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CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 30 -2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH HARBOR CASTINGS, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls designated an O.R.C. Chapter 3735 Community Reinvestment Area by virtue of Ordinance No. 95-2004 to encourage the development of real property within the Cuyahoga River Community Reinvestment Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls has designated a certain area within the City that has been certified by the State of Ohio Development Services Agency (FKA Ohio Department of Development) as a Community Reinvestment Area enabling it to exempt certain real property taxes imposed commercial, or industrial provided said industry creates or retains jobs and makes a significant investment within the certified zone; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Administration wish to provide assistance to Harbor Castings, Inc. for the construction of a youth basketball training facility, to be leased to David Lane Basketball, LLC, located at 2470 Bailey Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221 (Parcel #0212833), at an approximate cost of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to provide a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Exemption to Harbor Castings, Inc. for a period of ten (10) years at the rate of fifty (50%) percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit, and State of Ohio:

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Agreement with Harbor Castings, Inc. consistent with the terms in the proposed CRA Agreement and corresponding Application attached hereto as Exhibit A, to provide real property tax relief at the percentage and length of abatement as stipulated in said Agreement and corresponding Application to benefit the City and being consistent with the objectives of this ordinance.

Section 2. The Mayor, Director of Finance, Director of Community Development, Director of Law and any other city officials, individually and/or collectively as may be appropriate, is authorized to prepare and execute such other documents and do other things as are necessary for and incidental to carrying out the requirements of this legislation consistent with the terms of the attached Agreement and corresponding Application.

Section 3. That any ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

<u>Section 4.</u> That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, to the extent applicable, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

<u>Section 5.</u> That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:	5-10-2021	

President of Council

Clerk of Council

Approved: 5-/2-202/

Mayor

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City of Cuyahoga Falls APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVES

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2470 Bailey Road Address	0212833
Address /	Parcel Number
Chuck Lane	(330) 606-7727
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City of Cuyahoga Falls Department of Development

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Submission of this application expressly authorizes the City of Cuyahoga Falls to contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to confirm statements contained within this application, including item # 5, and to review applicable confidential records.

As part of this application, the property owner may also be required to directly request from the Ohio Department of Taxation, or complete a waiver form allowing the Department of Taxation, to release specific tax records to the local jurisdiction considering the request.

Applicant acknowledges an understanding of the following:

- If approved by City Council, there is a \$750 application fee payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency;
- All abatements are only on the improved value of the property;
- Property valuations are determined by the County of Summit Fiscal Office; and
- The investment amounts noted in item #10 may not be fully reflected in the final appraised value of the property as determined by the County of Summit Fiscal Office.

Receipt of an abatement also requires the following:

- Annual reporting each year of the abatement, including, but not limited to the project investment, payroll and job creation levels identified in this application; copy of W-3 Transmittals; and other items as determined by the State of Ohio Development Services Agency;
- Commitment by applicant and/or any commercial tenant to provide a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 per year and three (3) internships to the Cuyahoga Falls School District for the entire period of the abatement, being [10] years;
- Commitment by applicant and/or any commercial tenant to provide publicart in and/or around the new development pursuant to the newly adopted Master Public Arts Plan for Cuyahoga Falls:
- Commitment by applicant AND any commercial tenant to join the Downtown Cuyahoga Falls Partnership.; and
- Payment to the City of Cuyahoga Falls of an annual fee in the amount of 1% of the incentives offered, but no less than \$500 and no greater than \$2,500.

The Applicant agrees to supply additional information upon request.

The Applicant affirmatively covenants that the information contained in and submitted with this application is complete and correct and is aware of the ORC Sections 9.66(C)(1) and 2921.13(D)(1) penalties for falsification which could result in the forfeiture of all current and future economic development assistance benefits as well as a fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six months.

