CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO ORDINANCE NO. 96 - 2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO TERMINATE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT WITH RIVER FALLS PROPERTY IV, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 95-2004, passed June 28, 2004, this Council established and designated the boundaries of the Cuyahoga River Community Reinvestment Area ("CRA") pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §3735.65 et seq. to encourage the development of real property within the CRA; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio Director of Development has made a determination that the findings contained in Ordinance No. 95-2004 are valid, and that the classification of structures and/or remodeling eligible exemption under the Ordinance is consistent with zoning restrictions applicable to the CRA; and

WHEREAS, with the receipt of the Director's positive determination, the City is enabled to abate certain taxes on real property located in the CRA, in order to provide an incentive for the creation and retention of jobs and investment within the CRA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-2018, passed February 26, 2018, this Council approved a Community Reinvestment Area tax exemption on behalf of River Falls Property IV, LLC, in connection with the redevelopment of 2250 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County Fiscal Office reappraised the property for Tax Year 2020 and did not find an appraised value increase of at least \$250,000.00 as related to the real property located at 2250 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44421, and as is required for abatements in the Cuyahoga River Community Reinvestment Area Ordinance referenced above; and

WHEREAS, River Falls Property IV, LLC has not met the investment terms outlined in the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement executed with the City of Cuyahoga Falls and approved by the State of Ohio, Department of Development (formerly known as the Development Service Agency); and

WHEREAS, the Tax Incentive Review Council met on August 30, 2021 and based on all of the above voted to terminate the aforementioned community reinvestment area agreement with River Falls Property, LLC.

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

<u>Section 1.</u> Upon recommendation of the Tax Incentive Review Council, the Director of Community Development is hereby authorized to terminate the Community Reinvestment Area tax exemption agreement in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §3735.68, with Falls River Property IV, LLC, consistent with Ordinance No. 95-2004 and the terms outlined and previously approved by Ordinance 14-2018.

of this legislation consistent with the terms of the attached amended application.

Section 3. Any ordinance or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent

documents and do other things as are necessary or incidental to carrying out the requirements

Law, any other necessary City official are authorized to prepare and execute such other

Section 2. The Mayor, Director of Finance, Director of Community Development, Director of

herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. 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

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 including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

<u>Section 5.</u> This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary of 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: 10-11-2021

Approved: 10-11- 2021

President of Council

Clerk of Council

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