

City Clerk File No. Ord. 15.169

Agenda No. 3.F 1st Reading

Agenda No. 4.F 2nd Reading & Final Passage



## ORDINANCE OF JERSEY CITY, N.J.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

offered and moved adoption of the following ordinance:

CITY ORDINANCE 15.169

**TITLE: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEN (10) YEAR TAX EXEMPTION FOR A MARKET RATE RENTAL PROJECT TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT 460 GRAND STREET BY 456 GRAND REALTY URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, AN URBAN RENEWAL ENTITY, PURSUANT TO THE LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ.**

### THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY DOES ORDAIN:

**WHEREAS**, 456 Grand Realty Urban Renewal, LLC, ("the Entity") is an urban renewal entity, formed and qualified to do business under the provisions of the Long Term Tax Exemption Law of 1992, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. (Entity); and

**WHEREAS**, the Entity is the owner of certain property known as Block 13801, Lot 6 on the City's Official Tax map, consisting of approximately .55 acres, and more commonly known by the street address of 460 Grand Street, and more specifically described by metes and bounds, in the application ("the Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located within the Bates Street Redevelopment Plan Area, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:20-4 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5(g); and

**WHEREAS**, by an application dated August 7, 2015, the Entity applied for a ten (10) year long term tax exemption to construct a market rate residential rental project to consist of a ten (10) story building with approximately eighty-two (82) market rate residential rental units, seven-thousand, five-hundred and one (7,501) square feet of commercial and one-hundred and twelve (112) parking spaces totaling 15,945 square feet of parking ("the Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Project received site plan approval from the Planning Board on July 21, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, 456 Grand Realty Urban Renewal, LLC has agreed to:

1. pay the greater of (i) the Minimum Annual Service Charge (ASC) or (ii) 12% of the Annual Gross Revenue, which sum is initially estimated to be \$277,515; and which shall be subject to statutory staged increases over the term of the tax exemption; and
2. pay an annual sum equal to 2% of each prior year's Annual Service Charge as an Administrative Fee initially estimated at \$5,550; and
3. provide employment and other economic opportunities for City residents and businesses; and
4. pay to the City, for remittance to Hudson County, an additional amount equal to 5% of the Annual Service Charge estimated to be \$13,876; and
5. pay the sum of \$158,170 to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund;
6. execute a Project Employment & Contracting Agreement; and

7. Pay a density bonus fee of \$269,500 for an additional forty-nine (49) units to the "Open Space Trust Fund" as required in the Bates Street Redevelopment Plan. The payments shall be made in three equal payments of \$89,833.33 on the same schedule used for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund payments.

**WHEREAS**, the City hereby determines that the relative benefits of the project outweigh the cost of the tax exemption, for the following reasons:

1. the current real estate taxes generate revenue of only \$21,406, whereas, the Annual Service Charge as estimated, will initially generate revenue of approximately \$277,515 to the City and an additional sum of approximately \$13,876 to Hudson County;
2. the Project will create approximately eighty (80) jobs during construction and twenty (20) new permanent jobs;
3. the Project will stabilize and contribute to the economic growth of businesses in the surrounding area;
4. the Project will further the overall redevelopment objectives of the Bates Street Redevelopment Plan;
5. the City's impact analysis, on file with the Office of the City Clerk, indicates that the benefits of the Project outweigh the costs to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City hereby determines that the tax exemption is important in obtaining development of the project and influencing the locational decisions of probable occupants for the following reasons:

1. the relative stability and predictability of the Annual Service Charges will make the Project more attractive to investors needed to finance the Project;
2. the relative stability and predictability of the Annual Service Charges will allow the owner to stabilize its operating budget, allowing a high level of maintenance to the building over the life of the Project, which will attract tenants to the Project and insure the likelihood of the success of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Entity has initially complied with Executive Order 2002-005 concerning "Disclosure of Lobbyist Representative Status" by filing an appropriate letter in the Office of the City Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City that:

A. The application of 456 Grand Realty Urban Renewal, LLC, an urban renewal company, formed and qualified to do business under the provisions of the Long Term Tax Exemption Law of 2003, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, Block 13801, Lot 6, more commonly known by the street address of 460 Grand Street, more specifically described by metes and bounds in the application, is hereby approved.