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Part-time	\$ 40,000	\$	
TOTAL:	\$ 127,000	\$	

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b. Indicate separately the amount of existing annual payroll relating to any job retention claim resulting from the project: \$ \(\subseteq \)

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10.	An estimate of the amount to be invested by the enterprise to establish, expand, renovate or occupy a facility:
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COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made on	between
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The City of Cuyahoga Falls an Ohio Municipal Corporation 2310 Second Street Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 (the "CITY")

and

Harbor Castings, Inc. 2508 Bailey Road Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221 (the "COMPANY")

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the CITY of Cuyahoga Falls has encouraged the development of real property in the Cuyahoga River District located in the area designated as a Community Reinvestment Area;

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio by Ordinance No. 95-2004 and adopted on June 30, 2004 creating the Cuyahoga River Community Reinvestment Area, pursuant to Chapter 3735 of the Ohio Revised Code, which designates the Cuyahoga River District as a Community Reinvestment Area and provides tax abatement within said area to property zoned commercial, industrial, and residential consistent with applicable zoning regulations are met;

WHEREAS, effective June 30, 2004, the Director of Development of the State of Ohio (currently known as the Development Services Agency) determined that the area designated in Ordinance No. 95-2004 contains the characteristics set forth in Section 3735.66 of the Ohio Revised Code and confirmed said area as a Community Reinvestment Area under said Chapter 3735;

WHEREAS, Harbor Castings, Inc. is desirous of constructing a youth basketball training facility at 2470 Bailey Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221 (Parcel #0212833) to be leased to David Lane Basketball, LLC (the "PROJECT"), within the boundaries of the Cuyahoga River District Community Reinvestment Area, provided the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of said PROJECT. The PROJECT will be utilized to train youth athletes, host basketball camps, leagues and training sessions, as well as hosting adult male basketball leagues and strength and conditioning training sessions. The PROJECT will also contain a therapy room to be utilized by clients of David Lane Basketball, LLC;

WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls, having the appropriate authority for the stated type of PROJECT is desirous of providing Harbor Castings, Inc. with incentives available for the development of the PROJECT in said Community Reinvestment Area under Chapter 3735 of the Ohio Revised Code:

WHEREAS, Harbor Castings, Inc. has submitted a proposed agreement application (herein attached as Exhibit A) to the City of Cuyahoga Falls;

WHEREAS, Harbor Castings, Inc. has remitted the required state PROJECT fee of \$750.00 made payable to the Ohio Development Services Agency with the application to be forwarded to said department with a copy of the final agreement;

WHEREAS, the Director of Development of the City of Cuyahoga Falls has investigated the application of Harbor Castings, Inc. and has recommended the same to the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls on the basis that Harbor Castings, Inc. is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to preserve and create employment opportunities in said Community Reinvestment Area and improve the economic climate of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio;

WHEREAS, the PROJECT site as proposed by Harbor Castings, Inc. is located in the Cuyahoga Falls Local School District and the Board of Education of the Cuyahoga Falls Local School District has been notified in accordance with Section 3735.67 and been given a copy of the application;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3735.67(A) and in conformance with the format required under Section 3735.671(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the parties hereto desire to set forth their agreement with respect to the matters hereinafter contained; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained and the benefit to be derived by the parties from the execution hereof, the parties agree as follows:

I. THE PROJECT

A. The COMPANY shall construct a youth basketball training facility located at 2470 Bailey Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio 44221 (Parcel #0212833) to be leased to David Lane Basketball, LLC. The facility will be used to train youth athletes, host youth basketball camps and leagues, as well as adult male leagues. It will also contain a therapy room for clients and host strength and conditioning training. The scope of the PROJECT includes construction on one (1) parcel. The parcel #0212833 is located within the Cuyahoga River CRA District in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

The PROJECT will involve a total investment of approximately \$1,400,000.00 (One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars), plus or minus 10% at the PROJECT site. Included in this investment is approximately \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) for land acquisition, \$1,200,000.00 (One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars) for new construction and approximately \$150,000.00 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures.

- B. The COMPANY will lease the basketball training facility to David Lane Basketball, LLC who shall put forth their best efforts to create the following new employment opportunities: two (2) permanent full-time employees and four (4) permanent part-time employees are anticipated to be hired for this PROJECT by December 31, 2021.
- C. The new annual payroll will result in approximately, plus or minus 10%, \$127,000.00 (One Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand Dollars) in full-time and part-time permanent employees.

- D. No tax abatement shall be granted unless this agreement is fully executed before any construction begins.
- E. Construction on the PROJECT is expected to begin May 20, 2021 and to be completed by December 31, 2021 provided the requested tax abatement is granted.

II. REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

A. The CITY hereby grants the COMPANY a tax exemption for real property improvements made to the PROJECT site pursuant to Section 3735.67 of the Ohio Revised Code and shall be in the following amounts for each portion of the PROJECT represented in an exemption application:

Tax Years 1-10 50%

- B. The identified PROJECT improvement will receive a ten (10) year, 50% exemption period. The exemption commences the first year for which the real property would first be taxable were that property not exempted from taxation.
- C. The COMPANY must annually file the appropriate tax forms with the Cuyahoga Falls Housing Officer to effect and maintain the exemptions granted by this agreement.
- D. The COMPANY shall pay an annual fee equal to the greater of one percent (1%) of the dollar value of incentives offered under the agreement or Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00): provided, however, that if the value of the incentives exceeds Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), the fee shall not exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). The fee shall be made payable to the CITY once per year for each year the agreement is effective commencing on the first anniversary date of this agreement and payable in the form of a check. The fee is to be made payable to the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. This fee shall be deposited into a special fund created for such purpose and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of complying with section 3735.672 of the Ohio Revised Code and by the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) created under section 5709.85 of the Ohio Revised Code exclusively for the purposes of performing the duties prescribed under that section.
- E. The COMPANY shall create a scholarship of \$1,000.00 annually during the term of the abatement (10 years). The annual scholarship shall be made payable to the Cuyahoga Falls Scholarship Foundation and awarded to a student selected by the Foundation Board as part of its regular program of annual scholarships. The qualifications/criteria shall be defined by COMPANY in consultation with the Foundation Board and/or School Superintendent. Furthermore, the COMPANY'S tenant will provide clinics and training sessions for the youth, middle school, and high school basketball teams of the Cuyahoga Falls City School District several times per year at no charge. David will also have the opportunity to explore running tournaments at the new facility (high school) once it is built.
- F. The COMPANY shall provide public art in and/or around the new development pursuant to the City's newly adopted Master Arts Plan.

- G. The CITY shall submit executed copies of this agreement to the Ohio Development Services within fifteen (15) days of its execution.
- H. 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 necessary certificates required in connection with such exemptions.
- I. If for any reason the Community Reinvestment Area designation expires, the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency revokes certification of the zone, or the CITY revokes the designation of the zone, entitlements granted under this agreement shall continue for the number of years specified under this agreement, unless the COMPANY materially fails to fulfill their obligations under this agreement and the CITY terminates or modifies the exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement.
- J. If the COMPANY materially fails to fulfill their obligations under this agreement, or if the CITY determines that the certification as to delinquent taxes required by this agreement is fraudulent, the CITY may terminate or modify the exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement. The CITY may require the repayment of the amount of taxes that would have been payable had the property not been exempted from taxation under this agreement.
- K. Exemptions from taxation granted under this agreement shall be revoked if it is determined that the COMPANY, any successor to that person, or any related member (as defined by section 3735.671(E) of the Ohio Revised Code) has violated the prohibition against entering into this agreement under section 3735.671(E) of the Ohio Revised Code, prior to the time prescribed by those sections.

III. ADDITIONAL COMPANY OBLIGATIONS

- A. The COMPANY shall pay such real property taxes that are not exempted under this agreement and are charged against such property to the extent of any portion of the PROJECT it owns, and shall timely file all federal, state, and local tax reports and returns as required by law. If COMPANY (or any subsequent purchaser of any portion of the PROJECT) fails to pay such taxes or file such returns and reports, all incentives granted under this agreement for the benefit of any particular parcel are rescinded as to that particular parcel or parcels only, beginning with the year for which such taxes are charged or such reports or returns are required to be filed and thereafter.
- B. The COMPANY shall submit all appropriate plans and apply for all necessary permits through the CITY and the County of Summit, Department of Building Standards.
- C. The COMPANY shall provide the Cuyahoga Falls Housing Council and the Cuyahoga Falls Housing Officer with all information requested by them to evaluate the COMPANY compliance with this agreement and with the ordinance, including without limitation, returns filed pursuant to section 5711.02 of the Revised Code, if so requested by the Housing Council or the Housing Officer.

