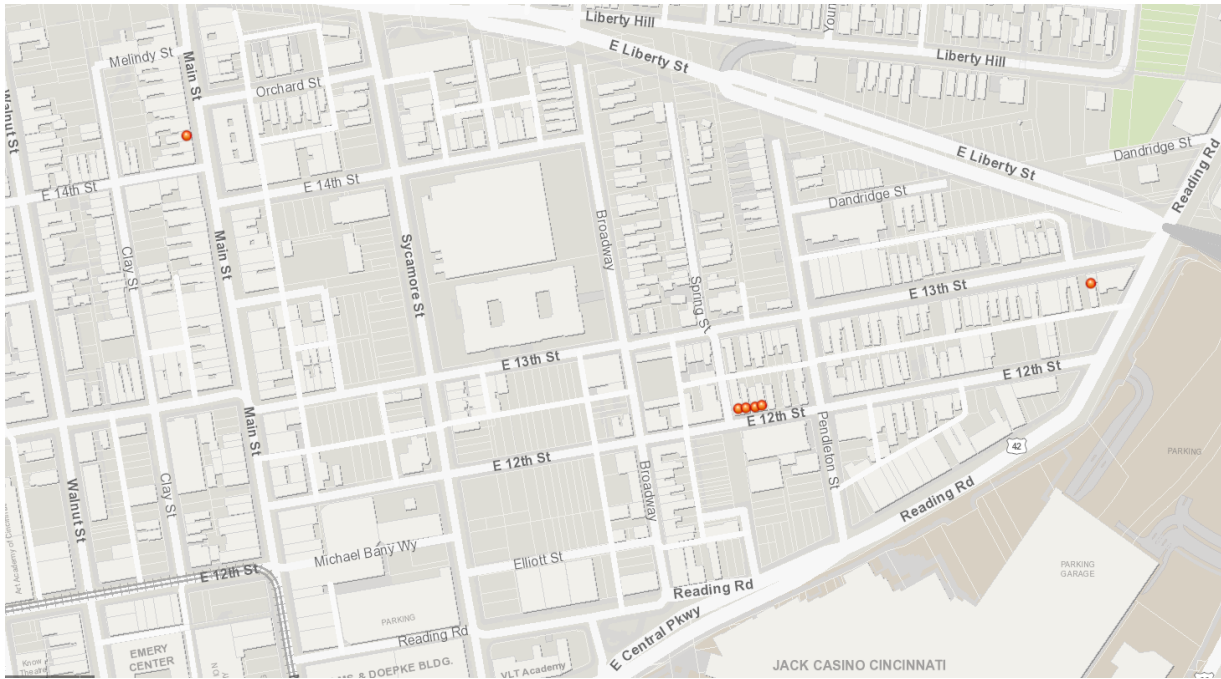
RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approval of this Emergency Ordinance.

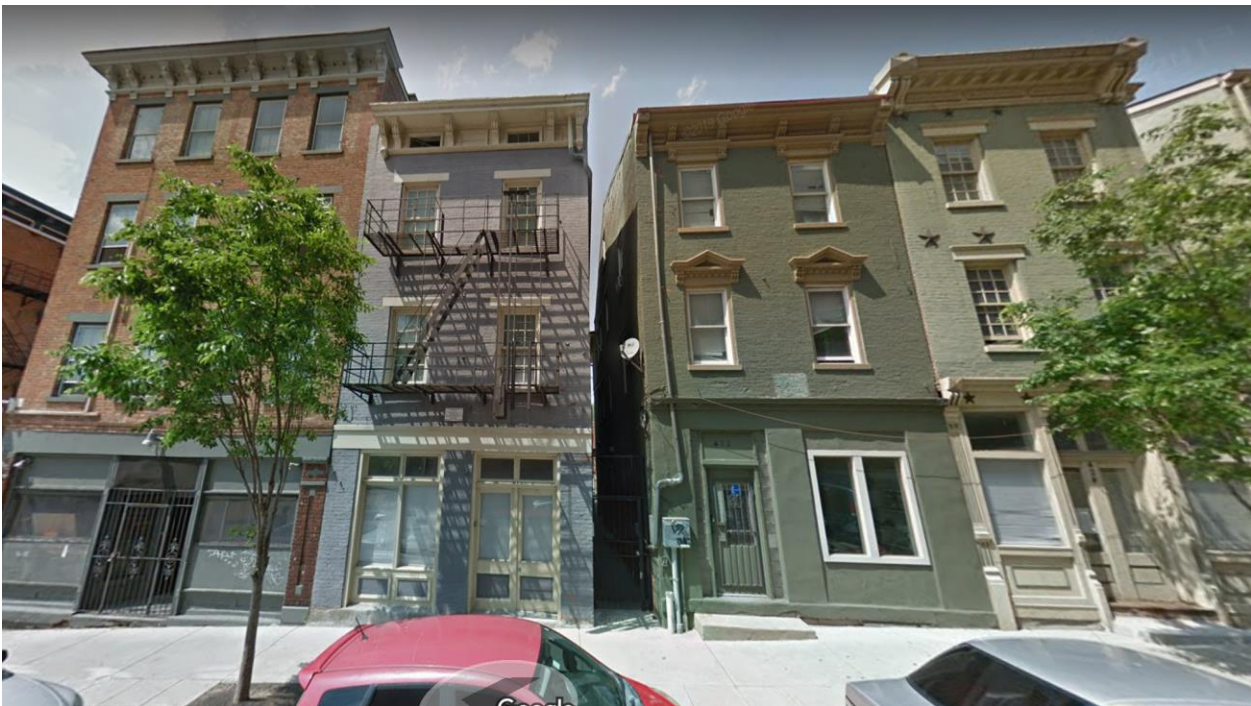
Attachment: A. Property location and photographs

Copy: Markiea L. Carter, Director, Department of Community & Economic Development *MLC*

Attachment A: Location and Photographs



Property Location



(left to right): 418, 420, 422, 424 E 12th Street



555 E 13th Street



1409 Main Street

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

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WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property, the Council of the City of Cincinnati by Ordinance No. 274-2017 passed on September 27, 2017, designated the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati as a “Community Reinvestment Area” pursuant to (“ORC”) Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the “Statute”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 275-2017 passed by this Council on September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018, passed by this Council on October 31, 2018 (the “Commercial Policy Ordinance”), sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area; and

WHEREAS, effective October 23, 2017, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute; and

WHEREAS, Broadway Square IV, LLC (the “Company”) desires to remodel the existing buildings into approximately 4,272 square feet of commercial retail and office space and approximately 15,539 square feet of residential space consisting of 31 residential units on real property at 418-424 E. 12th Street, 555 E. 13th Street, and 1409 Main Street located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati (the “Improvements”), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, to provide an appropriate development incentive for the Improvements, the City Manager has recommended a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement*, in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, to authorize a real property tax exemption for the Improvements in accordance with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, the property is located within the Cincinnati City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the “Board of Education”), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020 (as may be amended, the “Board of Education Agreement”), has approved exemptions of up to 100% of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and the right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Education Agreement, the Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to 33% of the exempt real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Company has represented that it has entered into (or will enter into) a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization for amounts equal to 15% of the exempt real property taxes, which funds shall be committed by the third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the property; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements do not involve relocation of part or all of the Company’s operations from another county or municipal corporation in Ohio or, if there is relocation, notice has been given per ORC Section 3735.673; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council approves a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with Broadway Square IV, LLC and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (the “Agreement”), thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the assessed value of improvements to be made to real property located at 418-424 E. 12th Street, 555 E. 13th Street, and 1409 Main Street in Cincinnati, as calculated by the Hamilton County Auditor, in connection with the remodeling of the existing buildings into approximately 4,272 square feet of commercial retail and office space and approximately 15,539 square feet of residential space consisting of 31 residential units, to be completed at a total construction cost of approximately \$5,178,022.

Section 2. That Council authorizes the City Manager:

- (i) to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance; and

- (ii) to forward on behalf of Council a copy of the Agreement, within fifteen (15) days after execution, to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(F); and
- (iii) to submit on behalf of Council annual reports on the Agreement to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency and to the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672; and
- (iv) to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the City's obligations under 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 the immediate need to allow the remodeling described in this ordinance and the corresponding revitalization of the City of Cincinnati and the benefits to the City's economic welfare to begin at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attachment A to Ordinance

CRA Tax Exemption Agreement

SEE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), BROADWAY SQUARE IV, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company and an affiliate of The Model Group, Inc. (the "Company"), and the PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, d/b/a THE PORT, an Ohio port authority (the "Owner").

Recitals:

- A. The City and the Company are parties to a certain *Funding Agreement* dated _____, 2021 (the "Funding Agreement"). Pursuant to the Funding Agreement, the City agreed to provide the Company with financial support for the Project (as defined below).
- B. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- C. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- D. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- E. The Owner is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 418-424 E. 12th Street, 555 E. 13th Street, and 1409 Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- F. The Company has proposed to remodel the buildings located on the Property, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.
- G. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax

exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.

- H. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- I. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- J. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- K. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- L. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- M. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- N. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, any related member of the Company, nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- O. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- P. City Council passed (i) Motion No. 201401368 on November 19, 2014, establishing a tax incentive policy that incentivizes each applicant for a real property tax abatement in the neighborhoods of Downtown and OTR to enter into a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization ("VTICA") for an amount equal to a percentage of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement (the "VTICA Contribution"), which funds shall be committed by a third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the abated property, and (ii) Motion No. 201501592 on December 16, 2015, which established that the VTICA Contribution to be recognized by the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development is 15% of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the

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City-authorized tax abatement. The Commercial Policy Ordinance confirmed that such motions have not been superseded and remain the will of Council.

- Q. The Company acknowledges that Streetcar operations in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine will specially benefit the Project due to (a) the Streetcar's enhancement of public transit options in such neighborhoods and (b) the anticipated increase in property values attributable to public investment in Streetcar infrastructure.
- R. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company has entered or will enter into a VTICA and shall pay the VTICA Contribution each year for the full term of the abatement.
- S. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. ____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- T. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, the VTICA Contribution, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to remodel the existing buildings into approximately 4,272 square feet of commercial retail and office space and approximately 15,539 square feet of residential space consisting of 31 residential units on the Property (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$5,178,022 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than February 1, 2023; *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in their discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The remodeling shall be in compliance with applicable building code requirements and zoning regulations. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the

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fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of fifteen (15) years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of remodeling, (B) the cost of remodeling, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption and (D) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall commence after tax year 2023 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2037 or (ii) the end of the 15th year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company

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authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") Section 323-1-S, "SBEs"). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City's annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City's total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City's goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City's Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

- (i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.
- (ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources. The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.
- (iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.
- (iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.

(v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.

(vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 9 full-time permanent jobs, (ii) 107 full-time temporary construction jobs, and (iii) 8 part-time permanent jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with remodeling.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$400,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs, (ii) \$2,500,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs, and (iii) \$120,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the part-time permanent jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration

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and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement (including, without limitation, its obligation to comply with the Funding Agreement), or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written

agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations – Board of Education Agreement and VTICA. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA Contribution shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (*Default*) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (*Revocation*). Subject to the terms of the VTICA, if the VTICA is unenforceable for reasons of infeasibility or otherwise, the Company shall enter into alternative arrangements providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution in order to support streetcar operations. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution through formation of a special improvement district. For purposes of this Section 19.B, alternative arrangements must result in services substantially similar to those that would have been supported through the VTICA and at a value that is the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution, which value shall not be required to exceed the VTICA Contribution amount that would have been payable by the Company. Any determination of infeasibility or mechanism for providing alternative arrangements is subject to approval by the City at its sole discretion. Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

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Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

Broadway Square IV, LLC
1826 Race Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Attn: Jason Chamlee, Vice President

To Owner:

Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority
3 E. 4th Street, Unit 300
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Attn: []

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement or VTICA in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement and VTICA, as applicable. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its

principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

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(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

BROADWAY SQUARE IV, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

By: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
an Ohio port authority

Assistant City Solicitor

By: _____

Certified Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Title: _____

Amount: _____

Date: _____, 2021

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

**Address: 418 E. 12th Street
Parcel ID: 075-0003-0064-00**

Situate in the City of Cincinnati, in the County of Hamilton and State of Ohio, and being known, numbered and designated as the whole of Lot 31 and the west 6 inches of Lot 30 of Joseph Ferneding's Subdivision as recorded in Deed Book 128, Page 592, Hamilton County, Ohio, Deed Records and beginning at a point on the northeast corner of East 12th Street and Spring Street; thence east on East 12th Street 25 ½ feet to the middle of a partition wall; thence north 88 ½ feet to Bodley Alley; thence west on said alley 25 ½ feet to Spring Street; thence south on Spring Street 88 ½ feet to the north line of East 12th Street and the place of beginning.

**Address: 420 E. 12th Street
Parcel ID: 075-0003-0223-00¹**

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being more particularly described as follows:

All that Lot Number 30 of Joseph Ferneding's Subdivision of Out Lots 6 & 7 recorded in Deed Book 128, Page 592, Recorder's Office, Hamilton County, Ohio, except the west 6 inches thereof, fronting 19 ½ feet on the north side of Twelfth Street and extending back, same width, to Bodley Alley. The 2 feet off the east side of said Lot now used in common with the owners of Lot Number 29 as a gangway shall forever remain gangway, unless owners of Lots Number 29 and 30 shall otherwise agree, the owners of Lot Number 29 leaving 2 feet for the same purposes.

**Address: 422 E. 12th Street
Parcel ID: 075-0003-0066-00**

Situate in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton and State of Ohio, and being all of Lot No. 29 of J. Ferneding's Subdivision of Outlots 6 and 7 on the North side of Abigail Street, now East Twelfth Street, a plat of which is recorded in Deed Book 128, Pages 592 and 593 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Records; Said Lot 29 fronts 20 feet on the North side of Abigail Street, now East Twelfth Street, and extends back Northwardly the same width in rear as in front, 88.5 feet, to a 10 foot alley.

¹ Legal description for just the first floor to be provided.
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Address: 424 E. 12th Street
Parcel ID: 075-0003-0225-00²

Situated, lying and being in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, and bounded and described as follows:

Being known, numbered and designated as Lot Number 28 in Ferneding's Subdivision of Lots between Woodward, Broadway and Pendleton Streets, and the Cincinnati, Lebanon and Springfield Turnpike, as per plat recorded in Deed Book 128, Page 592, Recorder's Office of Hamilton County, Ohio; said Lot being 20 feet in front on the northerly side of Abigail Street and extending back a depth of 88 feet 6 inches to an alley, and lying at the distance of 65 feet east of Spring Street.

Subject to all Easements and Restrictions of Record.

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Address: 555 E. 13th Street
Parcel ID: 075-0003-0064-00

Situate in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio: Beginning on the South side of Thirteenth Street at a point 675 feet East of Pendleton Street; Running thence East on the South side of Thirteenth Street 25 feet; Thence South at right angles to Thirteenth Street 85 feet to a ten foot alley; Thence West on said alley 25 feet; Thence North 85 feet to Thirteenth Street at the place of beginning.

Address: 1409 Main Street
Parcel ID: 080-0001-0180-00

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton and State of Ohio, to-wit:

Commencing at a point on the West side of Main Street, 54 feet North of Allison Street (now Fourteenth Street); Running thence Northwardly on the West side of Main Street 24 feet 6 inches; Thence running westwardly on a line parallel with Allison Street 104 feet; Running thence Southwardly parallel with Main Street, 24 feet 6 inches; Running thence Eastwardly on a line parallel with Allison Street, 104 feet to the place of beginning on the West side of Main Street. Being a part of Outlot No. 29.

² Legal description for just the first floor to be provided.
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Contract No. _____

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), BROADWAY SQUARE IV, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company and an affiliate of The Model Group, Inc. (the "Company"), and the PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, d/b/a THE PORT, an Ohio port authority (the "Owner").

Recitals:

- A. The City and the Company are parties to a certain *Funding Agreement* dated _____, 2021 (the "Funding Agreement"). Pursuant to the Funding Agreement, the City agreed to provide the Company with financial support for the Project (as defined below).
- B. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- C. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- D. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- E. The Owner is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 418-424 E. 12th Street, 555 E. 13th Street, and 1409 Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- F. The Company has proposed to remodel the buildings located on the Property, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.
- G. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax

exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.

- H. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- I. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- J. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- K. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- L. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- M. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- N. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, any related member of the Company, nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- O. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- P. City Council passed (i) Motion No. 201401368 on November 19, 2014, establishing a tax incentive policy that incentivizes each applicant for a real property tax abatement in the neighborhoods of Downtown and OTR to enter into a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization ("VTICA") for an amount equal to a percentage of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement (the "VTICA Contribution"), which funds shall be committed by a third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the abated property, and (ii) Motion No. 201501592 on December 16, 2015, which established that the VTICA Contribution to be recognized by the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development is 15% of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the

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City-authorized tax abatement. The Commercial Policy Ordinance confirmed that such motions have not been superseded and remain the will of Council.

- Q. The Company acknowledges that Streetcar operations in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine will specially benefit the Project due to (a) the Streetcar's enhancement of public transit options in such neighborhoods and (b) the anticipated increase in property values attributable to public investment in Streetcar infrastructure.
- R. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company has entered or will enter into a VTICA and shall pay the VTICA Contribution each year for the full term of the abatement.
- S. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. ____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- T. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, the VTICA Contribution, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to remodel the existing buildings into approximately 4,272 square feet of commercial retail and office space and approximately 15,539 square feet of residential space consisting of 31 residential units on the Property (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$5,178,022 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than February 1, 2023; *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in their discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The remodeling shall be in compliance with applicable building code requirements and zoning regulations. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the

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fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of fifteen (15) years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of remodeling, (B) the cost of remodeling, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption and (D) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall commence after tax year 2023 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2037 or (ii) the end of the 15th year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company

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authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") Section 323-1-S, "SBEs"). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City's annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City's total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City's goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City's Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

- (i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.
- (ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources.

The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.

(iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.

(iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.

(v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.

(vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 9 full-time permanent jobs, (ii) 107 full-time temporary construction jobs, and (iii) 8 part-time permanent jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with remodeling.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$400,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs, (ii) \$2,500,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs, and (iii) \$120,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the part-time permanent jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration

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and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement (including, without limitation, its obligation to comply with the Funding Agreement), or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written

agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations – Board of Education Agreement and VTICA. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA Contribution shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (*Default*) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (*Revocation*). Subject to the terms of the VTICA, if the VTICA is unenforceable for reasons of infeasibility or otherwise, the Company shall enter into alternative arrangements providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution in order to support streetcar operations. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution through formation of a special improvement district. For purposes of this Section 19.B, alternative arrangements must result in services substantially similar to those that would have been supported through the VTICA and at a value that is the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution, which value shall not be required to exceed the VTICA Contribution amount that would have been payable by the Company. Any determination of infeasibility or mechanism for providing alternative arrangements is subject to approval by the City at its sole discretion. Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

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Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

Broadway Square IV, LLC
1826 Race Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Attn: Jason Chamlee, Vice President

To Owner:

Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority
3 E. 4th Street, Unit 300
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Attn: [_____]

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement or VTICA in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement and VTICA, as applicable. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its

principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

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(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

BROADWAY SQUARE IV, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

By: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
an Ohio port authority

Assistant City Solicitor

By: _____

Certified Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Title: _____

Amount: _____

Date: _____, 2021

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

**Address: 418 E. 12th Street
Parcel ID: 075-0003-0064-00**

Situate in the City of Cincinnati, in the County of Hamilton and State of Ohio, and being known, numbered and designated as the whole of Lot 31 and the west 6 inches of Lot 30 of Joseph Ferneding's Subdivision as recorded in Deed Book 128, Page 592, Hamilton County, Ohio, Deed Records and beginning at a point on the northeast corner of East 12th Street and Spring Street; thence east on East 12th Street 25 ½ feet to the middle of a partition wall; thence north 88 ½ feet to Bodley Alley; thence west on said alley 25 ½ feet to Spring Street; thence south on Spring Street 88 ½ feet to the north line of East 12th Street and the place of beginning.

**Address: 420 E. 12th Street
Parcel ID: 075-0003-0223-00¹**

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being more particularly described as follows:

All that Lot Number 30 of Joseph Ferneding's Subdivision of Out Lots 6 & 7 recorded in Deed Book 128, Page 592, Recorder's Office, Hamilton County, Ohio, except the west 6 inches thereof, fronting 19 ½ feet on the north side of Twelfth Street and extending back, same width, to Bodley Alley. The 2 feet off the east side of said Lot now used in common with the owners of Lot Number 29 as a gangway shall forever remain gangway, unless owners of Lots Number 29 and 30 shall otherwise agree, the owners of Lot Number 29 leaving 2 feet for the same purposes.

**Address: 422 E. 12th Street
Parcel ID: 075-0003-0066-00**

Situate in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton and State of Ohio, and being all of Lot No. 29 of J. Ferneding's Subdivision of Outlots 6 and 7 on the North side of Abigail Street, now East Twelfth Street, a plat of which is recorded in Deed Book 128, Pages 592 and 593 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Records; Said Lot 29 fronts 20 feet on the North side of Abigail Street, now East Twelfth Street, and extends back Northwardly the same width in rear as in front, 88.5 feet, to a 10 foot alley.

¹ Legal description for just the first floor to be provided.

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Contract No. _____

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102094
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **CRA TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT FOR 1623 PLEASANT STREET, LLC**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with 1623 Pleasant Street, LLC, thereby authorizing an 8-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1623 Pleasant Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the existing building to create approximately 3,530 square feet of residential space consisting of 8 residential units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$602,544.

BACKGROUND/CURRENT CONDITIONS

1623 Pleasant Street, LLC owns and intends to renovate and build an addition to the residential property located at 1623 Pleasant Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, just north of Liberty Street, between Elm and Race Streets. The property has long been vacant and is a former City-owned property. DCED solicited an RFP for the sale of the property in June 2019 and recommended to award the property to Kunst Development for the appraised market value of \$59,500. City Council approved the sale of this property on September 2, 2020 through Ordinance 290-2020. The project was recently approved at the Historic Conservation Board meeting on May 17, 2021. Kunst has now completed their pre-construction due diligence and is ready commence their renovation of the building into eight (8) market-rate affordable one-bedroom apartments.

DEVELOPER INFORMATION

1623 Pleasant Street LLC is a limited liability corporation operated by Kunst Development, a property developer and general contractor owned by John Blatchford. Kunst has development experience in the Over-the-Rhine Historic District and extensive knowledge of historic tax credits. The developer has successfully completed several similar historic rehab projects in Over-the-Rhine, including 205 W. McMicken, 207 W. McMicken, and 1667 Hamer Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The developer is proposing a gut renovation and small addition to the four-story, 3530 sq foot historic property located at 1623 Pleasant Street to include eight (8) market-rate one-bedroom, one-bathroom residential rental units. Rents will range between \$920-\$980 per month making them naturally affordable to households around 60% AMI. The project was awarded state and federal historic tax credits and renovations will be done with preservation in mind, repairing and restoring historic woodwork, doors, windows, layout, and masonry. A small addition will be added to the rear of the building to add an additional bedroom to floors 2-4. Total project cost is estimated to be \$803,653, with construction cost estimated to be \$602,544. The project is estimated to take twenty-four months to complete and will support the creation of 18 temporary construction jobs with a total payroll of \$500,000. One new permanent part time job will be created with an estimated annual payroll of \$18,000.

This project achieves Plan Cincinnati's Live Goal 3 (pages 164-178) by providing a full spectrum of housing options and improving housing quality and affordability. Additionally, the project accomplishes Plan Cincinnati's Live Goal 2 (pages 156-163) of creating a more livable community by activating property that has long been vacant in the northern portion of the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. The project has not received any neighborhood opposition and received approval by the Historic Conservation Board on May 17, 2021. The developer is looking to commence construction this summer.

PROPOSED INCENTIVE

DCED is recommending an eight-year net 52% CRA tax exemption. The exemption applies only to the increase in improvement value attributed to the construction.

Pursuant to the Commercial CRA policy established by City Council, this project is located in the Streetcar VTICA Area and is therefore subject to analysis based on project underwriting, VTICA contribution, and job creation to determine abatement terms. The project merits an eight-year net 52% CRA Tax Abatement based on the following criteria:

- Net 15% Streetcar VTICA contribution totals to \$9,765
- Project will create 18 temporary construction jobs will a total payroll of \$250,000
- Project provides a \$2.54 return for every dollar of City investment

SUMMARY	
Incentive Value	
Annual Net Abatement (Savings to Developer)	\$4,231
Total Term Net Abatement (Savings to Developer)	\$33,852
City's Portion of Property Taxes Forgone	\$8,402
Public Benefit	
CPS PILOT	
Annual CPS Pilot	\$2,685
Total Term CPS PILOT	\$21,483
VTICA	
Annual VTICA	\$1,221
Total Term VTICA PILOT	\$9,765
Income Tax (Max)	\$11,592
New Permanent Jobs	0.5
Total Public Benefit (CPS PILOT/VTICA PILOT/Income Tax)	\$42,840
Total Public Benefit ROI	\$1.27
City's ROI	\$2.54

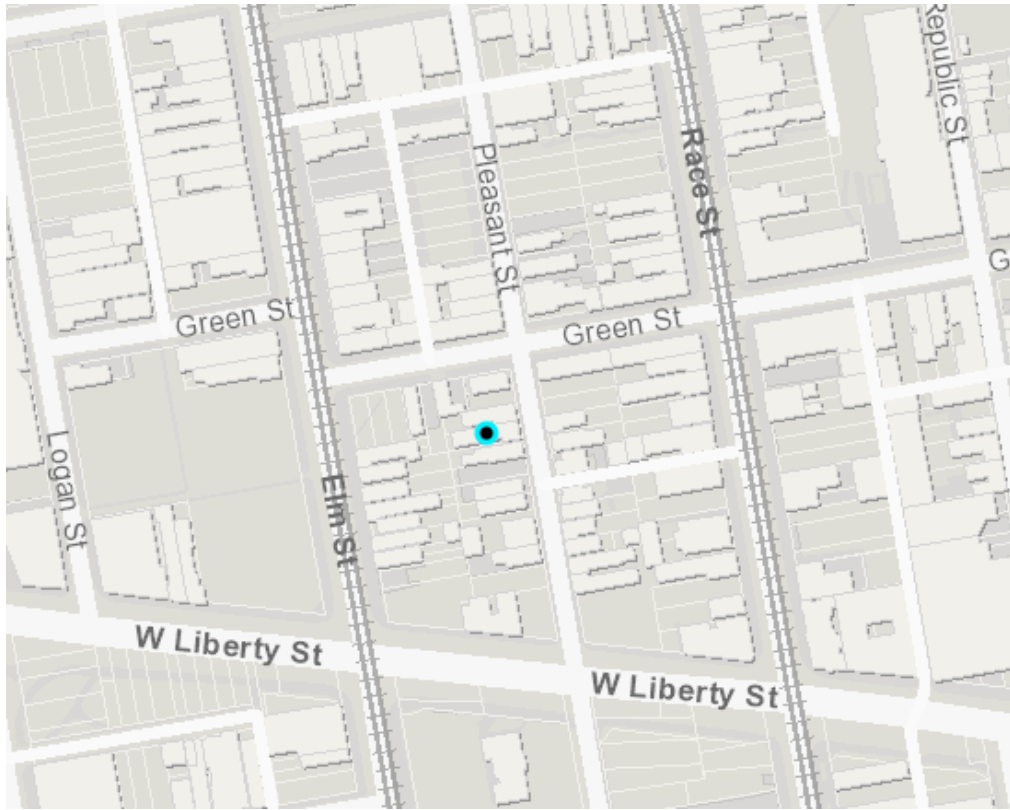
RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approval of this Emergency Ordinance.

Attachment: A. Property location and photographs

Copy: Markiea L. Carter, Director, Department of Community & Economic Development

Attachment A: Location and Photographs



Property Location



1623 Pleasant Street

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____ - 2021

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with 1623 Pleasant Street, LLC, thereby authorizing an 8-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 1623 Pleasant Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the remodeling of the existing building to create approximately 3,530 square feet of residential space consisting of 8 residential units, at a total construction cost of approximately \$602,544.

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property, the Council of the City of Cincinnati by Ordinance No. 274-2017 passed on September 27, 2017, designated the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati as a “Community Reinvestment Area” pursuant to (“ORC”) Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the “Statute”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 275-2017 passed by this Council on September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018, passed by this Council on October 31, 2018 (the “Commercial Policy Ordinance”), sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area; and

WHEREAS, effective October 23, 2017, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute; and

WHEREAS, 1623 Pleasant Street, LLC (the “Company”) desires to remodel the existing building to create approximately 3,530 square feet of residential space consisting of 8 residential units on real property at 1623 Pleasant Street located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati (the “Improvements”), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, to provide an appropriate development incentive for the Improvements, the City Manager has recommended a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement*, in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, to authorize a real property tax exemption for the Improvements in accordance with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, the property is located within the Cincinnati City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the “Board of Education”), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020 (as may be amended, the “Board of Education Agreement”), has approved exemptions of up to

100% of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and the right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Education Agreement, the Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to 33% of the exempt real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Company has represented that it has entered into (or will enter into) a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization for amounts equal to 15% of the exempt real property taxes, which funds shall be committed by the third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the property; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements do not involve relocation of part or all of the Company's operations from another county or municipal corporation in Ohio or, if there is relocation, notice has been given per ORC Section 3735.673; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council approves a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement* with 1623 Pleasant Street, LLC (the "Agreement"), thereby authorizing an 8-year tax exemption for 100% of the assessed value of improvements to be made to real property located at 1623 Pleasant Street in Cincinnati, as calculated by the Hamilton County Auditor, in connection with the remodeling of the existing building to create approximately 3,530 square feet of residential space consisting of 8 residential units, to be completed at a total construction cost of approximately \$602,544.

Section 2. That Council authorizes the City Manager:

- (i) to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance; and
- (ii) to forward on behalf of Council a copy of the Agreement, within fifteen (15) days after execution, to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(F); and
- (iii) to submit on behalf of Council annual reports on the Agreement to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency and to the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672; and

- (iv) to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the City's obligations under 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 the immediate need to allow the remodeling described in this ordinance and the corresponding revitalization of the City of Cincinnati and the benefits to the City's economic welfare to begin at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attachment A to Ordinance
CRA Tax Exemption Agreement

SEE ATTACHED

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), and 1623 PLEASANT STREET, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (the "Company").

Recitals:

- A. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- B. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- C. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- D. The Company is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 1623 Pleasant Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- E. The Company has proposed to remodel the existing building located on the Property, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.
- F. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.
- G. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- H. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to

the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.

- I. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- J. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- K. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- L. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- M. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, nor any related member of the Company nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- N. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- O. City Council passed (i) Motion No. 201401368 on November 19, 2014, establishing a tax incentive policy that incentivizes each applicant for a real property tax abatement in the neighborhoods of Downtown and OTR to enter into a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization ("VTICA") for an amount equal to a percentage of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement (the "VTICA Contribution"), which funds shall be committed by a third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the abated property, and (ii) Motion No. 201501592 on December 16, 2015, which established that the VTICA Contribution to be recognized by the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development is 15% of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement. The Commercial Policy Ordinance confirmed that such motions have not been superseded and remain the will of Council.
- P. The Company acknowledges that Streetcar operations in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine will specially benefit the Project due to (a) the Streetcar's enhancement of public transit options in such neighborhoods and (b) the anticipated increase in property values attributable to public investment in Streetcar infrastructure.
- Q. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company has entered or will enter into a VTICA and shall pay the VTICA Contribution each year for the full term of the abatement.

- R. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- S. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, the VTICA Contribution, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to remodel the existing building on the Property to create approximately 3,530 square feet of residential space consisting of eight (8) residential units (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$602,544 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than June 30, 2023 *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in his discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The remodeling shall be in compliance with applicable building code requirements and zoning regulations. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of eight (8) years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of remodeling, (B) the cost of remodeling, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption and (D) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the

necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall commence after tax year 2023 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2030 or (ii) the end of the eighth (8th) year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 323-1-S, “SBEs”). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City’s annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City’s total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City’s goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

- (i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.
- (ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources.

The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.

(iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.

(iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.

(v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.

(vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 0.5 full-time permanent jobs and (ii) 18 part-time temporary construction jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with remodeling, and in the case of the other jobs described herein, the job creation period shall begin upon completion of remodeling and shall end three (3) years thereafter.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$18,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs, and (ii) \$250,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the part-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may

extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. **Generally.** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. **Prior Statutory Violations.** The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. **Generally.** As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this

Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations – Board of Education Agreement and VTICA. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA Contribution shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Subject to the terms of the VTICA, if the VTICA is unenforceable for reasons of infeasibility or otherwise, the Company shall enter into alternative arrangements providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution in order to support streetcar operations. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution through formation of a special improvement district. For purposes of this Section 19.B, alternative arrangements must result in services substantially similar to those that would have been supported through the VTICA and at a value that is the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution, which value shall not be required to exceed the VTICA Contribution amount that would have been payable by the Company. Any determination of infeasibility or mechanism for providing alternative arrangements is subject to approval by the City at its sole discretion. Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

1623 Pleasant Street, LLC
Attention: John Blatchford
207 W. McMicken Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement or VTICA in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement and VTICA, as applicable. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city

manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

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an Ohio limited liability company

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

By: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant City Solicitor

Certified Date: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Auditor's Parcel No.: 0094-0008-0030

Property Address: 1623 Pleasant Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Situate in Section 13, Town 3, Fractional Range 2, City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the west line of Pleasant Street, 60.13 feet south of the southwest corner of Pleasant Street and Green Street; thence South 16° east 20.05 feet along the west line of Pleasant Street; thence South 73° 51' west 85.00 feet; thence north 16° west 20.05 feet; thence north 73° 51' east 85.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), and 1623 PLEASANT STREET, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (the "Company").

Recitals:

- A. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- B. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- C. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- D. The Company is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 1623 Pleasant Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- E. The Company has proposed to remodel the existing building located on the Property, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.
- F. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.
- G. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- H. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to

the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.

- I. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- J. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- K. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- L. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- M. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, nor any related member of the Company nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- N. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- O. City Council passed (i) Motion No. 201401368 on November 19, 2014, establishing a tax incentive policy that incentivizes each applicant for a real property tax abatement in the neighborhoods of Downtown and OTR to enter into a voluntary tax incentive contribution agreement with a third-party organization ("VTICA") for an amount equal to a percentage of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement (the "VTICA Contribution"), which funds shall be committed by a third-party organization to pay for streetcar operations that specially benefit the abated property, and (ii) Motion No. 201501592 on December 16, 2015, which established that the VTICA Contribution to be recognized by the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development is 15% of the real property taxes that would have been payable on the abated property but for the City-authorized tax abatement. The Commercial Policy Ordinance confirmed that such motions have not been superseded and remain the will of Council.
- P. The Company acknowledges that Streetcar operations in the Central Business District and Over-the-Rhine will specially benefit the Project due to (a) the Streetcar's enhancement of public transit options in such neighborhoods and (b) the anticipated increase in property values attributable to public investment in Streetcar infrastructure.
- Q. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company has entered or will enter into a VTICA and shall pay the VTICA Contribution each year for the full term of the abatement.

- R. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- S. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, the VTICA Contribution, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to remodel the existing building on the Property to create approximately 3,530 square feet of residential space consisting of eight (8) residential units (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$602,544 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than June 30, 2023 *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in his discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The remodeling shall be in compliance with applicable building code requirements and zoning regulations. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of eight (8) years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of remodeling, (B) the cost of remodeling, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption and (D) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the

necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall commence after tax year 2023 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2030 or (ii) the end of the eighth (8th) year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 323-1-S, “SBEs”). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City’s annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City’s total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City’s goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

- (i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.
- (ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources. The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.
- (iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.
- (iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.
- (v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.
- (vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 0.5 full-time permanent jobs and (ii) 18 part-time temporary construction jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with remodeling, and in the case of the other jobs described herein, the job creation period shall begin upon completion of remodeling and shall end three (3) years thereafter.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$18,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs, and (ii) \$250,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the part-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may

extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this

Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations – Board of Education Agreement and VTICA. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA Contribution shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Subject to the terms of the VTICA, if the VTICA is unenforceable for reasons of infeasibility or otherwise, the Company shall enter into alternative arrangements providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution in order to support streetcar operations. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing for the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution through formation of a special improvement district. For purposes of this Section 19.B, alternative arrangements must result in services substantially similar to those that would have been supported through the VTICA and at a value that is the economic equivalent of the VTICA Contribution, which value shall not be required to exceed the VTICA Contribution amount that would have been payable by the Company. Any determination of infeasibility or mechanism for providing alternative arrangements is subject to approval by the City at its sole discretion. Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

1623 Pleasant Street, LLC
Attention: John Blatchford
207 W. McMicken Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement or VTICA in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement and VTICA, as applicable. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement or VTICA upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city

manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

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an Ohio limited liability company

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

By: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant City Solicitor

Certified Date: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Auditor's Parcel No.: 0094-0008-0030

Property Address: 1623 Pleasant Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Situate in Section 13, Town 3, Fractional Range 2, City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the west line of Pleasant Street, 60.13 feet south of the southwest corner of Pleasant Street and Green Street; thence South 16° east 20.05 feet along the west line of Pleasant Street; thence South 73° 51' west 85.00 feet; thence north 16° west 20.05 feet; thence north 73° 51' east 85.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

June 3, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202102095

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **LEED CRA TAX EXEMPTION FOR BLAIR LOFTS I, LTD**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with Blair Lofts I, LTD. and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 3401 Reading Road and 609 Maple Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new building comprised of approximately 71,057 square feet of residential space, consisting of 64 rental units, which construction shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$10,022,542.