B. The Mayor or Business Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a tax exemption Financial Agreement. The Financial Agreement shall include at a minimum the following terms and conditions:

1. Term: the earlier of fifteen (15) years from the adoption of the within Ordinance or 10 years from the date the project is Substantially Complete;
2. Annual Service Charge: each year the greater of:
  - (a) the Minimum Annual Service Charge equal to \$277,515 upon Project Completion, whether or not the Project is occupied; or

- (b) 12% of the Annual Gross Revenue, which initial sum is estimated to be \$277,515, and which shall be subject to statutory increases during the term of the tax exemption.
- 3. Administrative Fee: 2% of the prior year's Annual Service Charge estimated to be \$5,551;
- 4. County Payment: 5% of the Annual Service Charge to the City for remittance by the City to Hudson County estimated to be \$13,876;
- 5. Project: A residential rental project, which will consist of a ten (10) story building with approximately eighty-two (82) market rate residential rental units, 7,501 square feet of commercial space, 233 square feet of amenity space and one hundred and twelve (112) parking spaces totaling 15,945 square feet of parking;
- 6. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: \$1,500 per unit (82 units) or \$123,000, and \$1.50 per square foot of commercial space (7,501 sq. ft.) and \$1.50 per square foot of parking (15,945 sq. ft.) for a total of \$158,170. Such funds are non-refundable and non-transferrable in the event of a termination or expiration of the Financial Agreement;
- 7. Staged Adjustments:
  - (a) Stage One: years 1-6: 12% of Annual Gross Revenue;
  - (b) Stage Two: year 7. The ASC beginning in year seven (7) through the end of year seven (7) would be the greater of twelve percent (12%) of gross revenue or twenty percent (20%) of conventional taxes;
  - (c) Stage Three: year 8. Beginning in year eight (8) through the end of year eight (8) the ASC would be the greater of twelve percent (12%) of Annual gross revenue, or forty percent (40%) of conventional taxes;
  - (d) Stage Four: year 9. Beginning in year nine (9) through the end of year nine (9) the ASC would be the greater of twelve percent (12%) of Annual gross revenue, or sixty percent (60%) of conventional taxes.
  - (e) Final Stage: Beginning on the 1st day of the 10th year through the date the tax exemption expires, an amount equal to the greater of twelve percent (12%) of Annual gross revenue, or eighty percent (80%) of conventional taxes.
- 8. Execution of a Project Employment and Contracting Agreement;
- 9. The initial installment of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund contribution payment shall be due on execution of the Financial Agreement, but in no event later than 90 days of the adoption of the ordinance. Interest shall accrue on such payments as of the 91<sup>st</sup> day at the same rate as the City charges for unpaid real estate taxes;
- 10. The Financial Agreement shall be executed by the Entity no later than 90 days following adoption of the within Ordinance. Failure to comply shall result in a repeal of the herein Ordinance and the tax exemption will be voided.
- 11. This Ordinance will sunset and the Tax Exemption will terminate unless construction of the Project is: 1) commenced within two (2) years; 2) Substantially Complete within five (5) years of the adoption of the within Ordinance.
- C. The City Clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the Ordinance and Financial Agreement to the Tax Assessor and Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
- D. The application is on file with the office of the City Clerk. The Financial Agreement and Project Employment and Contracting Agreement shall be in substantially the form on file in the Office of the City Clerk, subject to such modification as the Business Administrator or Corporation Counsel deems appropriate or necessary.

- E. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
- F. This ordinance shall be part of the Jersey City Code as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Jersey City Code.
- G. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.
- H. The City Clerk and Corporation Counsel be and they are hereby authorized and directed to change any chapter numbers, article numbers and section numbers in the event that the codification of this ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between those numbers and the existing code, in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions.

**NOTE:** All material is new; therefore underlining has been omitted.  
For purposes of advertising only, new matter is indicated by **bold face**  
and repealed matter by *italic*.

JJH 11/12/15

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

Certification Required ☐  
Not Required ☐

Corporation Counsel

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Administrator

## RESOLUTION FACT SHEET – NON-CONTRACTUAL

This summary sheet is to be attached to the front of any resolution that is submitted for Council consideration. Incomplete or vague fact sheets will be returned with the resolution.