IV. THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIONS

- A. The COMPANY hereby certifies that at the time this agreement is executed, the COMPANY and/or COMPANY owner does not owe any delinquent real or tangible personal property taxes to any taxing authority of the State of Ohio, and owes no delinquent taxes for which the COMPANY and/or owner are liable under Chapters 5733, 5735, 5739, 5741, 5743, 5747, or 5753 of the Revised Code, or, if such delinquent taxes are owed, the COMPANY is currently paying the delinquent taxes pursuant to an undertaking enforceable by the State of Ohio or an agent or instrumentality thereof, has filed a petition in bankruptcy under the 11 U.S.C.A. 101 et seq., or such a petition has been filed against the COMPANY. For the purposes of the certification, delinquent taxes are taxes that remain unpaid on the latest day prescribed for payment without penalty under the chapter of the revised code or other legislation governing payment of those taxes.
- B. The COMPANY and/or owner affirmatively covenant that they do not owe: (1) any delinquent taxes to the State of Ohio or a political subdivision of the State; (2) any moneys to the State or a state agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the state; and (3) any other moneys to the State, a state agency, or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not.
- C. The CITY has developed a policy to ensure recipients of Community Reinvestment Area tax benefits to practice non-discriminating hiring in its operations. By executing this agreement, the COMPANY and COMPANY owner is committing to following non-discriminating hiring practices in its operations at the site of the PROJECT acknowledging that no individual may be denied employment solely on the basis of race, religion, sex, disability, color, national origin, or ancestry.
- D. The COMPANY affirmatively covenant that they have made no false statements to the State or local political subdivisions in the process of obtaining approval of the Community Reinvestment Area incentives. If any representative of the COMPANY has knowingly made such a false statement to the State or local political subdivision to obtain the Community Reinvestment Area incentives, the COMPANY shall be required to immediately return all benefits received under this agreement pursuant to ORC Section 9.66(C)(2) and shall then be ineligible for any future economic development assistance from the State, a state agency, or a political subdivision of the state pursuant to ORC Section 9.66(C)(1). Any person who provides a false statement to secure economic development assistance may be guilty of falsification, a first-degree misdemeanor under ORC Section 2921.13(E)(1), which is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or a term of imprisonment of not more than six months.

V. TERM

The COMPANY and the CITY acknowledge that this agreement must be approved by formal action of the legislative authority of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio as a condition for the agreement to take effect. This agreement takes effect upon such approval and shall extend for the term of the tax exemption, unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. This agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, successors, and assigns of the parties, but the COMPANY shall not assign its interests under this agreement without the express written consent of the CITY, except as otherwise provided in this agreement. The CITY hereby approves the assignment of this agreement to (i) any affiliated entity of the COMPANY, which is wholly owned by the COMPANY, for the purpose of acquiring and developing the PROJECT and to (ii) any purchaser of units to the extent necessary for the purchaser of the unit to effect and maintain the tax exemption as provided in Section II(C).

Each party represents and acknowledges that it has taken all necessary actions to bind itself to this agreement.

Any notice given pursuant to this agreement shall be deemed received when delivered personally to the receiving party, or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the addresses set forth above, or to any other address as the receiving party may direct in writing.

- B. If any provision contained in this agreement shall be found invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect any other provision of this agreement, and it shall be construed as if it had never contained such provision.
- C. This agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties and supersedes any prior understandings, written or oral, between the parties and their agents regarding the above subject matters.
- D. No amendment or modification of this agreement shall be binding unless the same is in writing, dated after the date of this agreement, and duly executed by the parties.
- E. The rights and remedies provided by this agreement are cumulative and the use of any one right or remedy by any party shall not preclude or waive its right to use any or all other remedies. Said rights and remedies are given in addition to any other rights the parties may have by law, statute, ordinance, or otherwise.
- F. No waiver by any party of any default or breach of any term, condition, or covenant of this agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach of the same or any other term, condition, or covenant contained herein.
- G. Time is of the essence of this agreement.
- H. The section and paragraph headings contained in this agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this agreement.
- I. This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- J. This agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. The parties hereby consent to venue in Summit County, so that the Summit County

Common Pleas Court shall have exclusive and original jurisdiction to adjudicate any dispute, whether for interim or provisional relief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF pursuant to Ordinance No.		Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, by Do	
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