BACKGROUND/CURRENT CONDITIONS

Blair Lofts I, LTD intends to purchase property from a partner entity and build a four-story, sixty-four (64) unit apartment building located at the corner of Blair Avenue and Reading Road. Specifically, the site is located at 3401 Reading Road in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati. The site formally housed a Catholic Church that has since been demolished and sold to one development partner. In the Spring of 2020, the Development entity was awarded 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) to construct the building. Since then, the Development has been awarded HOME funding from the City of Cincinnati's Notice of Funding Availability (HOME) and a grant from Children's Hospital.

DEVELOPER INFORMATION

Blair Lofts I, LTD is a partnership between Fairfield Homes, Inc., Avondale Development Corporation, and Kingsley and Company. Fairfield Homes Inc. owns over 4,000 affordable housing units throughout the Midwest and brings a wealth of construction and property management experience to the project. Avondale Development Corporation is a non-profit community partner that has led residential and economic development initiatives in Avondale since 2011. Kingsley and Company is a minority-owned commercial real estate investment and development firm with over ten years of experience in the greater Cincinnati region.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Blair Lofts I project will consist of the new construction of a four-story, sixty-four (64) units apartment building in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati. The building will be serviced by a single elevator and shall be certified to LEED-Silver standards. The sixty-four units will consist of twenty-two (22) one-bedroom apartments, thirty-one (31) two-bedroom apartments, and eleven (11) three-bedroom apartments. This unit mix will allow a full spectrum of small to large families to live together in quality affordable housing

All sixty-four (64) apartment units will be reserved for households earning between thirty percent (30%) and sixty percent (60%) of the area median income (AMI). Ten (10) units shall be reserved for 30% AMI households, and fifty-four (54) units will be reserved for households earning 60% AMI. At the 30% AMI income targets, monthly rents are projected at \$344 for a one-bedroom, \$405 for a two-bedroom, and \$460 for a three-bedroom. At the 60% AMI income targets, monthly rents are projected at \$775 for a one-bedroom, \$925 for a two-bedroom, and \$1,040 for a three-bedroom.

Total project cost is projected at \$15.2 million, with construction cost at approximately \$10 million. Blair Lofts I will attract \$9.3 million in LIHTC equity, \$4.7 Term Loan from Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust, \$504,947 in Deferred Developer Fee, and a \$100,000 grant from Children's Hospital.

Construction will be completed in 12 months and will support the creation of 300 temporary construction jobs with a total annual payroll of \$5,000,000 and three (3) full-time permanent jobs with a total annual payroll of \$120,000.

Pendleton III Apartments achieves Plan Cincinnati's Live Goal 3 (pages 164-178) by providing a full spectrum of housing options and improving housing quality and affordability.

PROPOSED INCENTIVE

DCED is recommending a 15-year, net 67% CRA tax exemption. The exemption applies only to the increase in improvement value attributed to the renovation.

Pursuant to the Commercial CRA policy established by City Council, this project was deemed undercapitalized. Therefore, the project is subject to financial gap analysis. The project merits a fifteen-year (15 years) next 67% CRA Tax Abatement based on the following criteria.

- Due to the deep affordability requirements set by LIHTC and the City awarded HOME funds.
- Without the CRA tax abatement, cash flow will be significantly reduced, and the project would not support the debt service required to complete the construction.

SUMMARY	
Forgone Public Benefit if Project Does not Proceed	
CPS PILOT (Forgone New Revenue)	(\$921,271)
VTICA (Forgone New Revenue)	\$0
Income Tax (Forgone New Revenue)	(\$122,400)
Total Public Benefit Lost	(\$1,043,671)
Incentive Value	
Annual Net Incentive to Developer	\$124,697
Total Term Incentive to Developer	\$1,870,460
City's Portion of Property Taxes Forgone	\$360,304
Public Benefit	
CPS PILOT	
Annual CPS Pilot	\$61,418
Total Term CPS PILOT	\$921,271
VTICA	
Annual VTICA	\$0
Total Term VTICA	\$0
Income Tax (Max)	\$122,400
Total Public Benefit (CPS PILOT/VTICA /Income Tax)	\$1,043,671
Total Public Benefit ROI	\$0.56
City's ROI	\$0.34

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approval of this Emergency Ordinance.

Attachment: A. Property location and photographs

Copy: Markiea L. Carter, Interim Director, Department of Community & Economic Development *ML*

Attachment A: Location and Photographs

Property Location



Property Rendering



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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with Blair Lofts I, LTD. and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 3401 Reading Road and 609 Maple Avenue in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new building comprised of approximately 71,057 square feet of residential space, consisting of 64 rental units, which construction shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$10,022,542.

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property, the Council of the City of Cincinnati by Ordinance No. 274-2017 passed on September 27, 2017, designated the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati as a “Community Reinvestment Area” pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the “Statute”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 275-2017 passed by this Council on September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018, passed by this Council on October 31, 2018, sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area; and

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property in a more environmentally-friendly manner, the Commercial Policy Ordinance incentivizes: (i) construction and remodeling to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council); and (ii) construction and remodeling that obtains (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the “Energy Petal” of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (collectively, “LBC” standards), all pursuant to the Statute; and

WHEREAS, effective October 23, 2017, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute; and

WHEREAS, Blair Lofts I, LTD. (the “Company”) desires to construct a new building comprised of approximately 71,057 square feet of residential space, consisting of 64 rental units on real property at 3401 Reading Road and 609 Maple Avenue located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, to LEED or LBC standards (the “Improvements”), provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, to provide an appropriate development incentive for the Improvements, the City Manager has recommended a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)*, in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, to authorize a real property tax exemption for the Improvements in accordance with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, the property is located within the Cincinnati City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the “Board of Education”), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020 (as may be amended, the “Board of Education Agreement”), has approved exemptions of up to 100% of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and the right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Education Agreement, the Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to 33% of the exempt real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements do not involve relocation of part or all of the Company’s operations from another county or municipal corporation in Ohio or, if there is relocation, notice has been given per ORC Section 3735.673; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council approves a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Blair Lofts I, LTD. and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (the “Agreement”), thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the assessed value of improvements to be made to real property located at 3401 Reading Road and 609 Maple Avenue in Cincinnati, as calculated by the Hamilton County Auditor, in connection with the construction of a new building comprised of approximately 71,057 square feet of residential space, consisting of 64 rental units, to be constructed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council) or Living Building Challenge standards (as described in the Agreement and as determined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council, as applicable) at a total construction cost of approximately \$10,022,542.

Section 2. That Council authorizes the City Manager:

- (i) to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance; and
- (ii) to forward on behalf of Council a copy of the Agreement, within fifteen (15) days after execution, to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(F); and
- (iii) to submit on behalf of Council annual reports on the Agreement to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency and to the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672; and
- (iv) to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the City's obligations under 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 the immediate need to allow the construction described in this ordinance and the corresponding revitalization of the City of Cincinnati and the benefits to the City's economic welfare to begin at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attachment A to Ordinance

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

SEE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and among the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), BLAIR LOFTS I, LTD., an Ohio limited partnership (the "Company"), and the PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, an Ohio port authority (the "Owner").

Recitals:

- A. [The City and the Company are parties to a *Funding Agreement* dated _____, 2021 (the "Funding Agreement"), pursuant to which the City agreed to provide the Company with financial support for the Project (as defined below).]
- B. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- C. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- D. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- E. Pursuant to the Commercial Policy Ordinance, a project that is constructed or remodeled to (1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council), or (2) receives a (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the "Energy Petal" of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (such qualifying remodeling or construction is referred to, collectively, as "LBC" remodeling or construction), may qualify for a longer term and/or greater abatement.
- F. The Owner is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 3401 Reading Road and 609 Maple Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- G. The Company has proposed the construction of a building located on the Property to LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, within the boundaries of the City of

Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"); provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.

- H. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.
- I. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- J. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- K. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- L. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- M. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- N. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- O. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, any related member of the Company, nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- P. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- Q. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- R. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the

Company, the Board of Education Agreement, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to construct a new building on the Property into approximately 71,057 square feet of residential space, consisting of 64 affordable residential rental units, all of which will be affordable to households earning at or below 60% of the area median income (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$10,022,542.00 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than January 1, 2023; *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in her discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The construction shall be in compliance with applicable building code and zoning regulations, as well as complying with LBC standards or LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council. The Company hereby represents that it has registered with the U.S. Green Building Council with intent to certify compliance with LEED Silver standards. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of 100% of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of 15 years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of construction, (B) the cost of construction, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption, (D) compliance with LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, and (E) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No

exemption shall commence after tax year 2023 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2037 or (ii) the end of the fifteenth (15th) year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this

Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") Section 323-1-S, "SBEs"). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City's annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City's total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City's goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City's Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

- (i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.
- (ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources. The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.
- (iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.
- (iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.
- (v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.
- (vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 3 full-time permanent jobs and (ii) 300 full-time temporary construction jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with construction, and in the case of the other jobs described herein, the job creation period shall begin upon completion of construction and shall end three (3) years thereafter.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$120,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs and (ii) \$5,000,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement [(including, without limitation, its obligation to comply with the **Funding Agreement**)], or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected,

collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may

be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

Blair Lofts I, LTD.
c/o Fairfield Homes, Inc.
603 West Wheeling Street
PO Box 190
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
Attention: Jennifer Walters, President

With a copy to:

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
191 West Nationwide Blvd., Suite 300

Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attention: Jodi S. Diewald, Esq.

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its

obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide

additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

BLAIR LOFTS I, LTD,
an Ohio limited partnership

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

By: Gorsuch FHI Blair Lofts I, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company,
its managing general partner

Date: _____, 2021

By: Gorsuch FHI Holdings, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company,
its sole member

By: _____
Jennifer L. Walters, Member

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
an Ohio port authority

Assistant City Solicitor

By: _____

Certified Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Title: _____

Amount: _____

Date: _____, 2021

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Property Address: 3401 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229
Parcel ID No.: 107-0008-0181-00

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 9, TOWN 3, FRACTIONAL RANGE 2, MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP, CITY OF CINCINNATI, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A CROSS NOTCH AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BLAIR AVE (50' PUBLIC R/W) AND THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF READING RD (70' PUBLIC R/W):

THEN ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BLAIR AVE AN ASSUMED BEARING OF N85°56'35"W A DISTANCE OF 352.93 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN & CAP;

THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE OF KINGSLEY INVESTMENT GROUP LLC (O.R. 13673 PG. 01316), N03°56'25"E A DISTANCE OF 158.74 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN AND CAP;

THENCE ALONG THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE OF CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, (DB. 3307 PG. 203), S85°56'35"E A DISTANCE OF 21.38 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT WITH IRON PIN;

THENCE ALONG THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE OF CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, N04°07'00"E A DISTANCE OF 141.6 FEET TO A POINT BEING REFERENCED BY AN PIN 0.65' DUE NORTH AND THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MAPLE AVE;

THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MAPLE AVE S81°31'37"E A DISTANCE OF 10.01 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN AND CAP;

THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE OF HAMILTON COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION (O.R. 13779 PG. 00597) S04°06'17"W A DISTANCE OF 140.39 FEET, TO A SET IRON PIN AND CAP, AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HAMILTON COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION;

THENCE S85°56'35"E A DISTANCE OF 392.34 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN AND CAP AND THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF READING RD;

THENCE ALONG WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF READING RD S27°59'37"W A DISTANCE OF 173.68 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.447 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT HOWEVER TO ALL COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS CONTAINING IN ANY INSTRUMENT OF RECORD PERTAINING TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND. THIS DESCRIPTION WAS PREPARED BY STEVEN J. LESSMAN OHIO

Property Address: 609 Maple Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229
Parcel ID No.: 107-0008-0091-00

SITUATED IN THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, AND STATE OF OHIO, TO WIT:

A LOT OF GROUND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MAPLE AVENUE AVONDALE, COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID MAPLE AVENUE, 400.80 FEET WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF MAPLE AVENUE AND READING ROAD, AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A LOT SAID TO CLARENCE SCHAFFER, THENCE SOUTHWARDLY ON SAID SCHAFFNER'S WEST LINE 137.05 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF C.M. HOLLOW TRACT, THENCE WESTWARDLY ON SAID SOUTH LINE 40 FEET; THENCE NORTHWARDLY 140 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE SOUTH LINE OF MAPLE AVENUE, THENCE EASTWARDLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF MAPLE AVENUE, 40 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and among the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), BLAIR LOFTS I, LTD., an Ohio limited partnership (the "Company"), and the PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, an Ohio port authority (the "Owner").

Recitals:

- A. [The City and the Company are parties to a *Funding Agreement* dated _____, 2021 (the "Funding Agreement"), pursuant to which the City agreed to provide the Company with financial support for the Project (as defined below).]
- B. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- C. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- D. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- E. Pursuant to the Commercial Policy Ordinance, a project that is constructed or remodeled to (1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council), or (2) receives a (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the "Energy Petal" of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (such qualifying remodeling or construction is referred to, collectively, as "LBC" remodeling or construction), may qualify for a longer term and/or greater abatement.
- F. The Owner is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 3401 Reading Road and 609 Maple Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- G. The Company has proposed the construction of a building located on the Property to LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, within the boundaries of the City of

Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"); provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.

- H. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax exemption the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.
- I. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- J. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- K. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- L. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- M. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- N. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- O. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, any related member of the Company, nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- P. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- Q. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- R. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the

Company, the Board of Education Agreement, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to construct a new building on the Property into approximately 71,057 square feet of residential space, consisting of 64 affordable residential rental units, all of which will be affordable to households earning at or below 60% of the area median income (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$10,022,542.00 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than January 1, 2023; *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in her discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The construction shall be in compliance with applicable building code and zoning regulations, as well as complying with LBC standards or LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council. The Company hereby represents that it has registered with the U.S. Green Building Council with intent to certify compliance with LEED Silver standards. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of 100% of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of 15 years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of construction, (B) the cost of construction, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption, (D) compliance with LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, and (E) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No

exemption shall commence after tax year 2023 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2037 or (ii) the end of the fifteenth (15th) year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this

Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 323-1-S, “SBEs”). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City’s annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City’s total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City’s goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

- (i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.
- (ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources. The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.
- (iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.
- (iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.
- (v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.
- (vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 3 full-time permanent jobs and (ii) 300 full-time temporary construction jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention period shall be concurrent with construction, and in the case of the other jobs described herein, the job creation period shall begin upon completion of construction and shall end three (3) years thereafter.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$120,000 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs and (ii) \$5,000,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement [(including, without limitation, its obligation to comply with the **Funding Agreement**)], or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected,

collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may

be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

Blair Lofts I, LTD.
c/o Fairfield Homes, Inc.
603 West Wheeling Street
PO Box 190
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
Attention: Jennifer Walters, President

With a copy to:

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
191 West Nationwide Blvd., Suite 300

Columbus, Ohio 43215
Attention: Jodi S. Diewald, Esq.

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its

obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide

additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

BLAIR LOFTS I, LTD,
an Ohio limited partnership

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

By: Gorsuch FHI Blair Lofts I, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company,
its managing general partner

Date: _____, 2021

By: Gorsuch FHI Holdings, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company,
its sole member

By: _____
Jennifer L. Walters, Member

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
an Ohio port authority

Assistant City Solicitor

By: _____

Certified Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Title: _____

Amount: _____

Date: _____, 2021

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Property Address: 3401 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229
Parcel ID No.: 107-0008-0181-00

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 9, TOWN 3, FRACTIONAL RANGE 2, MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP, CITY OF CINCINNATI, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A CROSS NOTCH AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BLAIR AVE (50' PUBLIC R/W) AND THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF READING RD (70' PUBLIC R/W):

THEN ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BLAIR AVE AN ASSUMED BEARING OF N85°56'35"W A DISTANCE OF 352.93 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN & CAP;

THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE OF KINGSLEY INVESTMENT GROUP LLC (O.R. 13673 PG. 01316), N03°56'25"E A DISTANCE OF 158.74 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN AND CAP;

THENCE ALONG THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE OF CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, (DB. 3307 PG. 203), S85°56'35"E A DISTANCE OF 21.38 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT WITH IRON PIN;

THENCE ALONG THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE OF CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, N04°07'00"E A DISTANCE OF 141.6 FEET TO A POINT BEING REFERENCED BY AN PIN 0.65' DUE NORTH AND THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MAPLE AVE;

THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MAPLE AVE S81°31'37"E A DISTANCE OF 10.01 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN AND CAP;

THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE OF HAMILTON COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION (O.R. 13779 PG. 00597) S04°06'17"W A DISTANCE OF 140.39 FEET, TO A SET IRON PIN AND CAP, AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HAMILTON COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION;

THENCE S85°56'35"E A DISTANCE OF 392.34 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN AND CAP AND THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF READING RD;

THENCE ALONG WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF READING RD S27°59'37"W A DISTANCE OF 173.68 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.447 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT HOWEVER TO ALL COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS CONTAINING IN ANY INSTRUMENT OF RECORD PERTAINING TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND. THIS DESCRIPTION WAS PREPARED BY STEVEN J. LESSMAN OHIO

Property Address: 609 Maple Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229
Parcel ID No.: 107-0008-0091-00

SITUATED IN THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, AND STATE OF OHIO, TO WIT:

A LOT OF GROUND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MAPLE AVENUE AVONDALE, COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID MAPLE AVENUE, 400.80 FEET WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF MAPLE AVENUE AND READING ROAD, AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A LOT SAID TO CLARENCE SCHAFFER, THENCE SOUTHWARDLY ON SAID SCHAFFNER'S WEST LINE 137.05 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF C.M. HOLLOW TRACT, THENCE WESTWARDLY ON SAID SOUTH LINE 40 FEET; THENCE NORTHWARDLY 140 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE SOUTH LINE OF MAPLE AVENUE, THENCE EASTWARDLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF MAPLE AVENUE, 40 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

June 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202102101

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Modifying 506-4 e-Scooter Regulations

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING the provisions of Title V, “Traffic Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 501-1-E3, “e-Scooter,” of Chapter 501, “Definitions,” Section 506-4, “Operation of Bicycle, Motorized Bicycles, e-Scooters, and Motorcycles,” of Chapter 506, “Operation and Right of Way,” and Section 505-13, “Protective Equipment,” of Chapter 505, “Loads and Passengers,” and by **ORDAINING** new Section 501-1-L2, “Low Speed Micromobility Device,” of Chapter 501, “Definitions,” for the purpose of modifying regulations governing the operation of e-scooters on City sidewalks, rights-of-way, and streets.