### **Full Title of Ordinance/Resolution**

Ten Year Tax Exemption for a Market Rate Mixed-use Rental Project to be Constructed by 456 Grand Realty Urban Renewal, LLC An Urban Renewal Entity pursuant to the Long term Tax Exemption Law N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et. seq.

### **Initiator**

Department/Division	Mayor's Office	
Name/Title	Marcos D. Vigil	Deputy Mayor
Phone/email	6542	mvigil@icnj.org

Note: Initiator must be available by phone during agenda meeting (Wednesday prior to council meeting @ 4:00 p.m.)

### **Resolution Purpose**

The property is in Tier II of the Jersey City Tiered Tax Exemption Policy Map. The applicant has requested a term of the lesser of fifteen (15) years from the date of approval of an ordinance approving the abatement or ten (10) years from substantial completion of the project.

It will be new construction of a mixed-use ten (10) story building with eighty-two (82) market rate rental residential units, one hundred twelve (112) parking spaces and 7,734 square feet of commercial units. The project is within the Bates Street Redevelopment Plan Area. As allowed in the Redevelopment plan, the applicant will pay a density bonus fee of \$269,500 for an additional forty-nine (49) units to an "Open Space Trust Fund". The application fee of \$9,500 was paid.

I certify that all the facts presented herein are accurate.

  
Signature of Department Director

11/5/15  
Date

# Ordinance of the City of Jersey City, N.J.



ORDINANCE NO. Ord. 15.169  
TITLE: 3.F NOV 24 2015 4.E DEC 16 2015

An ordinance approving a ten (10) year tax exemption for a market rate rental project to be constructed at 460 Grand Street by 456 Grand Realty Urban Renewal, LLC, an urban renewal entity, pursuant to Long Term Tax Exemption Law N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON INTRODUCTION <span style="float: right;">NOV 24 2015 9-0</span>											
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.
GAJEWSKI	✓			YUN	✓			RIVERA	✓		
RAMCHAL	✓			OSBORNE	✓			WATTERMAN	✓		
BOGGIANO	✓			COLEMAN	✓			LAVARRO, PRES.	✓		

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING <span style="float: right;">DEC 16 2015</span>											
Councilperson <u>WATTERMAN</u> moved, seconded by Councilperson <u>LAVARRO</u> to close P.H. <span style="float: right;">7-0</span>											
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.
GAJEWSKI	✓			YUN	✓			RIVERA			ABSENT
RAMCHAL	✓			OSBORNE			ABSENT	WATTERMAN	✓		
BOGGIANO	✓			COLEMAN	✓			LAVARRO, PRES.	✓		

✓ Indicates Vote

N.V.--Not Voting (Abstain)

## SPEAKERS:

KABILI TAYALI  
YVONNE BALCEA  
LAKEN WASHINGTON

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON AMENDMENTS, IF ANY											
Councilperson _____ moved to amend* Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson _____ & adopted											
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.
GAJEWSKI				YUN				RIVERA			
RAMCHAL				OSBORNE				WATTERMAN			
BOGGIANO				COLEMAN				LAVARRO, PRES.			

RECORD OF FINAL COUNCIL VOTE <span style="float: right;">DEC 16 2015 7-0</span>											
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.
GAJEWSKI	✓			YUN	✓			RIVERA			ABSENT
RAMCHAL	✓			OSBORNE			ABSENT	WATTERMAN	✓		
BOGGIANO	✓			COLEMAN	✓			LAVARRO, PRES.	✓		

✓ Indicates Vote

N.V.--Not Voting (Abstain)

Adopted on first reading of the Council of Jersey City, N.J. on NOV 24 2015  
Adopted on second and final reading after hearing on DEC 16 2015

This is to certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Municipal Council at its meeting on DEC 16 2015

Robert Byrne  
Robert Byrne, City Clerk

\*Amendment(s)

APPROVED:

Rolando R. Lavarro, Jr., Council President

Date DEC 16 2015

APPROVED:

Steven M. Fulop, Mayor

Date DEC 22 2015

Date to Mayor DEC 17 2015

Re: 460 Grand Street  
Approximately 0.55 Acres  
Block 13801, Lot 6  
Bates Street Redevelopment Plan

### PREAMBLE

**THIS FINANCIAL AGREEMENT**, [Agreement] is made the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015 by and between **456 GRAND REALTY URBAN RENEWAL, LLC** an urban renewal entity formed and qualified to do business under the provisions of the Long Term Tax Exemption Law of 1992, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq., having its principal office at 616 Gorge Road, Unit 2, Cliffside Park, New Jersey 07010 [Entity], and the **CITY OF JERSEY CITY**, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, having its principal office at 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302 [City].