The reason for the emergency is to update the Cincinnati Municipal Code to ensure the safe operation of low speed micromobility devices and e-scooters that are presently operating within the City.

Date: May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *AWG*
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Modifying 506-4 e-Scooter Regulations**

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

MODIFYING the provisions of Title V, “Traffic Code,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 501-1-E3, “e-Scooter,” of Chapter 501, “Definitions,” Section 506-4, “Operation of Bicycle, Motorized Bicycles, e-Scooters, and Motorcycles,” of Chapter 506, “Operation and Right of Way,” and Section 505-13, “Protective Equipment,” of Chapter 505, “Loads and Passengers,” and by **ORDAINING** new Section 501-1-L2, “Low Speed Micromobility Device,” of Chapter 501, “Definitions,” for the purpose of modifying regulations governing the operation of e-scooters on City sidewalks, rights-of-way, and streets.

AWG/JRS/(Ink)
Attachment
338471

EMERGENCY
City of Cincinnati

JRS

AWB

An Ordinance No. _____ - 2021

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WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Ohio passed House Bill 295, as codified in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4511, to permit the operation of low-speed micromobility devices or e-scooters ("e-scooters") on City streets and sidewalks, subject to regulations and prohibitions established by the City; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of e-scooters presents a safety issue for the City and the City Administration has received complaints about e-scooters being operated on the sidewalks, shared-use paths, and parks within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration recommends modifying the Cincinnati Municipal Code to ensure the safe operation of e-scooters in light of the passage of HB 295; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to clarify the legal prohibition against riding or operating e-scooters on the areas where pedestrian safety is needed, and further to educate the public about the corresponding safety risks to pedestrians and to the riders themselves; and

WHEREAS, Council desires that the City Administration hold e-scooter operators accountable for failing to adhere to the rules for their safe operation, including by issuing tickets and fines; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Section 501-1-E3, "e-Scooter," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 501-1-E3. - e-Scooter.

"e-Scooter" shall mean a low-speed micromobility device and shall additionally mean any motorized scooter consisting of a footboard mounted on two wheels, with a long steering handle, propelled by electric motor or another type of motor

such that the rider of an e-scooter is able to keep both feet on the vehicle's footboard while riding. An “e-scooter” is different from a non-motorized “scooter,” which term is defined in Section 501-1-S9 of this chapter.

Section 2. That existing Section 501-1-E3, “e-Scooter,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 3. That new Section 501-1-L2, “Low Speed Micromobility Device,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby ordained to read as follows

Sec. 501-1-L2. – Low Speed Micromobility Device

“Low-speed micromobility device” shall have the same meaning as that term has in Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.01(WWW).

Section 4. That Section 506-4, “Operation of Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, e-Scooters, and Motorcycles,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 506-4. - Operation of Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, e-Scooters, and Motorcycles.

- (a) Every person operating a bicycle, motorized bicycle, or e-scooter shall obey the rules of operation and right-of-way for all vehicles as provided by this chapter and elsewhere in Title V of the Cincinnati Municipal Code except when clearly exempted from any section thereof.
- (b) Every person operating a bicycle, motorized bicycle, or e-scooter upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- (c) Persons operating bicycles, motorized bicycles, or e-scooters shall ride in the same direction as all other vehicular traffic.
- (d) Persons operating bicycles, motorized bicycles, e-scooters, or motorcycles upon a roadway shall ride not more than two abreast in a single lane.
- (e) No person shall operate a bicycle, motorized bicycle, or e-scooter on a city sidewalk, except for bicycles in certain areas ridden by minors 15 years of age or younger as authorized under Section 506-5 of this chapter.

(f) No operator of an e-scooter device shall do any of the following:

- (1) Fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times;**

(2) Fail to give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian;

(3) Operate the device at night, unless the device or its operator is equipped with or wearing both of the following:

(a) A lamp pointing to the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet; and

(b) A red reflector facing the rear that is visible from all distances from one hundred feet to six hundred feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.

(4) Park an e-scooter on a sidewalk in a manner that impedes the flow of pedestrian travel, interferes with an intended function of the sidewalk, or blocks or obstructs any doorway, crosswalk, or other access routes.

(5) Operate an e-scooter while it is occupied by more than one person. E-scooters shall only be occupied by one person while in operation.

(g) No person who is under sixteen years of age shall rent an e-scooter.

(1) No person shall knowingly rent an e-scooter to a person who is under sixteen years of age.

(2) No person shall knowingly rent an e-scooter for use by a person who is under sixteen years of age.

(h) No person shall operate an e-scooter at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour.

(i) No person who is under the age of 16 shall operate an e-scooter capable of obtain a speed greater than 10 miles per hour.

(j) No person shall operate an e-scooter in the Streetcar Obstruction Zone, except when crossing over the Streetcar Obstruction Zone, which shall be done at a ninety-degree angle or otherwise perpendicular to the streetcar tracks.

(k) Violation of this section shall be punishable as a traffic violation misdemeanor as defined in Section 512-1 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Section 5. That the existing Section 506-4, "Operation of Bicycle, Motorized Bicycles, e-Scooters, and Motorcycles," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 6. That Section 505-13, "Protective Equipment," of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 505-13. - Protective Equipment.

(a) Motorized bicycles.

- (1) No person shall operate a motorized bicycle on a street or highway, or be a passenger on a motorized bicycle, unless wearing a protective helmet on the head, with the chin strap properly fastened, and using safety glasses or other protective eye device. Such helmet, safety glasses, or other protective eye device shall conform with regulations prescribed and promulgated by the Ohio director of highway safety for motorcycles under the provisions of Section 4511.53 of the Revised Code. ****2****
- (2) For purposes of this Section, “motorized bicycle” shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 501-1-M2.
- (3) For purposes of this Section “street or highway” shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 501-1-S3.

(b) Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, e-Scooters, Roller Skates and In-Line Skates.

- (1) No person 15 years of age and under shall operate a bicycle, e-scooter, skateboard, or scooter or ride as a passenger on such device, or wear roller skates or in-line skates, within the city of Cincinnati on any public or non-residential property, unless such person is wearing a protective helmet on his or her head, with the chin strap fastened under the chin. Such helmet shall be fitted to the size of the operator and shall meet or exceed the standards set by ANSI (American National Standards Institute), CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission), or SNELL (Snell Memorial Foundation). This ordinance shall not apply to any person riding a bicycle, e-scooter, skateboard or scooter as the operator or passenger or wearing roller skates or in-line skates on any property which is a single-family residence.
- (2) No person who is 15 years of age and under shall violate Section 505-13B.
- (3) The penalty for a violation of this ordinance shall be as follows:
 - a. First offense: written warning;
 - b. Second offense: written warning and the juvenile shall view a safety video within 45 days. Failure to view the video within 45 days shall result in a minor misdemeanor citation; and
 - c. Third and all subsequent offenses: minor misdemeanor.

If aggravating circumstances are present, such as a traffic accident or a near accident or there are accompanying criminal or traffic charges against the minor, the officer shall issue a citation rather than a warning.

(4) For purposes of this Section “bicycle” shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 501-1-B.

(5) For purposes of this Section, “e-scooter” shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 501-1-E3.

Section 7. That the existing Section 505-13, “Protective Equipment,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 8. That the City Manager and the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to carry out the provisions of this ordinance, including by updating applicable rules and regulations, to implement Sections 1 through 7 hereof.

Section 9. 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 update the Cincinnati Municipal Code to ensure the safe operation of low speed micromobility devices and e-scooters that are presently operating within the City.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Additions indicated by underline; Deletions indicated by strikethrough.

June 2, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102084

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE ACTION: 2022-2025 DCID SERVICES PLAN**

Attached is an Emergency Legislative Resolution captioned as follows:

APPROVING the petition for the 2022-2025 Services Plan that was submitted by property owners within the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District; **APPROVING** the 2022-2025 Services Plan adopted by Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District, Inc.; and **DECLARING** the necessity of assessing the real property within the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District in order to raise funds for the implementation of the 2022-2025 Services Plan, in accordance with Chapters 727 and 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BACKGROUND/CURRENT CONDITIONS

In 2018, the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District (DCID) was instituted to provide funds that are used to carry out a Services Plan, which has been carried out by Downtown Cincinnati Inc. (DCI) – a subsidiary of Cincinnati Center City Development Corp. (3CDC) since 2019. The Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District includes all property within the boundaries of Eggleston Avenue on the east, Central Parkway on the north, Central Avenue on the west (including the Centennial buildings), and the river on the south (excluding the two stadiums). The current services plan expires at the end of 2021.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This Services Plan will be implemented from 2022-2025. The total assessment will be \$3,200,000 per year in 2022 and 2023, and \$3,400,000 per year in 2024 and 2025 is comprised of contributions from both private and public property owners. Individual and commercial owners make up about 80% of the total assessments, while the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County contribute approximately 20%.

The Services Plan for 2022-2025 leverages resources, creates and sustains partnerships, and provides services fundamental to a vibrant, vital core of the city and the region. These services fall into four categories: Safe & Clean; Communication & Marketing; Stakeholder Services; and Events. This combination of services and activities helps maintain and enhance property owner's investment, improves the

quality of life for future and existing residents, and drives tourism to Cincinnati's urban core.

The 2022-2025 Service Plan was adopted by the Board of the SID, and submitted to the City (Mayor, City Manager, and Council) for review on 11/17/2020. The administration did not have any suggestions, revision, or comments. The Service Plan was then mailed to property owners in the DCID as a petition for approval on 1/26/2021. Petitions were collected over several months from February to May of 2021. Once approved by Council, the City will go through the special assessment process to levy the 2022-2025 Services Plan expenses on the properties in the DCID.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approval of this Emergency Ordinance. The emergency clause is needed so that there will be enough time to implement the SID by January 2022.

Attachment: A. Property location and photographs

Copy: Markiea L. Carter, Director, Department of Community & Economic Development *MLC*

Attachment A: Map



EMERGENCY

Legislative Resolution

JRS *AWB*

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2021

APPROVING the petition for the 2022-2025 Services Plan that was submitted by property owners within the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District; **APPROVING** the 2022-2025 Services Plan adopted by Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District, Inc.; and **DECLARING** the necessity of assessing the real property within the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District in order to raise funds for the implementation of the 2022-2025 Services Plan in accordance with Chapters 727 and 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREAS, on June 3, 1997, Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District, Inc. (“DCID”), duly formed and approved under Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”), began operations and elected a board of directors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC Section 1710.06, the DCID board of directors has adopted a 2022-2025 Services Plan (the “Services Plan”) for the special improvement district known as the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, as required by ORC Section 1710.06, the owners of over sixty percent of the front footage of real property in the District that will be assessed have approved the Services Plan and submitted a petition to City Council to approve the Services Plan (“Petition”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC Section 1710.06(B), the Council is required to either approve or reject the Petition within sixty days after receiving it; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that approving the Petition and the Services Plan will (i) improve safety and the perception of safety of the District; (ii) improve the aesthetics of the District through beautification efforts; (iii) enhance the appearance of streets, sidewalks, and public spaces; (iv) produce free events to increase vibrancy of the District, resulting in positive activity for businesses, residents, and visitors; (v) engage with key stakeholders and partners to maintain and promote the District as a vibrant hub of regional activity; and (vi) provide support for current and potential business to aid with overall retail development in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that a special assessment on real property within the District and not excluded from assessment by applicable law is necessary in order to raise funds for the implementation of the Services Plan; and

WHEREAS, to levy this assessment, ORC Section 1710.06 requires the City follow the procedures set forth in ORC Chapter 727; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, pursuant to ORC Section 727.12, the Council hereby resolves to declare the necessity of an assessment to pay for the costs of the Services Plan; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council hereby approves the petition for the 2022-2025 Services Plan (“Services Plan”) for the Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District (the “District”) adopted by Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District, Inc. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.06 (the “Petition”), which Petition was signed by the owners of over sixty percent of the front footage of real property in the District that will be assessed and which Petition has been submitted to the Clerk of Council and is available for public inspection.

Section 2. That Council hereby approves the Services Plan described in the Petition, a copy of which Services Plan has been submitted to the Clerk of Council and is available for public inspection.

Section 3. That it is hereby declared necessary and conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare to assess all property located in the District and not excluded from assessment by applicable law, an inventory of which property is on file with the Clerk of Council and is available for public inspection, to pay for the costs of implementing the Services Plan.

Section 4. That the District and the area to be assessed includes those parcels bounded by Eggleston Avenue on the east, Central Parkway on the north, Central Avenue on the west (including the Centennial Buildings to the west of Central Avenue), and the Ohio River on the south (excluding Great American Ballpark and Paul Brown Stadium).

Section 5. That the funds to be raised by the assessment shall be used to pay the costs associated with the implementation of the Services Plan, which estimated costs have been submitted to the Clerk of Council and are available for public inspection.

Section 6. That the assessments shall be calculated and apportioned by using a combination of (i) the percentage of an assessed property's front footage relative to the front footage of all assessed properties in the district (which for purposes of the assessment shall include all property that abuts upon a street, alley, public road, place boulevard, parkway, park entrance, easement, or public improvement), which shall consist of 25% of the assessment; and (ii) the percentage of an assessed property's tax value relative to the tax value of all assessed properties in the district, which shall consist of 75% of the assessment, which calculation is further set forth in the Services Plan.

Section 7. That the assessment may be levied and collected before the Services Plan, improvements, and any related expenses are commenced.

Section 8. That the costs for the Services Plan shall be funded solely by the funds raised by this assessment.

Section 9. That the City of Cincinnati does not intend to issue securities in anticipation of either the levy or collection of the assessment.

Section 10. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper steps to prepare an estimated assessment in cooperation with Downtown Cincinnati Improvement District, Inc. consistent with the method of assessment set forth herein showing the amount of the assessment against each lot or parcel of land to be assessed (the "Estimated Assessment") and to file the same with the Clerk of Council for inspection by the public.

Section 11. That, once levied, the assessments shall be certified to the Hamilton County Auditor to be placed on the tax bills and paid in eight semi-annual installments, at the same time and in the same manner as real property taxes, and shall commence with the taxes that are due and payable in January 2022.

Section 12. That notice of the passage of this resolution and the filing of the Estimated Assessment shall be given pursuant to Chapter 727.13 of the Ohio Revised Code by the Clerk of Council, or a person designated by the Clerk, upon the owners of the parcels of land to be assessed, in the same manner as service of summons in civil cases, by certified mail addressed to such owner at his or her last known address or to the address to which tax bills are sent, by publication, and in accordance with Article II, Section 6 of the City Charter.

Section 13. That this legislative resolution 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 the immediate need to begin the process for establishing the assessments necessary to timely implement the Services Plan.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

June 2, 2021

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202102076
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Streetcar VTICA Acceptance**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation in an amount up to \$505,000 from CincinnatiVTICA, LLC for the purpose of supporting the operations and maintenance of the Cincinnati streetcar; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into Streetcar Operations Fund revenue account no. 455x8645; and further **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of service payments received in lieu of taxes for streetcar operations in accordance with agreements with third-party developers from Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent II Fund 763 to Streetcar Operations Fund 455.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to accept a donation in an amount up to \$505,000 from CincinnatiVTICA, LLC for the purpose of supporting the operations and maintenance of the Cincinnati streetcar. The Finance Director will be authorized to deposit the donated funds into the Streetcar Operations Fund. Additionally, any service payments received by the City in lieu of taxes for streetcar operations are authorized to be transferred from Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent II Fund 763 to Streetcar Operations Fund 455.

To help fund streetcar operations, the City identified certain non-City funding sources to potentially boost the amount of total funding available to the City for the operations and maintenance of the Streetcar. On November 19, 2014, the City Council passed a motion supporting the creation of a tax incentive contribution policy in certain neighborhoods that would incentivize applicants for real property tax abatements to enter into a Voluntary Tax Incentive Contribution Agreement (“VTICA”) to voluntarily contribute a portion of their abated tax savings to the Streetcar. Previously the City and the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) cooperated with Downtown Cincinnati Inc. (operating for this purpose as CincinnatiVTICA, LLC) to facilitate the collection of VTICA payments by CincinnatiVTICA and the application of such payments to the streetcar with those payments going directly to SORTA. With the termination of SORTA’s role in management and operation of the streetcar, this Emergency Ordinance will allow the City to receive donated funds that will cover the VTICA payments collected from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the City to accept the described donation and apply it toward streetcar costs incurred by the City in anticipation of the donated funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati constructed a modern streetcar project in downtown Cincinnati (the “Streetcar”) which began passenger service in September 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified certain non-City funding sources potentially available to boost the amount of total funding available to the City for the operations and maintenance of the Streetcar; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2014, City Council passed a motion supporting the creation of a tax incentive contribution policy in certain neighborhoods that would incentivize applicants for real property tax abatements to enter into a Voluntary Tax Incentive Contribution Agreement (“VTICA”) to voluntarily contribute a portion of their abated tax savings to the Streetcar; and

WHEREAS, the City is not a party to certain VTICA commitments, and payments made thereunder are managed and collected by a third party; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (“SORTA”) have cooperated with Downtown Cincinnati Inc. (operating for this purpose as CincinnatiVTICA, LLC) (“CincinnatiVTICA”) to facilitate the collection of VTICA payments by CincinnatiVTICA and the application of such payments to the Streetcar; and

WHEREAS, the City and SORTA agreed to terminate SORTA’s role in management and operation of the Streetcar effective January 1, 2020, and the City now directly operates and manages the Streetcar; and

WHEREAS, CincinnatiVTICA therefore wishes to donate to the City the proceeds of the VTICA payments that have been collected from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021 to ensure that the funds will be used for operation and maintenance of the Streetcar; and

WHEREAS, VTICA payments received as service payments in lieu of taxes by the City for Streetcar operations need to be transferred in order to provide resources for the Streetcar and in accordance with agreements with third-party developers; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the donation of VTICA payments is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as the strategy to “Plan, design, and implement a safe and

sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept donations in an amount up to \$505,000 from Cincinnati, LLC and to use the funds for the purpose of operating and maintaining the City’s streetcar system.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to deposit the donation into Streetcar Operations Fund revenue account no. 455x8645.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to transfer, in accordance with agreements with third-party developers, service payments in lieu of taxes for streetcar operations deposited in Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent II Fund 763 to Streetcar Operations Fund 455 for the purpose of operating and maintaining the City's streetcar system.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Sections 1 through 3 hereof.

Section 5. 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 the immediate need for the City to accept the described donation and apply it toward streetcar costs incurred by the City in anticipation of the donated funds.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102013
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Smale Riverfront Park Foundation
and Fund 329 Design Services**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and deposit an amount up to \$500,000 into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation for the purpose of providing resources for the design required for completion of Smale Riverfront Park; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, “Smale Riverfront Design,” for the purpose of providing resources for the design required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment Fund 430 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, “Smale Riverfront Design,” for the purpose of providing resources for the Lot 23 and Lot 28 phase 2 design services required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to transfer and appropriate \$202,215 from the Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, “Smale Riverfront Design” for the purpose of providing resources for Lot 23 and Lot 28 phase 2 design services required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to accept and deposit an amount up to \$500,000 into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation for the purpose of providing resources for the design required for completion of Smale Riverfront Park. This Emergency Ordinance would also establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, “Smale Riverfront Design.” Further, this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the transfer and appropriation of up to \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment Fund 430 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, “Smale Riverfront Design,” for the purpose of providing resources for the design required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park. Additionally, this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to transfer and appropriate \$202,215 from the Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, “Smale Riverfront Design” for the purpose of providing resources for Lot 23 and Lot 28 phase 2 design services required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park.

No new FTEs are associated with the donation, and the donation does not require matching funds.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “build a robust public life” and strategy to “develop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces that encourage social interaction between different types of people,” as described on pages 147 – 152 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the funds by the time construction begins.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Parks Department requires up to \$702,215 to complete the planning and design of Smale Riverfront Park; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Parks Foundation has generously agreed to donate up to \$500,000 of the necessary funds to the Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the funds from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation will reimburse the City’s costs for improving Smale Riverfront Park; and

WHEREAS, this donation does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs associated with this donation; and

WHEREAS, \$202,215 is available in Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 and eligible for use to complete the planning and design of Smale Riverfront Park; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “build a robust public life” and strategy to “develop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces that encourage social interaction between different types of people,” as described on pages 147 – 152 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept a donation in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation and deposit the donation into Parks Private

Endowment and Donations Fund 430 for the purpose of providing resources for the Lot 23 and Lot 28 Phase 2 design services required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park.

Section 2. That new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, "Smale Riverfront Design," is hereby established for the purpose of providing resources for the Lot 23 and Lot 28 Phase 2 design services required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park.

Section 3. That the City Manager is authorized to transfer and appropriate up to \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment Fund 430 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, "Smale Riverfront Design," for the purpose of providing resources for the design required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park.

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to transfer and appropriate \$202,215 from the Cincinnati Riverfront Park Fund 329 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, "Smale Riverfront Design," for the purpose of providing resources for the Lot 23 and Lot 28 phase 2 design services required for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 hereof.

Section 6. 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 the immediate need to accept the funds by the time construction begins.

Passed: _____, 2021

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

202102015

Subject: Ordinance – Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Round 35 Grants

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING three new capital improvement program project accounts: no. 980x233x212324, “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) grant resources for the second phase of improvements on Auburn Avenue, no. 980x233x212339, “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements on Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues, and no. 980x233x212346, “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements to River Road and Thornton Avenue; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$3,706,540 from OPWC Funding Round 35 to provide resources in an amount up to \$1,700,000 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212324, “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant,” in an amount up to \$1,680,000 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212339, “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant,” and in an amount up to \$326,540 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212346, “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purposes described herein; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

This Ordinance establishes three new capital project accounts: 1) no. 980x233x212324, “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) grant resources for the second phase of improvements on Auburn Avenue; 2) no. 980x233x212339, “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements on Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues; and 3) no. 980x233x212346, “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements to River Road and Thornton Avenue. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$3,706,540 from OPWC Funding Round 35 to provide resources in an amount up to \$1,700,000 for the “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant”; in an amount up to \$1,680,000 for the “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant”; and in an amount up to \$326,540 for the “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant”. Finally, this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

On September 25, 2020, Council approved Ordinance No. 0344-2020, which authorized the City Manager to apply for these grant resources awarded to the City by the OPWC.

The OPWC grant for the Auburn Avenue Improvements Phase 2 project will require local matching resources in an amount up to \$3,300,000, which will come from existing Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) grant resources available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x202396, “Auburn Avenue Improvement Grants Phase 2,” and existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212398, “Auburn Avenue Improvements.” The OPWC grant for the Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety project will require local matching resources in an amount up to \$720,000, which will come from various existing capital improvement program project accounts. The OPWC grant for the River Road & Thornton Avenue Safety project will require local matching resources in an amount up to \$923,460, which will come from existing OKI grant resources.

No new FTEs are associated with this grant.

The capital improvements enabled by this ordinance are in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” and the strategy to “use the City’s transportation network to help facilitate economic development opportunities,” as described on pages 139-143 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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ESTABLISHING three new capital improvement program project accounts: no. 980x233x212324, “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) grant resources for the second phase of improvements on Auburn Avenue, no. 980x233x212339, “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements on Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues, and no. 980x233x212346, “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements to River Road and Thornton Avenue; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$3,706,540 from OPWC Funding Round 35 to provide resources in an amount up to \$1,700,000 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212324, “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant,” in an amount up to \$1,680,000 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212339, “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant,” and in an amount up to \$326,540 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212346, “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purposes described herein; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

WHEREAS, Council approved Ordinance No. 0344-2020 on September 25, 2020, which authorized the City Manager to apply for grant resources awarded by the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”); and

WHEREAS, OPWC awarded grant resources to the Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOT”) for eligible costs for the second phase of improvements on Auburn Avenue, safety improvements on Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues, and safety improvements to River Road and Thornton Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the OPWC grant for the Auburn Avenue Improvements Phase 2 project will require local matching resources in an amount up to \$3,300,000, which will come from existing Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (“OKI”) grant resources available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x202396, “Auburn Avenue Improvement Grants Phase 2,” and existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212398, “Auburn Avenue Improvements”; and

WHEREAS, the OPWC grant for the Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety project will require local matching resources in an amount up to \$720,000, which will come from various existing capital improvement program project accounts; and

WHEREAS, the OPWC grant for the River Road & Thornton Avenue Safety project will require local matching resources in an amount up to \$923,460, which will come from existing OKI grant resources; and

grant resources; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTE requirements associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the capital improvement projects and safety improvements enabled by this ordinance are in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” and the strategy to “use the City’s transportation network to help facilitate economic development opportunities,” as described on pages 139-143 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council hereby authorizes the establishment of three new capital improvement program project accounts: no. 980x233x212324, “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) grant resources for the second phase of improvements on Auburn Avenue; no. 980x233x212339, “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements on Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues; and no. 980x233x212346, “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purpose of providing OPWC grant resources for safety improvements to River Road and Thornton Avenue.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount up to \$3,706,540 from OPWC Funding Round 35 to provide resources as follows: up to \$1,700,000 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212324, “Auburn Avenue Phase 2 OPWC Grant”; up to \$1,680,000 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212339, “Fairbanks and Delhi Avenues Safety OPWC Grant”; and up to \$326,540 for newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212346, “River Rd & Thornton Av Safety OPWC Grant,” for the purposes described herein.

Section 3. That the City Manager is authorized to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 3 hereof.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202102016

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **COMMUNITY REIVESTMENT AREA TAX EXEMPTION
AGREEMENT FOR 4145 APPLE STREET CINCINNATI, OHIO
45223**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Apple Street Senior LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 4145 Apple Street in the Northside neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new building comprised of approximately 49,475 square feet of residential space, consisting of 57 rental units, which construction shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$8,759,328.

BACKGROUND/CURRENT CONDITIONS

Apple Street Senior LLC will acquire and intends to construct a 57-unit senior apartment building at a former grocery store site located at 4145 Apple Street in Northside. The developer hopes for construction to commence in the late Spring of 2021. The vacant and blighted structure that currently exists on site will be demolished for the construction of the new building.

DEVELOPER INFORMATION

Pennrose, LLC and Northsiders Engaged in Sustainable Transformation (NEST) have joined forces forming Apple Street Senior LLC. Pennrose LLC has developed over 15,000 rental housing units, representing \$3.5 billion in total development costs. Pennrose LLC and NEST are co-developers of this project and will share ownership at a 75%/25% split, respectively. Both entities have significant development experience within the Cincinnati area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- The proposed development consists of 49,475 sq. ft. of residential space
- The new development consists of the new construction of a 3-story, 57-unit, building with 48 rear parking spaces
- Private Investment Committed-\$11.9 million
- Public Investment Committed-\$1 million
- Jobs created/retained and payroll- The project is anticipated to support the creation of 21 temporary construction jobs with a total payroll of \$2.6 million and 1.5 permanent jobs with an annual payroll of \$66,000

PROPOSED INCENTIVE

DCED is recommending a net 67%, 15-year CRA tax exemption. It has been determined that this project warrants a maximum CRA incentive without VTICA based on the following factors: project will create affordable units for extremely low-to low-income households (30% - 60% AMI); this incentive is consistent with previously awarded LITHC projects; and project meets the qualifications of an Undercapitalized Project, as described in Section 3 of Ordinance 339-2018. The project has separately been awarded up to \$1 million in HOME funds through the 2020 Notice of Funding Availability process.

SUMMARY	
Forgone Public Benefit if Project Does not Proceed	
CPS PILOT (Forgone New Revenue)	(\$539,455)
VTICA (Forgone New Revenue)	\$0
Income Tax (Forgone New Revenue)	(\$85,884)
Total Public Benefit Lost	(\$625,339)
Incentive Value	
Annual Net Incentive to Developer	\$73,017
Total Term Incentive to Developer	\$1,095,257
City's Portion of Property Taxes Forgone	\$210,978
Public Benefit	
CPS PILOT	
Annual CPS Pilot	\$35,964
Total Term CPS PILOT	\$539,455
VTICA	
Annual VTICA	\$0
Total Term VTICA	\$0
Income Tax (Max)	\$85,884
Total Public Benefit (CPS PILOT/VTICA /Income Tax)	\$625,339
Total Public Benefit ROI	\$0.57

City's ROI	\$2.96
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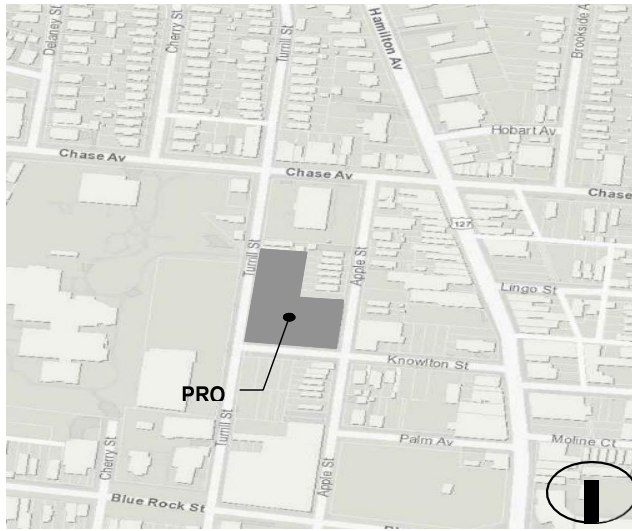
RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approval of this Emergency Ordinance to allow construction to commence at the earliest possible time.

Attachment: A. Property location and photographs

Copy: Markiea L. Carter, Director, Department of Community & Economic Development *MLC*

Attachment A: Location and Photographs



Property Location/Address: 4145 Apple Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

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APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)* with Apple Street Senior LLC, thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the value of improvements made to real property located at 4145 Apple Street in the Northside neighborhood of Cincinnati, in connection with the construction of a new building comprised of approximately 49,475 square feet of residential space, consisting of 57 rental units, which construction shall be completed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards or Living Building Challenge standards, at a total construction cost of approximately \$8,759,328.

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property, the Council of the City of Cincinnati by Ordinance No. 274-2017 passed on September 27, 2017, designated the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati as a “Community Reinvestment Area” pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the “Statute”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 275-2017 passed by this Council on September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018, passed by this Council on October 31, 2018 (the “Commercial Policy Ordinance”), sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area; and

WHEREAS, to encourage the development of real property in a more environmentally-friendly manner, the Commercial Policy Ordinance incentivizes: (i) construction and remodeling to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council); and (ii) construction and remodeling that obtains (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the “Energy Petal” of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (collectively, “LBC” standards), all pursuant to the Statute; and

WHEREAS, effective October 23, 2017, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute; and

WHEREAS, Apple Street Senior LLC (the “Company”) desires to construct a new building comprised of approximately 49,475 square feet of residential space, consisting of 57 rental units on real property at 4145 Apple Street located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, to LEED or LBC standards (the “Improvements”), provided that the appropriate

development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, to provide an appropriate development incentive for the Improvements, the City Manager has recommended a *Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge)*, in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, to authorize a real property tax exemption for the Improvements in accordance with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, the property is located within the Cincinnati City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the “Board of Education”), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020 (as may be amended, the “Board of Education Agreement”), has approved exemptions of up to 100% of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and the right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Education Agreement, the Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to 33% of the exempt real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements do not involve relocation of part or all of the Company’s operations from another county or municipal corporation in Ohio or, if there is relocation, notice has been given per ORC Section 3735.673; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council approves a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (LEED or Living Building Challenge) with Apple Street Senior LLC (the “Agreement”), thereby authorizing a 15-year tax exemption for 100% of the assessed value of improvements to be made to real property located at 4145 Apple Street in Cincinnati, as calculated by the Hamilton County Auditor, in connection with the construction of a new building comprised of approximately 49,475 square feet of residential space, consisting of 57 rental units, to be constructed in compliance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council) or Living Building Challenge standards (as described in the Agreement and as determined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council, as applicable) at a total construction cost of approximately \$8,759,328.

Section 2. That Council authorizes the City Manager:

- (i) to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form of Attachment A to this ordinance; and
- (ii) to forward on behalf of Council a copy of the Agreement, within fifteen (15) days after execution, to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(F); and
- (iii) to submit on behalf of Council annual reports on the Agreement to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency and to the Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672; and
- (iv) to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the City's obligations under 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 the immediate need to allow the construction described in this ordinance and the corresponding revitalization of the City of Cincinnati and the benefits to the City's economic welfare to begin at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Attachment A to Ordinance

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

SEE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), and APPLE STREET SENIOR LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (the "Company").

Recitals:

- A. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- B. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- C. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- D. Pursuant to the Commercial Policy Ordinance, a project that is constructed or remodeled to (1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council), or (2) receives a (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the "Energy Petal" of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (such qualifying remodeling or construction is referred to, collectively, as "LBC" remodeling or construction), may qualify for a longer term and/or greater abatement.
- E. The Company is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 4145 Apple Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- F. The Company has proposed the construction of a building located on the Property to LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"); provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.
- G. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax exemption

the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.

- H. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- I. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- J. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- K. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- L. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- M. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- N. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, any related member of the Company, nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- O. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- P. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- Q. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to construct a new building on the Property into approximately 49,475 square feet of residential space, consisting of 57 affordable rental units which will be rented to senior individuals earning at or below 60% of the Area Median Income (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$8,759,328 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than October 1, 2022; *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in her discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The construction shall be in compliance with applicable building code and zoning regulations, as well as complying with LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council. The Company hereby represents that it has registered with the U.S. Green Building Council with intent to certify compliance with LEED Silver standards. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "ADA"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of 100% of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of 15 years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of construction, (B) the cost of construction, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption, (D) compliance with LEED standards identified in Section 1, and (E) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall commence after tax year 2022 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2036 or (ii) the end of the fifteenth (15th) year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the

Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the

exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. **Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program.** The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") Section 323-1-S, "SBEs"). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City's annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City's total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City's goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City's Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

- (i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.
- (ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources. The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.
- (iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.
- (iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.
- (v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.
- (vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. **Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program.** Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. **Jobs to be Created by Company.** The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 1 full-time permanent jobs, and (ii) 21 full-time temporary construction jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

period shall be concurrent with construction, and in the case of the other jobs described herein, the job creation period shall begin upon completion of construction and shall end three (3) years thereafter.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$66,537 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs, and (ii) \$2,650,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to

the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis

for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

Apple Street Senior LLC
Attention: Amber Seely-Marks, Developer
230 Wyoming Avenue,
Kingston, PA 18704

With a copy to:

CREA Apple Street Senior, LLC
30 South Meridian Street, Suite 400
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

APPLE STREET SENIOR LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

By: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant City Solicitor

Certified Date: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Situated in Section 28, Town 3, Fractional Range 2, Between the Miamis, Millcreek Township, The City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being part of Jacob Hoffner's Sixth Subdivision in Cumminsville as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 65 and being part of the subdivision of lots F,O,P of the estate of Janet Thomson, deceased as recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 27, being all of Cincinnati Northside Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation as recorded in Official Record 13797, Page 1708 of the Hamilton County Recorder's Office containing 1.0498 acres and being further described as follows:

Begin at a set cross notch at the northeast intersection of the north right of way of Knowlton Street (50') and the east right of way of Turrill Street (40'), said cross notch being the True Point of Beginning;

thence, from the True Point of Beginning, thus found, departing the north right of way of said Knowlton Street and with the east right of way of said Turrill Street, North 05° 59' 11" East, 300.52 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin at the southwest corner of Stacey Reed as recorded in Official Record 7110, Page 1594;

thence, departing the east right of way of said Turrill Street and with said Stacey Reed, South 84° 00' 49" East, 100.00 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin on the west line of Molly C. McEvilley as recorded in Official Record 9959, Page 942;

thence, departing said Stacey Reed, South 06° 01' 04" West, passing a set 5/8" reference pin at 142.80 feet a total distance of 145.80 feet to the southwest corner of Jeanne A. Vennemeyer as recorded in Official Record 9634, Page 4354;

thence, with said Jeanne A. Vennemeyer, South 83° 58' 56" East, passing a found 5/8" bent iron pin (no cap) at 98.74 feet, a total distance of 100.00 feet to the west right of way of Apple Street (40'); thence, departing said Jeanne A. Vennemeyer and with the west right of way of said Apple Street, South 06° 01' 04" West, 157.00 feet to a set cross notch at the north right of way of said Knowlton Street;

thence, departing the west right of way of said Apple Street and with the north right of way of said Knowlton Street, North 83° 20' 31" West, 199.85 feet to the True Point of Beginning containing 1.0498 acres of land.

The above description was prepared from a consolidation plat made on September 30, 2020 under the direction of Jeffrey O. Lambert, Professional Surveyor #7568 in the State of Ohio.

Basis of Bearings: NAD83(2011) Ohio State Plane Coordinates, South Zone (3402).

All set iron pins are 5/8" x 30" iron pins in size with cap "BAYER BECKER".

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement
(LEED or Living Building Challenge)

This Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the CITY OF CINCINNATI, an Ohio municipal corporation (the "City"), and APPLE STREET SENIOR LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (the "Company").