### RECITALS

#### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the Entity is the Owner [or Lessee] pursuant to Deed [or Lease] dated December 18, 2014, of certain property designated as Block 13801, Lot 6, more commonly known by the street address of 460 Grand Street, Jersey City, and more particularly described by the metes and bounds description set forth as Exhibit 1 to this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, this property is located within the boundaries of the Bates Street Redevelopment Plan [Redevelopment Plan Area]; and

**WHEREAS**, the Entity plans to construct a ten (10) story building with approximately eighty-two (82) market rate residential units, 7,501 square feet of commercial space, 233 square feet of amenity space and a garage unit to contain approximately one-hundred and twelve (112) parking spaces totaling 15,945 square feet of parking; [Project]; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2015 the Project received site plan approval from the Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 7, 2015, the Entity filed an Application with the City for a long term tax exemption for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, by the adoption of Ordinance 15.\_\_\_\_ on December 16, 2015, the Municipal Council approved a long term tax exemption for the Project and authorized the execution of a Financial Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City made the following findings:

A. Relative Benefits of the Project when compared to the costs:

1. the current real estate tax generates revenue of only \$21,406 whereas, the Annual Service charge as estimated, will generate revenue to the City of approximately \$277,515;
2. as required by ordinance 13-088, the Entity shall pay the City the sum of \$52,723 on or before the effective date of the ordinance approving the Financial Agreement, and will pay the balance of \$105,447 as an affordable housing contribution as required by the ordinance;
3. it is expected that the Project will create approximately eighty (80) new construction jobs and twenty (20) new permanent full time jobs;
4. the project should stabilize and contribute to the economic growth of existing local business and to the creation of new businesses, which cater to the new occupants;
5. the Project will further the objectives of the Bates Street Redevelopment Plan, and will include the development of vacant property;
6. the City's Impact Analysis, on file with the Office of the City Clerk, indicates that the benefits of the Project outweigh the costs to the City; and

B. Assessment of the Importance of the Tax Exemption in obtaining development of the project and influencing the locational decisions of probable occupants:

1. the relative stability and predictability of the annual service charges will make the Project more attractive to investors and lenders needed to finance the Project; and
2. the relative stability and predictability of the service charges will allow the owner to stabilize its operating budget, allowing a high level of maintenance to the building over the life of the Project, which will attract occupants to the Project, insure the likelihood of stabilized rents to tenants



and the success of the Project; and

3. have a positive impact on the surrounding area.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows:

## **ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Section 1.1 Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of the Long Term Tax Exemption Law, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq., Executive Order of the Mayor 2105-007, Disclosure of Lobbyist Status, Ordinance 02-075, and Ordinance 15.\_\_\_\_, which authorized the execution of this Agreement. It being expressly understood and agreed that the City expressly relies upon the facts, data, and representations contained in the Application, attached hereto as Exhibit 3, in granting this tax exemption.

### **Section 1.2 General Definitions**

Unless specifically provided otherwise or the context otherwise requires, when used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

i. Allowable Net Profit- The amount arrived at by applying the Allowable Profit Rate to Total Project Cost pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-3(c).

ii. Allowable Profit Rate - The greater of 12% or the percentage per annum arrived at by adding 1.25% to the annual interest percentage rate payable on the Entity's initial permanent mortgage financing. If the initial permanent mortgage is insured or guaranteed by a governmental agency, the mortgage insurance premium or similar charge, if payable on a per annum basis, shall be considered as interest for this purpose. If there is no permanent mortgage financing, or if the financing is internal or undertaken by a related party, the Allowable Profit Rate shall be the greater of 12% or the percentage per annum arrived at by adding 1.25% per annum to the interest rate per annum which the municipality determines to be the prevailing rate on mortgage financing on comparable improvements in Hudson County. The provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:20-3(b) are incorporated herein by reference.

iii. Annual Gross Revenue - Any and all revenue derived from or generated by the

Project of whatever kind or amount, whether received as rent from any tenants or income or fees from third parties, including but not limited to fees or income paid or received for parking, or as user fees or for any other services. No deductions will be allowed for operating or maintenance costs, including, but not limited to gas, electric, water and sewer, other utilities, garbage removal and insurance charges, whether paid for by the landlord, tenant or a third party.