Recitals:

- A. The City, through the adoption of Ordinance No. 274-2017 on September 27, 2017, designated the entire City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area to encourage the development of real property and the acquisition of personal property in that area, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Statute").
- B. In accordance with the Statute, the Ohio Director of Development has forwarded to the City the Director's determination dated October 23, 2017, stating that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 274-2017 are valid and that the entire City is a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute. By such determination, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio determined that the area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Cincinnati contains the characteristics set forth in the Statute and confirmed such area as a Community Reinvestment Area under the Statute.
- C. The Council of the City of Cincinnati has also passed Ordinance No. 275-2017 as of September 27, 2017, as amended by Ordinance No. 339-2018 passed on October 31, 2018 (the "Commercial Policy Ordinance"), which sets forth certain additional policies, conditions and limitations regarding newly constructed or remodeled commercial and residential structures in the Community Reinvestment Area.
- D. Pursuant to the Commercial Policy Ordinance, a project that is constructed or remodeled to (1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") Silver, Gold or Platinum standards (as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council), or (2) receives a (a) Living Building Challenge Net Zero certification, (b) Living Building Challenge Full certification, or (c) solely in circumstances where the construction or remodeling complies with the requirements of the "Energy Petal" of the Living Building Challenge, Living Building Challenge Petal certification, in each case as defined by the International Living Future Institute and the Cascadia Green Building Council (such qualifying remodeling or construction is referred to, collectively, as "LBC" remodeling or construction), may qualify for a longer term and/or greater abatement.
- E. The Company is the sole owner of certain real property within the City, located at 4145 Apple Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223 (the "Property"), as further described in Exhibit A (Legal Description of Property) hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Property shall not include any residential condominiums being developed in connection with the Project (as defined below) (the "Excluded Property"), and the Company acknowledges and agrees that the City's Community Reinvestment Area program entails separate applications by the owner of any residential condominium units included within the Project. For the avoidance of doubt, the Excluded Property shall not be exempt under this Agreement; however, this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any owners from time to time of any Excluded Property from separately applying for a tax abatement in accordance with applicable law.
- F. The Company has proposed the construction of a building located on the Property to LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, as more fully described in Section 1 herein (the "Project"); provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of the Project.
- G. The Statute provides that if any part of a project is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes, including projects containing four or more dwelling units, in order to be eligible for tax exemption

the City and the Company must enter into an agreement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 prior to commencement of construction or remodeling.

- H. The City, having appropriate authority under the Statute for this type of project, agrees (as provided herein and subject to all conditions herein) to provide the Company with the tax exemption incentives stated herein, available under the Statute, for development of the Project.
- I. The Company has submitted to the City an application for this tax exemption agreement (the "Application"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, has remitted with the Application (i) the City application fee of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) made payable to the City and (ii) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.672(C), the state application fee of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA"), to be forwarded to the ODSA with an executed copy of this Agreement.
- J. The Director of the City's Department of Community and Economic Development has recommended approval of the Application on the basis that the Company is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities and improve the economic climate of the City.
- K. The Board of Education of the Cincinnati City School District (the "Board of Education"), pursuant to that certain *Tax Incentive Agreement* effective as of April 28, 2020, has approved exemptions of up to one hundred percent (100%) of Community Reinvestment Area projects, waived advance notice and right to review such projects, and waived sharing or allocation of municipal income taxes in connection with such projects.
- L. The Company has entered into (or will enter into) an agreement with the Board of Education requiring the Company to pay the Board of Education amounts equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the full amount of exempt real property taxes that would have been paid to Hamilton County if this Agreement were not in effect (the "Board of Education Agreement").
- M. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company and its major tenants, if any, do not intend to relocate part or all of their operations to the City from another county or municipal corporation in the State of Ohio (the "State").
- N. The Company represents that within the past five (5) years neither the Company, any related member of the Company, nor any entity to which the Company is a successor has discontinued operations at a project site in the State during the term of a property tax exemption agreement (under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632) applicable to that site, and the Company acknowledges that misrepresentation hereunder will result in voiding of this Agreement.
- O. The Company represents and warrants to the City that the Company is not subject to an Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Cincinnati for the Property or the Project.
- P. This Agreement has been authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2021, passed by Cincinnati City Council on _____, 2021.
- Q. In determining to recommend and authorize this Agreement, the Department of Community and Economic Development and City Council, respectively, have acted in material reliance on the Company's representations in the Application and herein regarding the Project including, but not limited to, representations relating to the number of jobs to be created and/or retained by the Company, the Board of Education Agreement, and the Project's effect in promoting the general welfare of the people of Cincinnati by, for example, encouraging the development of real property located in the Community Reinvestment Area and thereby promoting economic growth and vitality in Cincinnati.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67(A) and in conformity with the format required under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Project. Upon issuance of the necessary zoning and building approvals, the Company agrees to construct a new building on the Property into approximately 49,475 square feet of residential space, consisting of 57 affordable rental units which will be rented to senior individuals earning at or below 60% of the Area Median Income (the "Improvements") at an estimated aggregate cost of \$8,759,328 to commence after the execution of this Agreement and to be completed no later than October 1, 2022; *provided*, however, that the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (the "Housing Officer") may, in her discretion, extend such deadline for a period of up to 12 months by written notice if, in the Director's judgment, the Company is proceeding in good faith towards completion. The construction shall be in compliance with applicable building code and zoning regulations, as well as complying with LEED Silver standards, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council. The Company hereby represents that it has registered with the U.S. Green Building Council with intent to certify compliance with LEED Silver standards. In addition to the foregoing, (A) the Project shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with any and all regulations or other binding directives promulgated pursuant thereto (collectively, the "**ADA**"), and (B) if (i) any building(s) within the Project is subject to the accessibility requirements of the ADA (e.g., by constituting a "place of public accommodation" or another category of structure to which the ADA is applicable) and (ii) such building(s) is not already required to meet the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements (as defined below) pursuant to the ADA, applicable building code requirements, or by any other legal requirement, then the Company shall cause such building(s) to comply with the Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements in addition to any requirements pursuant to the ADA and the applicable building code or legal requirement. As used herein, "**Contractual Minimum Accessibility Requirements**" means that a building shall, at a minimum, include (1) at least one point of entry (as used in the ADA), accessible from a public right of way, with respect to which all architectural barriers (as used in the ADA) to entry have been eliminated, and (2) if such accessible point of entry is not a building's primary point of entry, conspicuous signage directing persons to such accessible point of entry.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Exemption. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the City approves exemption from real property taxation, pursuant to and to the fullest extent authorized by the Statute, of 100% of the amount by which the Improvements increase the assessed value of the Property as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor, for a period of 15 years, provided that the Company shall have entered into the Board of Education Agreement. Within 120 days after completion of the Project (unless otherwise extended in writing by the City's Housing Officer), the Company must file the appropriate application for tax exemption with the City's Housing Officer. The Company is solely responsible to take this action. Upon receipt of the application for tax exemption, the City will proceed with the exemption authorized by this Agreement. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67, the exemption is conditioned on verification by the Housing Officer of (A) the completion of construction, (B) the cost of construction, (C) the facts asserted in the application for exemption, (D) compliance with LEED standards identified in Section 1, and (E) if a remodeled structure is a structure of historical or architectural significance as designated by the City, state or federal government, that the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified in writing by the appropriate agency. If the required verification is made, the Housing Officer will forward the exemption application to the Hamilton County Auditor with the necessary certification by the Housing Officer. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the exemption commences the first tax year for which the Improvements would first be taxable were the Improvements not exempted from taxation. The dates provided in this paragraph refer to tax years in which the subject property is assessed, as opposed to years in which taxes are billed. No exemption shall commence after tax year 2022 nor extend beyond the earlier of (i) tax year 2036 or (ii) the end of the fifteenth (15th) year of exemption.

Section 3. Use; Maintenance; Inspections. The Company shall use the Property solely for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof and shall properly maintain and repair the Property throughout the period of tax exemption authorized herein. The Company authorizes the Housing Officer, or the

Housing Officer's designees, to enter upon the Property as reasonably required to perform property inspections in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68.

Section 4. Compliance with Board of Education Agreement. As a condition of the tax exemption authorized under this Agreement, the Company agrees to enter into and comply with its obligation under the Board of Education Agreement.

Section 5. Duty of Company to Pay Taxes. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(2), the Company shall pay such real property taxes as are not exempted under this Agreement and are charged against the Property and shall file all tax reports and returns as required by law. If the Company fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement are rescinded beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and continuing thereafter.

Section 6. Company Certifications Regarding Non-Delinquency of Tax Obligations. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(3), the Company certifies that at the time this Agreement is executed, the Company does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State, and does not owe delinquent taxes for which the Company is liable under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747 or 5753, or if such delinquent taxes are owed, the Company currently is paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under 101, et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the Company. For the purposes of this certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the Ohio Revised Code governing payment of those taxes.

Section 7. Covenant of Satisfaction of Tax and Other Obligations. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66, (A) the Company affirmatively covenants that it does not owe: (i) any delinquent taxes to the State or to a political subdivision of the State; (ii) any moneys to the State or a State agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; or (iii) any other moneys to the State, a State agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, regardless of whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not; (B) the Company authorizes the City and/or the State to inspect the personal financial statements of the Company, including tax records and other similar information not ordinarily open to public inspection; and (C) the Company authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Taxation to release information to the City and or other State departments in connection with the above statements. As provided by statute, a knowingly false statement under this section may be prosecuted as a first degree misdemeanor under Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13, may render the Company ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State or any political subdivision of the State, and will result in the City requiring the Company's repayment of any assistance provided by the City in connection with the Project.

Section 8. City Cooperation. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(4), upon specific request from the Company, the City shall perform such acts as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to effect, claim, reserve and maintain exemptions from taxation granted under this Agreement including, without limitation, joining in the execution of all documentation and providing any necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.

Section 9. Continuation of Exemptions. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(5), if for any reason the City revokes the designation of the City of Cincinnati as a Community Reinvestment Area, entitlements granted under this Agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this Agreement, unless the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and the City terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation authorized pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 10. City Not Liable. The Company acknowledges that the exemption authorized in this Agreement is subject to approval and implementation by the appropriate state and/or county taxing authorities. The Company acknowledges that the City does not give any guarantee or assurance that the

exemption approved in this Agreement will be so approved, and the Company agrees that in no event shall the Company seek to hold the City liable in any way in the event such exemption is not granted or implemented.

Section 11. Small Business Enterprise Program.¹

A. Compliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. The policy of the City is that a fair share of contracts be awarded to Small Business Enterprises (as such term is defined in Cincinnati Municipal Code (“CMC”) Section 323-1-S, “SBEs”). Pursuant to CMC Section 323-11, the City’s annual goal for SBE participation shall be thirty percent (30%) of the City’s total dollars spent for construction (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-C4), supplies (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S5), services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-S) and professional services (as such term is defined in CMC Section 323-1-P2). Accordingly, the Company shall use its best efforts and take affirmative steps to achieve the City’s goal of voluntarily meeting thirty percent (30%) SBE participation. A list of SBEs may be obtained from the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion. The Company may refer interested firms to the City’s Department of Economic Inclusion for review and possible certification as an SBE. The Company shall comply with the provisions of CMC Chapter 323, including without limitation taking at least the following affirmative steps:

(i) Including qualified SBEs on solicitation lists.

(ii) Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources. The Company must advertise, on at least two separate occasions, both in local minority publications and in other local newspapers of general circulation, invitations to SBEs to provide services, to supply materials, or to bid on construction contracts, as applicable.

(iii) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into small tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum SBE participation.

(iv) If any subcontracts are to be let, the Company shall require the prime contractor (if different from the Company) to take the above affirmative steps.

(v) Prior to the commencement of work under any subcontracts, the Company shall provide to the City a list of such subcontractors, including information as to the dollar amount of the subcontracts and such other information as may be requested by the City. The Company shall update the report monthly.

(vi) The Company shall periodically document its best efforts and affirmative steps to meet the above SBE participation goals by submitting such information as may be requested from time to time by the City.

B. Remedies for Noncompliance with Small Business Enterprise Program. Failure of the Company or its contractors and subcontractors to take the affirmative steps specified above, to provide fair and equal opportunity to SBEs, or to provide technical assistance to SBEs as may be necessary to reach SBE participation as set out in CMC Chapter 323 may be construed by the City as failure of the Company to use its best efforts, and, in addition to other remedies under this Agreement, may be a cause for the City to file suit in Common Pleas Court to enforce specific performance of the terms of this Section. The provisions of CMC Section 323-99 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

Section 12. Jobs. The Company represents that, as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the Company has no existing employment at the Property or in the State.

Section 13. Job Creation and Retention.

A. Jobs to be Created by Company. The Company agrees to use its best efforts to create (i) 1 full-time permanent jobs, and (ii) 21 full-time temporary construction jobs at the Property in connection with the Project. In the case of the construction jobs, the job creation and retention

¹ Note: this section will be revised prior to execution due to programmatic changes being implemented by the Department of Community and Economic Development as a result of recent legislation passed by City Council.

period shall be concurrent with construction, and in the case of the other jobs described herein, the job creation period shall begin upon completion of construction and shall end three (3) years thereafter.

B. Company's Estimated Payroll Increase. The Company's increase in the number of employees will result in approximately (i) \$66,537 of additional annual payroll with respect to the full-time permanent jobs, and (ii) \$2,650,000 of additional annual payroll prior to the completion of the Project with respect to the full-time temporary construction jobs.

C. Community Reinvestment Area Employment. The Company shall (i) adopt hiring practices to ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the new employees shall be residents of the City of Cincinnati and (ii) give preference to residents of the City relative to residents of the State who do not reside in the City when hiring new employees under this Agreement.

D. Posting Available Employment Opportunities. To the extent allowable by law, the Company shall use its best efforts to post available employment opportunities within the Company's organization or the organization of any subcontractor working with the Company with the Ohio Means Jobs Center, 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214-2305, through its Employer Services Unit Manager at 513-746-7200.

Section 14. Equal Employment Opportunity. This Agreement is subject to the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Program contained in CMC Chapter 325. The Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in CMC Section 325-9 is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. The term "Company" is substituted for "Contractor" throughout CMC Section 325-9 in the context of this Agreement.

Section 15. Compliance with Immigration and Nationality Act. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Company agrees to comply with the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2). Any noncompliance with such provisions shall be solely determined by either the federal agencies authorized to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act or the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Executive Order 12989 of the U.S. President dated February 13, 1996, and as amended by Executive Order 13465 of the U.S. President dated June 6, 2008.

Section 16. Default. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(6), if the Company materially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the City determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this Agreement (Section 6 hereof) or the covenant of satisfaction of tax and other obligations (Section 7 hereof) is fraudulent, the City may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement and may require the repayment by the Company of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the Improvements not been exempted from taxation pursuant to this Agreement. A modification of exemption may be in the form of reduction in the number of years that eligible property is exempt and/or a reduction in the exemption percentage. The City shall provide written notice to the Company prior to finding the Company in default under this section. The notice shall provide the Company with not less than thirty (30) days to cure the default prior to City termination or modification of the exemptions under this Agreement. The City may extend the cure period as reasonably necessary under the circumstances. In the event of such termination or modification, the City is authorized to so notify the appropriate taxing authorities in order to effect the termination or modification. If repayment of previously exempt taxes is required by the City under this Section, such amount shall be paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand. The City may secure repayment of such taxes by a lien on the Property in the amount required to be repaid. Such a lien shall attach, and may be perfected, collected, and enforced, in the same manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and shall otherwise have the same force and effect as a mortgage lien on real property. Amounts due and not paid when due under this Section 16 shall bear interest at the rate specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 1343.03(A) (as in effect on the date of the City's payment demand).

Section 17. Annual Review and Report. As required by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671(C)(7) and 5709.85, the Company shall provide to the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (or to

the City Manager if so requested by the City) any information reasonably required by the Council or the City Manager to evaluate the Company's compliance with this Agreement, including returns filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5711.02 if requested by the Council or City Manager. The performance of the Company's obligations stated in this Agreement shall be subject to annual review by the City's Tax Incentive Review Council (the "Annual Review and Report"). The Company shall submit information for the Annual Review and Report to the City no later than March 1 of each year.

Section 18. Revocation.

A. Generally. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.68, the housing officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the community reinvestment area upon which are located structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted under Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.67. If the housing officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the Company, the housing officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. If the Company has materially failed to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, or if the owner is determined to have violated division (E) of that section (see Section 18(B) of this Agreement), City Council, subject to the terms of the agreement, may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The housing officer or City Council shall notify the county auditor and the Company that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the housing officer or legislative authority revokes a tax exemption, the housing officer shall send a report of the revocation to the community reinvestment area housing council and to the tax incentive review council established pursuant to section 3735.69 or 5709.85 of the Revised Code, containing a statement of the findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property, failure to fulfill obligations under the written agreement, or violation of division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671, and the reason for revoking the exemption.

B. Prior Statutory Violations. The Company represents and warrants to the City that it is not prohibited by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E) from entering into this Agreement. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(9), exemptions from taxation granted or authorized under this Agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the Company, any successor to the Company or any related member (as those terms are defined in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671) has violated the prohibition against entering into this Agreement under division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671 or under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.62 or 5709.63 prior to the time prescribed by that division or either of those sections.

Section 19. False Statements; Penalties; Material Representations.

A. Generally. As required in connection with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C), the Company affirmatively covenants that it has made no false statements to the State or the City in the process of obtaining approval for this Agreement. If any representative of the Company has knowingly made a false statement to the State or the City to obtain approval for this Agreement, or if the Company fails to provide any information expressly required under the Application, the Company shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this Agreement (by payment of the amount of taxes exempted hereunder, paid as directed by the City within thirty (30) days of written demand) and the Company shall be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, any State agency or any political subdivision of the State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66(C)(1). Amounts due and not paid under this Section 19 shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year. Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 9.66) may be guilty of falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.13(F)(1), which is punishable by fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

B. Material Representations. The Parties acknowledge and agree that a material failure by the Company to comply with its representations concerning the Board of Education Agreement shall constitute an event of default for purposes of Section 16 (Default) and the basis

for revocation under Section 18 (Revocation). Nothing in this Section 19.B shall operate to limit the City's enforcement authority under this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 16, Section 18, and Section 19.A.

Section 20. Conflict of Interest. The Company covenants that, to the Company's knowledge, no employee of the City has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in any matters pertaining to the Project, and the Company agrees to take appropriate steps to prevent any employee of the City from obtaining any such interest throughout the term of this Agreement.

Section 21. Annual Fee. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(D), the Company shall pay an annual fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or one percent (1%) of the annual taxes exempted under this Agreement, whichever is greater, but not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per annum. This fee is due with submission of the information for Annual Review and Report by March 1 of each year.

Section 22. Discontinued Operations. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E), if, prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the Company discontinues operations at the Project so that the Property is no longer being used for the purposes described in Section 1 hereof, then the Company, its successors, and any related member shall not enter into an agreement under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.671, 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632, and no legislative authority shall enter into such an agreement with the Company, its successors or any related member prior to the expiration of five (5) years after the discontinuation of operations. As used in this Section 22, "successors" and "related member" shall have the meanings set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(E).

Section 23. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, each party shall address written notices, demands and communications in connection with this Agreement to the other party as follows (or to such other address as is communicated in accordance with this Section):

To the City:

City of Cincinnati
Attention: Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development
Centennial Plaza Two, Suite 700
805 Central Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

To the Company:

Apple Street Senior LLC
Attention: Amber Seely-Marks, Developer
230 Wyoming Avenue,
Kingston, PA 18704

With a copy to:

CREA Apple Street Senior, LLC
30 South Meridian Street, Suite 400
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

If the Company sends a notice to the City alleging that the City is in default under this Agreement, the Company shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Section 24. Acknowledgment of City Participation. The Company agrees to acknowledge the support of the City on construction signs, project and exhibition signage, and any publicity such as that appearing on the internet, television, cable television, radio, or in the press or any other printed media. In identifying the City as a Project partner, the Company shall use either the phrase "Project Assistance by the City of Cincinnati" or a City of Cincinnati logotype or other form of acknowledgement that has been approved in advance in writing by the City.

Section 25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the City and the Company with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding any prior or contemporaneous agreement with respect thereto.

Section 26. Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State. The City and the Company agree that the law of the State of Ohio shall govern the rights, obligations, duties and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement.

Section 27. Waiver. The City's waiver of any breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver by the City of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure or delay by the City to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

Section 28. Severability. This Agreement shall be severable; if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

Section 29. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

Section 30. Non-Assignment. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(8), this Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Company without the express written approval of the City Manager of the City. If the Company has entered into a Board of Education Agreement in connection with the Property, the City shall not approve the assignment of this Agreement unless the assignee has assumed the Company's remaining obligations under the Board of Education Agreement. Failure to assign or otherwise perform the Company's obligations under the Board of Education Agreement upon transfer of the Property during the term of the tax abatement authorized by this Agreement shall be basis for revocation of the tax exemption under Section 18.

Section 31. Recording. At its election, the City may record this Agreement at the City's expense in the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

Section 32. Legislative Action Required. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.671(C)(10), the Company and the City acknowledge that this Agreement must be approved by formal action of the City Council of the City as a condition for this Agreement to take effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement shall take effect after the later of the date of such approval or the final date of execution of this Agreement by all parties.

Section 33. Additional Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants that (a) it is duly organized and existing and it has full power and authority to take, and has taken, all action necessary to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other documents required or permitted to be executed or delivered by it in connection with this Agreement, and to fulfill its obligations hereunder; (b) no notices to, or consents, authorizations or approvals of, any person are required (other than any already given or obtained) for its due execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement; and (c) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company.

Section 34. Certification as to Non-Debarment. The Company represents that neither it nor any of its principals is presently debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. In completing the Project, the Company shall not solicit bids from any contractors or subcontractors who are identified as being debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency. If the Company or any of its principals becomes debarred by any federal, state, or local government agency during the term of this Agreement, the company shall be considered in default under this Agreement.

Section 35. Appeals. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.70, a person aggrieved under the Statute or this Agreement may appeal to the community reinvestment area housing council, which shall have the authority to overrule any decision of a housing officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the council to the court of common pleas of the county where the area is located.

Section 36. Wage Enforcement.

(i) Applicability. Council passed Ordinance No. 22-2016 on February 3, 2016, which ordained Chapter 326 (Wage Enforcement) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (the "Wage Enforcement Chapter"). The Wage Enforcement Chapter was then amended by Ordinance No. 96-2017, passed May 17, 2017. As amended, the Wage Enforcement Chapter imposes certain requirements upon persons entering into agreements with the City whereby the City provides an incentive or benefit that is projected to exceed \$25,000, as described more particularly in the Wage Enforcement Chapter. Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 326-5 requires that the language below be included in contracts subject to the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(ii) Required Contractual Language. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this clause (ii) have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Wage Enforcement Chapter.

(a) This contract is or may be subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of the Cincinnati Municipal Code. These provisions require that any Person who has an Agreement with the city or with a Contractor or Subcontractor of that Person shall report all Complaints or Adverse Determinations of Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud (as each of those terms is defined in Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code) against the Contractor or Subcontractors to the Department of Economic Inclusion within 30 days of notification of the Complaint or Adverse Determination.

(b) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to include provisions in solicitations and contracts regarding a Development Site that all employers, Contractors or Subcontractors performing or proposing to perform work on a Development Site provide an initial sworn and notarized "Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee and, within 30 days of an Adverse Determination or Complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud, shall provide an "Amended Affidavit Regarding Wage Theft and Payroll Fraud" on a form prescribed by the city manager or his or her designee.

(c) If this contract is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this contract is required to authorize, and does hereby specifically authorize, any local, state or federal agency, court, administrative body or other entity investigating a complaint of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud against the Person (collectively "investigative bodies") to release to the City's Department of Economic Inclusion any and all evidence, findings, complaints and determinations associated with the allegations of Wage Theft or Payroll Fraud upon the City's request and further authorizes such investigative bodies to keep the City advised regarding the status of the investigation and ultimate determination. If the investigative bodies require the Person to provide additional authorization on a prescribed form or in another manner, the Person shall be required to provide such additional authorization within 14 days of a request by the City.

(d) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall include in its contracts with all Contractors language that requires the Contractors to provide the authorizations set forth in subsection (c) above and that further requires each Contractor to include in its contracts with Subcontractors those same obligations for each Subcontractor and each lower tier subcontractor.

(e) If this Agreement is subject to the Wage Enforcement provisions of Chapter 326 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, the Person entering into this Agreement shall post a conspicuous notice on the Development Site throughout the entire period work is being performed pursuant to the Agreement indicating that the work being performed is subject to Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 326, Wage Enforcement, as administered by the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion. Such notice shall include contact information for the Department of Economic Inclusion as provided by the department.

(f) Under the Wage Enforcement provisions, the City shall have the authority, under appropriate circumstances, to terminate this contract or to reduce the incentives or subsidies to be provided under this contract and to seek other remedies, including debarment.

Section 37. Legal Requirements. In completing and operating the Project, the Company shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, and rules of the government of the United States, State of Ohio, County of Hamilton, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 38. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signature page follows.

Executed by the parties on the dates indicated below, effective as of the later of such dates (the "Effective Date").

CITY OF CINCINNATI,
an Ohio municipal corporation

APPLE STREET SENIOR LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company

By: _____
Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Date: _____, 2021

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2021

Authorized by resolution dated _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant City Solicitor

Certified Date: _____

Fund/Code: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Karen Alder, City Finance Director

Exhibit A to CRA Agreement

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Situated in Section 28, Town 3, Fractional Range 2, Between the Miamis, Millcreek Township, The City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and being part of Jacob Hoffner's Sixth Subdivision in Cumminsville as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 65 and being part of the subdivision of lots F,O,P of the estate of Janet Thomson, deceased as recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 27, being all of Cincinnati Northside Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation as recorded in Official Record 13797, Page 1708 of the Hamilton County Recorder's Office containing 1.0498 acres and being further described as follows:

Begin at a set cross notch at the northeast intersection of the north right of way of Knowlton Street (50') and the east right of way of Turrill Street (40'), said cross notch being the True Point of Beginning;

thence, from the True Point of Beginning, thus found, departing the north right of way of said Knowlton Street and with the east right of way of said Turrill Street, North 05° 59' 11" East, 300.52 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin at the southwest corner of Stacey Reed as recorded in Official Record 7110, Page 1594;

thence, departing the east right of way of said Turrill Street and with said Stacey Reed, South 84° 00' 49" East, 100.00 feet to a set 5/8" iron pin on the west line of Molly C. McEvelley as recorded in Official Record 9959, Page 942;

thence, departing said Stacey Reed, South 06° 01' 04" West, passing a set 5/8" reference pin at 142.80 feet a total distance of 145.80 feet to the southwest corner of Jeanne A. Vennemeyer as recorded in Official Record 9634, Page 4354;

thence, with said Jeanne A. Vennemeyer, South 83° 58' 56" East, passing a found 5/8" bent iron pin (no cap) at 98.74 feet, a total distance of 100.00 feet to the west right of way of Apple Street (40'); thence, departing said Jeanne A. Vennemeyer and with the west right of way of said Apple Street, South 06° 01' 04" West, 157.00 feet to a set cross notch at the north right of way of said Knowlton Street;

thence, departing the west right of way of said Apple Street and with the north right of way of said Knowlton Street, North 83° 20' 31" West, 199.85 feet to the True Point of Beginning containing 1.0498 acres of land.

The above description was prepared from a consolidation plat made on September 30, 2020 under the direction of Jeffrey O. Lambert, Professional Surveyor #7568 in the State of Ohio.

Basis of Bearings: NAD83(2011) Ohio State Plane Coordinates, South Zone (3402).

All set iron pins are 5/8" x 30" iron pins in size with cap "BAYER BECKER".

Exhibit B to CRA Agreement
APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION

TO BE ATTACHED

May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

202102017

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – STBG and TA Grants Application

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for grants from the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality programs, in an amount of up to \$6,000,000, and to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments in an amount of up to \$750,000, all for the timely completion of several transportation projects managed by the City's Department of Transportation & Engineering.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for grants from the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programs, in an amount of up to \$6,000,000, and for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments in an amount of up to \$750,000, for the timely completion of several transportation projects managed by the City's Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE).

DOTE is considering several projects for the STBG and CMAQ funding, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Victory Parkway/Park Avenue Safety Improvement, including intersection improvements, bridge reconstruction, pedestrian improvements, and maintenance of existing streetlighting;
- Linn Street Safety Improvement, including reducing vehicular lanes, installing a bike facility, and pedestrian improvements;
- Ludlow Avenue Safety Improvement, including reducing vehicular lanes, installing a bike facility, and pedestrian improvements;
- Oasis Bike Trail, a 4.5-mile bike path running from the Sawyer Point boathouse to Carrel Street in the City's East End; and

DOTE is also considering the several projects for TA grant funding, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Dutch Colony Drive, including installing a missing sidewalk;
- Martin Luther King Drive Side Path Connection, including completing the connection from Wasson Way to Eden Avenue;
- Airport Road – Eastern Avenue to Wilmer Avenue, including sidewalk installation and potential removal of existing on-street parking; and

The STBG, CMAQ, and TA grant applications are due on June 4, 2021, and no funds will be accepted without approval of Council.

The grants require a 20% local match, which will be identified in future capital project funding if awarded. No new FTEs are required in association with these grants.

The rehabilitation and improvement of the City’s transportation infrastructure is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood vitality,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to authorize the City Manager to apply for the grants, as the application deadline is June 4, 2021.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation & Engineering (“DOTE”) is considering several potential projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant (“STBG”) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (“CMAQ”) funding, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Victory Parkway/Park Avenue Safety Improvement, including intersection improvements, bridge reconstruction, pedestrian improvements, and maintenance of existing street lighting;
- Linn Street Safety Improvement, including reducing vehicular lanes, installing a bike facility, and pedestrian improvements;
- Ludlow Avenue Safety Improvement, including reducing vehicular lanes, installing a bike facility, and pedestrian improvements;
- Oasis Bike Trail, a 4.5-mile bike path running from the Sawyer Point boathouse to Carrel Street in the City’s East End; and

WHEREAS, DOTE is also considering the following projects for Transportation Alternatives (“TA”) grant funding, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Dutch Colony Drive, including installing a missing sidewalk;
- Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Side Path Connection, including completing the connection from Wasson Way to Eden Avenue;
- Airport Road – Eastern Avenue to Wilmer Avenue, including sidewalk installation and potential removal of existing on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the STBG, CMAQ, and TA grant applications are due on June 4, 2021, and no funds will be accepted without approval of Council; and

WHEREAS, the grants require a 20% local match, which will be identified in future capital project funding if awarded; and

WHEREAS, no new FTEs are required in association with these grants; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation and improvement of the City’s transportation infrastructure is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop an efficient multi-modal transportation

system that supports neighborhood vitality” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for grants from the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality programs in an amount of up to \$6,000,000, and to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments in an amount of up to \$750,000, all for the timely completion of several transportation projects managed by the City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the terms of Section 1 herein.

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 the immediate need to authorize the City Manager to apply for the grants, as the application deadline is June 4, 2021.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

202102018

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Western Hills Viaduct STBG, Hamilton County, and ODOT Resources

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of capital improvement program project accounts nos. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant,” and 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG) Program (CFDA 20.205) through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$125,000 from Hamilton County to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$1,328,938.76 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x172357, “Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Non-Local Grants,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and local matching resources.

This Emergency Ordinance does the following:

1. Authorizes the establishment of capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant,” and 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction for the Western Hills Viaduct project;
2. Authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount up to \$1,000,000 from the Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG) Program (CFDA 20.205) through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments to the newly established “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant” capital improvement program project account;
3. Authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$125,000 from Hamilton County to the newly established “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match” capital improvement program project account;
4. Authorizes the City Manager to accept an appropriate an amount up to \$1,328,938.76 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x172357, “Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Non-Local Grants,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project; and

5. Authorizes the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and local matching resources.

Hamilton County applied for grant resources from the STBG Program through the OKI Regional Council of Governments and was awarded grant resources of \$1,000,000. The STBG Program grant requires a minimum local match of 20%, which will be split equally between the City and Hamilton County. The City's portion will be identified in future capital improvement program project accounts.

There is also up to \$1,328,938.76 in grant resources available from ODOT, which does not require a local match, for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

There are no new FTEs associated with the acceptance of these grant and local matching resources.

The replacement or major rehabilitation of the Western Hills Viaduct is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality," and strategy to "plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system," as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and spend grant and local matching resources in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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WHEREAS, the total, current estimated cost of replacing the Western Hills Viaduct is \$335,000,000, and the project is expected to take approximately thirteen years to complete, in six construction phases and four ongoing maintenance phases as funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, up to \$1,000,000 in grant funds is available from the Surface Transportation Block Grants (“STBG”) Program through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (“OKI”) as additional funding for construction of the Western Hills Viaduct; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County applied for grant resources from the STBG Program through OKI and was awarded grant resources of \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the STBG Program grant requires a minimum local match of 20%, which will be split equally between the City and Hamilton County, the City’s portion of which will be identified in future capital improvement program projects; and

WHEREAS, up to \$125,000 is available in matching resources from Hamilton County to help fund construction of the Western Hills Viaduct; and

WHEREAS, there is up to \$1,328,938.76 in grant resources available from the Ohio Department of Transportation, which does not require a local match, for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with the acceptance of these grant and local match resources; and

WHEREAS, the replacement or major rehabilitation of the Western Hills Viaduct is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality,” and strategy to “plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish capital improvement program project account nos. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant,” and 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the Surface Transportation Block Grants Program through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212304, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG 2020 Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate an amount of up to \$125,000 from Hamilton County to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x212317, “Western Hills Viaduct – STBG HC Match,” for the purpose of providing Hamilton County local match resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project.

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate an amount up to \$1,328,938.76 from the Ohio Department of Transportation to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x172357, “Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Non-Local

Grants,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct project.

Section 5. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements necessary to accept these grant and local matching resources.

Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 5 hereof.

Section 7. 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 the immediate need to accept and spend grant and local matching resources in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102019
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Acceptance of In-Kind Donation from the 2021 Community Makeover Program**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from the 2021 Community Makeover Program valued at approximately \$600,000 in the form of improvements to the Avondale Recreation Area and the Rockdale Recreation Area.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from the 2021 Community Makeover Program. The Community Makeover Program brings together the resources of the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund (RCF), Procter & Gamble (P&G), The Cincinnati Zoo, and Children’s Hospital in an effort to make a positive impact in specified neighborhoods.

The 2021 program will take place in the Avondale neighborhood. There are six separate locations receiving support for enhancements in this year's program. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) has two locations in the identified area: the Avondale Recreation Area located at 870 Blair Avenue and the Rockdale Recreation Area located at 3480 Harvey Avenue. Improvements include upgrades to the tennis courts to include pickleball, basketball court renovations, site grading improvements, baseball field renovations, fencing and general park additions such as grills, picnic tables and landscaping.

The improvements are valued at approximately \$600,000, and the City will have no financial responsibilities associated with this construction. The donation requires no matching funds, and no new FTE are associated with this donation. However, the CRC is leveraging these in-kind donations with CRC funding to enhance the overall site improvements and plans to spend \$175,000 from existing capital improvement program project resources.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Create a more livable community,” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donation and allow work to begin in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from the 2021 Community Makeover Program valued at approximately \$600,000 in the form of improvements to the Avondale Recreation Area and the Rockdale Recreation Area.

WHEREAS, the Community Makeover Program brings together the resources of the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund, Procter & Gamble, the Cincinnati Zoo, and Children’s Hospital to positively impact Cincinnati neighborhoods through improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Community Makeover Program has identified six separate locations in the Avondale neighborhood to receive enhancements in this year’s program, including two Cincinnati Recreation Commission (“CRC”) facilities, the Avondale Recreation Area located at 870 Blair Avenue and the Rockdale Recreation Area located at 3480 Harvey Avenue; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the two CRC facilities will include upgrades to the tennis courts to include pickleball, basketball court renovations, site grading improvements, baseball field renovations, fencing, and general park additions such as grills, picnic tables, and landscaping, valued at approximately \$600,000; and

WHEREAS, the donation requires no matching funds, however, CRC is leveraging these in-kind donations with CRC funding to enhance the overall site improvements and plans to spend \$175,000 from existing capital improvement program project resources; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with this donation; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the Community Makeover Program donation is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Create a more livable community,” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept an in-kind donation from the 2021 Community Makeover Program valued at approximately \$600,000 in the form of improvements to the Avondale Recreation Area and the Rockdale Recreation Area.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1 hereof.

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 the immediate need to accept the donation and allow work to begin in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102022

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – FY 2021 Violence Against Woman Act (VAWA) Grant Program**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY21 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program, to support two domestic violence advocates from Women Helping Women.

This Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant for up to the amount of up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), FY21 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program to support two domestic violence advocates from Women Helping Women (WHW) for the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Program (DVLEAP). The DVLEAP is a collaborative project between the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) and WHW which provides crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence throughout the police investigation and court case.

This Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21VAWA.

The grant application deadline is June 2, 2021. The grant requires matching funds of \$20,000 provided by WHW for total project cost of \$80,000. Although WHW receives the funding, the CPD serves as the implementing agency. This grant would not create any additional FTEs.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the Live goal to “Create a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY21 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program, to support two domestic violence advocates from Women Helping Women.

WHEREAS, Women Helping Women provides crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence throughout the police investigation and court process; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Program is a collaborative project between the Cincinnati Police Department and Women Helping Women; and

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$60,000 is available from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY21 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program, which will be used to provide funding for the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Program by supporting two domestic violence advocates from Women Helping Women; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires matching funds of up to \$20,000, which Women Helping Women will provide; and

WHEREAS, there are no additional FTEs associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "Create a more livable community" as set forth on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY21 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program, to support two domestic violence advocates from Women Helping Women.

Section 2. That the Finance Director is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21VAWA.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out Sections 1 and 2 herein.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102023

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Acceptance of American Rescue Plan Funds for
Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2)**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept funds in an amount up to \$7,178,997.50 from the United States Department of the Treasury as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act for the purpose of providing resources for an Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA2”) program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 revenue account no. 469x8543; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of providing resources for the ERA2 program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$7,178,997.50 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of providing resources for the ERA2 program; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to contract with third parties and take other necessary actions to quickly implement the ERA2 program; and **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” to be for a public purpose.

The City previously received Emergency Rental Assistance funding under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, which the City used to implement the Emergency Rental Assistance program now known as ERA1. These funds were used to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the American Rescue Plan Act, the City is eligible to receive additional Emergency Rental Assistance funding in an amount up to \$7,178,997.50 from the United States Department of the Treasury to be used to implement a second Emergency Rental Assistance program known as ERA2. Essentially, these funds will provide for additional assistance to households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Emergency Ordinance will deposit those funds in Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 revenue account no. 469x8543 as well as authorize the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2.” Expenditures related to ERA2 are declared as being for a public purpose. Finally, the City Manager would be authorized to contract with third parties and take other necessary actions to quickly implement the ERA2 program.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept funds in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept funds in an amount up to \$7,178,997.50 from the United States Department of the Treasury as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act for the purpose of providing resources for an Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA2”) program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 revenue account no. 469x8543; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of providing resources for the ERA2 program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$7,178,997.50 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of providing resources for the ERA2 program; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to contract with third parties and take other necessary actions to quickly implement the ERA2 program; and **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the City received Emergency Rental Assistance funding under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, which the City used to implement the Emergency Rental Assistance program now known as ERA1; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive additional Emergency Rental Assistance funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act, which will be used to implement a second Emergency Rental Assistance program known as ERA2; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan will be used to provide resources for the ERA2 program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept funds in an amount up to \$7,178,997.50 from the United States Department of the Treasury as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act for the purpose of providing resources for an Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA2”) program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to deposit the funds into Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 revenue account no. 469x8543.

Section 3. That American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” is hereby established for the purpose of providing resources for the “ERA2” program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 4. That the sum of \$7,178,997.50 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of providing resources for the ERA2 program.

Section 5. That the City Manager is authorized to contract with third parties and take other necessary actions to quickly implement the ERA2 program.

Section 6. That expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because providing funds for emergency rental assistance improves the economic and general well-being of the citizens of the City, which is necessary due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 7. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 6 herein.

Section 8. 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 the immediate need to accept the funds in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Date: May 26, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102026
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED – STREET LIGHTING GROUP 1
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (2020-2023)

Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

DETERMINING to proceed with special street lighting assessments in Lighting Group 1 for three years beginning August 1, 2020, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 727.23, on the streets or portions of the streets described in Exhibit A hereto.

This Ordinance Determining to Proceed is the second step of a three-step process for the renewal of an existing street lighting assessment needing the approval of City Council. The Assessing Ordinance will be submitted immediately following the passage of the Determining to Proceed Ordinance.

Council adopted Resolution of Necessity 27-2020 on April 7, 2021. The City has addressed all objections to the estimated assessments filed with the Clerk of Council.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

Attachment I - Summary of Group 1 Street Limits

cc: John Brazina, Director of Transportation and Engineering
Greg Long, Deputy Director of Transportation and Engineering
Curtis Hines, Principal Engineer, Traffic Engineering
Kimberly Jackson, Traffic Engineering

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An Ordinance No. _____

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DETERMINING to proceed with special street lighting assessments in Lighting Group 1 for three years beginning August 1, 2020, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §727.23, on the streets or portions of the streets described in Exhibit A hereto.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 27-2021 (the "Resolution"), adopted by City Council on April 7, 2021, pursuant to O.R.C. §727.12, declared the necessity of extending special street lighting on the streets or portions of the streets described in Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Resolution, the estimated assessments for the special street lighting were prepared and placed on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. §727.14, property owners were given notice of the passage of the Resolution and the filing of the estimated assessments; and

WHEREAS, as permitted by O.R.C. §727.15, no property owner has filed an objection to the proposed assessment within two weeks following the completion of notice of the passage of the Resolution and the filing of the estimated assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Council now desires to proceed with the special street lighting described in the Resolution and to adopt the estimated assessment associated therewith; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Cincinnati intends to proceed, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §727.23, with the special lighting of the streets or portions of the streets in Lighting Group 1 as set forth in Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. That the costs of the special street lighting provided in Resolution No. 27-2021, passed by Council on April 7, 2021, are hereby adopted and shall be assessed in the manner provided in Resolution No. 27-2021.

Section 3. That no claim for damages has been filed pursuant to O.R.C. §727.18.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

EXHIBIT A

District Name	Limits
ANDINA AVE	from the east line of Reading Road to the west line of Rhode Island Avenue
AVONLEA AVE	from the east line of Reading Road to the west line of Rhode Island Avenue
BAYARD DR	from the north line of Erie Avenue to the south line of Victoria Avenue
BEAVERTON AVE	from the west line of Parkdale Avenue to approx. 487.41' west of west line of Elmshade Avenue
BEECHVIEW CI	from the south line of Montgomery Road to Rogers Park Place & to the south line of Beech View Subdivision
BELLA VISTA ST	from the east line of Reading Road to its east terminus
BELLWOOD AVE	from the west line of Ridge Avenue to the east line of Lester Road
BERKLEY AVE	from the west line of Rhode Island Avenue to the east line of Reading Road
CASTLETON PL	from 140' south of the south line of Northwood Drive to its north terminus
CATALINA AVE	from the west line of Rhode Island Avenue to its west terminus
CHALFONTE PL	from the west line of Reading Road to its west terminus
CHEYENNE DR	from the south line of Towanda Terrace to the west line of Maketewah View Subdivision
CLIFTON AVE 1	E.S. from the north line of Mc Millian Street to to the north line of Calhoun Street and from the south line of M. L. King Drive to 855' south of the south line of Ludlow Avenue. W.S. from the north line of Mc Millian Street to the south line of Dixmyth
CLIFTON AVE 2	from the south line of Ludlow Ave.: to 855' south of the south line of Ludlow Avenue E.S. the south line of Dixmyth Avenue W.S.
CLIFTON AVE 3	from the north line of Ludlow Avenue to the south line of Lafayette Avenue
CORONADO AVE	from the north line of Zula Avenue to the south line of Cleves Pike
CORVALLIS AVE	from the west line of Parkdale Avenue to approx. 466.92' west of the west line of Elmshade Avenue
COVEDALE AVE	from the north line of Cleves Pike to the south line of Sidney Road
EILEEN DR	from the north line of Madison Road to the south line of Markbrite Avenue
EPWORTH AVE	from the north line of Werk Road to the south line of Ramona Avenue
EUGENIE LN	from the east line of Werk Road to the west line of LaFeuille Avenue
FAR HILLS DR	Michigan Avenue, south and around Michigan Avenue
FENMORE DR	from the west line of Paddock Road to the east line of Coad Drive
GARDEN LN	from the west line of Rhode Island Avenue to the west terminus
GRAFTON AVE	from the north line of Dale Road to the north line of 5438 Grafton Avenue
GREENLAND PL	from the north line of Northwood Drive to 163 feet south of the south line of Miramar Court
HANSFORD PL	from the south line of Harrison Ave to the south terminus
HAYWARD AVE	from the south line of Principio Avenue to the north line of Arnold Street
JOHNSTONE PL	from the south line of Madison Road to the south terminus
KELLYWOOD AVE	from the north line of Guerley Road to the north terminus
KENOVA AVE	from the west line of Reading Road to a point approximately 1500' west of Reading Road
LACONIA AVE	from the north line of Dale Road to the north terminus
LAKELAND AVE	from the west line of Parkdale Avenue to approximately 505.08 feet west of Elmshade Avenue

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LAWN AVE	from the west line of Rhode Island Avenue to the west terminus
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MANOR HILL DR	from the north line of Ludlow Avenue to the north terminus
MARLINGTON AVE	from the east line of Westgate Avenue to the west line of Middlebrook Avenue from the south line of Marlinton Avenue to the north line of Downing Avenue
N&S CLEROSE CIRCLE	from the east line of Rosemont Avenue to the east line of Rosemont Avenue
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ROBINWOOD DR, E	from from the north line of Kenova & the to west line of Scottwood to approximately 526.5' west of the west line of Elmshade Ave
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Date: May 26, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102027
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: ORDINANCE - ASSESSED STREET LIGHTING – GROUP 1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
(2020-2023)

Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

TO LEVY special assessments to pay for a portion of the cost of special street lighting in Lighting Group 1, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 727.25, for the three-year period beginning on August 1, 2020.

This Ordinance is the third step of a three-step process for the renewal of an existing street lighting assessment needing the approval of City council in order for the Finance Department to process the billing and certify the Assessments to the County Auditor for inclusion on the January, 2022 tax bills.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

cc: John Brazina, Director of Transportation and Engineering
Greg Long, Deputy Director of Transportation and Engineering
Curtis Hines, Principal Engineer, Traffic Engineering
Kimberly Jackson, Traffic Engineering

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

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TO LEVY special assessments to pay for a portion of the cost of special street lighting in Lighting Group 1, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §727.25, for the three-year period beginning on August 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 27-2021 (the "Resolution"), adopted by City Council on April 7, 2021, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code. §727.12, declared the necessity of extending special street lighting on the streets or portions of the streets described in Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Resolution, the estimated assessments were prepared and placed on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council; and

WHEREAS, there are no outstanding objections to the estimated assessments; and

WHEREAS, on _____ 2021, City Council passed Ordinance No. _____-2021 determining to proceed with the assessments; and

WHEREAS, the actual costs for the special street lighting for the three-year period have been ascertained and found to be substantially the same as the estimated costs; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the actual costs of the assessments for special street lighting in Lighting Group 1 for the three-year period beginning on August 1, 2020, as set forth on Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby adopted and affirmed, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §727.25.

Section 2. That, with the exception of public rights-of-way, state-owned land, and federally-owned land, there is hereby levied, in accordance with Chapter 727 of the Ohio Revised Code, an assessment upon the properties abutting the locations described on Exhibit A to pay the owners' portion of the costs for special street lighting in Lighting Group 1, for a period of three years beginning on August 1, 2020 and ending on July 31, 2023.

Section 3. That it is hereby determined that the assessments levied by this ordinance comply with all applicable procedures and limitations as set forth in Chapter 727 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. That the assessments levied by this ordinance shall be payable in cash to the Treasurer of the City of Cincinnati within 30 days after the passage of this ordinance, or at the option of the property owner, in three annual installments at an annual rate of interest of 9%.

Section 5. That the Clerk of Council or other appropriate City official shall certify, at the expiration of said 30-day period, any unpaid assessments to the Auditor of Hamilton County to be placed on the tax duplicate for collection at the time and in the same manner as property taxes are collected. Upon certification, the assessments shall be paid in three annual installments commencing with the December 2021 tax bill.

Section 6. That the City of Cincinnati shall not issue any notes or bonds in anticipation of the collection of the assessments.

Section 7. That the appropriate officials from the Finance Department are authorized to accept the assessment funds, deposit them into the appropriate account for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses of the special street lighting, and disburse them as required by law.

Section 8. That the portion of the cost of said improvements not specially assessed, any uncollectible assessments on property owned by the federal government and the State of Ohio, and assessments on property owned by the City of Cincinnati, shall be paid out of a fund provided to pay the City's portion of the cost of the special street lighting in the manner provided by law.

Section 9. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to cause notice of this ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Cincinnati pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §727.26.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

EXHIBIT A

District Name	Limits
ANDINA AVE	from the east line of Reading Road to the west line of Rhode Island Avenue
AVONLEA AVE	from the east line of Reading Road to the west line of Rhode Island Avenue
BAYARD DR	from the north line of Erie Avenue to the south line of Victoria Avenue
BEAVERTON AVE	from the west line of Parkdale Avenue to approx. 487.41' west of west line of Elmshade Avenue
BEECHVIEW CI	from the south line of Montgomery Road to Rogers Park Place & to the south line of Beech View Subdivision
BELLA VISTA ST	from the east line of Reading Road to its east terminus
BELLWOOD AVE	from the west line of Ridge Avenue to the east line of Lester Road
BERKLEY AVE	from the west line of Rhode Island Avenue to the east line of Reading Road
CASTLETON PL	from 140' south of the south line of Northwood Drive to its north terminus
CATALINA AVE	from the west line of Rhode Island Avenue to its west terminus
CHALFONTE PL	from the west line of Reading Road to its west terminus
CHEYENNE DR	from the south line of Towanda Terrace to the west line of Maketewah View Subdivision
CLIFTON AVE 1	E.S. from the north line of Mc Millian Street to to the north line of Calhoun Street and from the south line of M. L. King Drive to 855' south of the south line of Ludlow Avenue. W.S. from the north line of Mc Millian Street to the south line of Dixmyth
CLIFTON AVE 2	from the south line of Ludlow Ave.: to 855' south of the south line of Ludlow Avenue E.S. the south line of Dixmyth Avenue W.S.
CLIFTON AVE 3	from the north line of Ludlow Avenue to the south line of Lafayette Avenue
CORONADO AVE	from the north line of Zula Avenue to the south line of Cleves Pike
CORVALLIS AVE	from the west line of Parkdale Avenue to approx. 466.92' west of the west line of Elmshade Avenue
COVEDALE AVE	from the north line of Cleves Pike to the south line of Sidney Road
EILEEN DR	from the north line of Madison Road to the south line of Markbrite Avenue
EPWORTH AVE	from the north line of Werk Road to the south line of Ramona Avenue
EUGENIE LN	from the east line of Werk Road to the west line of LaFeuille Avenue
FAR HILLS DR	Michigan Avenue, south and around Michigan Avenue
FENMORE DR	from the west line of Paddock Road to the east line of Coad Drive
GARDEN LN	from the west line of Rhode Island Avenue to the west terminus
GRAFTON AVE	from the north line of Dale Road to the north line of 5438 Grafton Avenue
GREENLAND PL	from the north line of Northwood Drive to 163 feet south of the south line of Miramar Court
HANSFORD PL	from the south line of Harrison Ave to the south terminus
HAYWARD AVE	from the south line of Principio Avenue to the north line of Arnold Street
JOHNSTONE PL	from the south line of Madison Road to the south terminus
KELLYWOOD AVE	from the north line of Guerley Road to the north terminus
KENOVA AVE	from the west line of Reading Road to a point approximately 1500' west of Reading Road
LACONIA AVE	from the north line of Dale Road to the north terminus
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MANOR HILL DR	from the north line of Ludlow Avenue to the north terminus
MARLINGTON AVE	from the east line of Westgate Avenue to the west line of Middlebrook Avenue from the south line of Marlinton Avenue to the north line of Downing Avenue
N&S CLEROSE CIRCLE	from the east line of Rosemont Avenue to the east line of Rosemont Avenue
NORTHAMPTON DR	from the east line of Reading Road to the east terminus
NORTHCUTT AVE	from the east line of Reading Road to the west line of Rhode Island Avenue
NORTHWOOD DR	from 150 feet west of Reading Road to the east line of Castleton Place
ORCHARD LN	the north line of Montgomery Road to approx. 1800' north of Montgomery Road
PORTSMOUTH AVE	the east line of Paxton Avenue to the north line of Victoria Avenue
RAWSON WOODS LN	the west line of Middleton Avenue to the west terminus Rawson Woods Lane Rawson Woods Lane
RAYMAR DR	from the south line of Victoria Avenue to the north line of Erie Avenue and the line of Raymar Drive
ROBINWOOD DR, E	from from the north line of Kenova & the to west line of Scottwood to approximately 526.5' west of the west line of Elmshade Ave
ROOKWOOD DR	from from the north line of Grandin Road to the north line of East Rookwood Drive from the east line of Rookwood Drive to the west line of Edwards Road from the east line of Rookwood Avenue to the south line of East Rookwood Drive
ROSECLIFF AVE	from from the west line of Reading Road to the east line of Parkdale Avenue
SCHULTE DR	from from the north line of Cappel Drive north than east to the east terminus
SCOTTWOOD AVE	from from the south line of Shenandoah Avenue to the north line of Kenova Avenue
SHENANDOAH AVE	from from the west line of Reading Road to approximately 446.09' west of Elmshade Avenue
STRATFORD AVE	from the north line of DeVotie Avenue to the south line of Probasco Street
STRATFORD PL	from the east line of Paddock Road northeast to the northeast terminus
SUNCREST DR	from the west line of Herschel Avenue to the north line of Griest Avenue
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VICTORIA AVE	from the east line of Paxton Road to the west line of Erie Avenue
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May 26, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Amending Ordinance 313-2020 and Increasing Ohio EPA Loan Amount

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AMENDING Ordinance 313-2020 to increase the amount of loan funding the City Manager or her designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Water Supply Revolving Loan Account from the previously authorized amount of \$8,000,000 to approximately the approximate amount of \$10,000,000.

On September 16, 2020, Council approved Ordinance 313-2020 authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate loan funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and Ohio Water Development Authority Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSLRA”) in the approximate amount of \$8,000,000 to replace aging water mains as well as planning, design, and construction of drinking water facilities for Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”). Following the bidding and subsequent construction, the actual total costs of the projects approved by OEPA for WSLRA loan funding exceeds \$9,846,000. Ordinance 313-2020 must be amended to increase the approximate loan amount in order for OEPA to provide additional low interest WSLRA funding for the full cost of the approved projects. Because the OEPA WSLRA funding year ends June 4, 2021, this ordinance is being requested as an emergency to meet this deadline.

GCWW’s water main replacement program is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “Become a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “Create a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” as described on pages 181 – 186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Cathy B. Bailey, Executive Director/Greater Cincinnati Water Works 
Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

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WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, Council approved Ordinance 313-2020 authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate loan funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and Ohio Water Development Authority Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) in the approximate amount of \$8,000,000 based on the initial engineering estimate; and

WHEREAS, following bidding and construction, the actual total costs of the projects approved by OEPA for WSRLA loan funding exceed \$9,846,000; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 313-2020 must be amended to increase the approximate loan amount in order for OEPA to provide additional WSRLA funding for the full cost of the approved projects; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Ordinance 313-2020, approved by Council on September 16, 2020 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. That the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the approximate amount of ~~\$8,000,000~~ \$10,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the purpose of replacing aging water mains as well as planning, designing, and constructing drinking water facilities for the Greater Cincinnati Water Works.

Section 2. That all terms of Ordinance No. 313-2020 not amended by this ordinance remain in full force and effect.

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 so that the City may be awarded the additional low-interest loan funding to cover the full cost of the funded water main replacement projects before June 4, 2021, being the end of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Water Supply Revolving Loan Account funding year

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

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