iv. Annual Service Charge - The amount the Entity has agreed to pay the City each year for municipal services supplied to the Project, which sum is in lieu of any taxes on the Improvements, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-12. It shall include a payment for all profit exceeding Allowable Net Profit, i.e., annual excess profit.

v. Auditor's Report - A complete annual financial statement outlining the financial status of the Project, which shall also include a certification of Total Project Cost and clear computation of the annual Net Profit. The contents of the Auditor's Report shall have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and shall contain at a minimum the following: a balance sheet, a statement of income, a statement of retained earnings or changes in stockholders' equity, a statement of cash flows, descriptions of accounting policies, notes to financial statements and appropriate schedules and explanatory material results of operations, cash flows and any other items required by Law. The Auditor's Report shall be certified as to its conformance with such principles by a certified public accountant who is licensed to practice that profession in the State of New Jersey.

vi. Certificate of Occupancy - A document, whether temporary or permanent, issued by the City authorizing occupancy of a building, in whole or in part, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-133.

vii. Debt Service - The amount required to make annual payments of principal and interest or the equivalent thereof on any construction mortgage, permanent mortgage or other financing including returns on institutional equity financing and market rate related party debt for the project for a period equal to the term of this agreement.

viii. Default - Shall be a breach of or the failure of the Entity to perform any obligation imposed upon the Entity by the terms of this Agreement, or under the Law, beyond any applicable grace or cure periods.

ix. Entity - The term Entity within this Agreement shall mean 456 Grand Realty

Urban Renewal, LLC, which Entity is formed and qualified pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-5. It shall also include any subsequent purchasers or successors in interest of the Project, provided they are formed and operate under the Law.

x. Improvements or Project - Any building, structure or fixture permanently affixed to the land and to be constructed and tax exempted under this Agreement.

xi. In Rem Tax Foreclosure or Tax Foreclosure - A summary proceeding by which the City may enforce a lien for taxes due and owing by tax sale, under N.J.S.A. 54:5-1 to 54:5-129 et seq.

xii. Land Taxes - The amount of taxes assessed on the value of land, on which the project is located and, if applicable, taxes on any pre-existing improvements. Land Taxes are not exempt; however, Land Taxes are applied as a credit against the Annual Service Charge.

xiii. Land Tax Payments - Payments made on the quarterly due dates, including approved grace periods if any, for Land Taxes as determined by the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector.

xiv. Law - Law shall refer to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, et seq.; Executive Order of the Mayor 15-007, relating to long term tax exemption, as it may be supplemented; Ordinance 02-075 requiring Disclosure of Lobbyist Status and Ordinance 15.\_\_\_\_, which authorized the execution of this Agreement and all other relevant Federal, State or City statutes, ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations.

xvi. Minimum Annual Service Charge - The Minimum Annual Service Charge shall be (a) until Substantial Completion the amount of the total taxes levied against all real property in the area covered by the Project in the last full tax year in which the area was subject to taxation, which amount the parties agree is \$21,406; and (b) upon Substantial Completion, the sum of \$277,515 per year, which sum is equal to the estimated Annual Service Charge.

Following Substantial Completion, the Minimum Annual Service Charge set forth in subsection (b) shall be paid in each year in which the Annual Service Charge, calculated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-12 or this Agreement, would be less than the Minimum Annual Service Charge.

xvi. Net Profit - The Annual Gross Revenues of the Entity less all annual operating and non-operating expenses of the Entity, all determined in accordance with generally accepted

accounting principles, but:

(1) there shall be included in expenses: (a) all Annual Service charges paid pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-12; (b) all annual payments to the City of excess profits pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-15 or N.J.S.A. 40A:20-16; (c) an annual amount sufficient to amortize (utilizing the straight line method-equal annual amounts) the Total Project Cost and all capital costs determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of any other entity whose revenue is included in the computation of excess profits over the term of this agreement; (d) all reasonable annual operating expenses of the Entity and any other entity whose revenue is included in the computation of excess profits including the cost of all management fees, brokerage commissions, insurance premiums, all taxes or service charges paid, legal, accounting, or other professional service fees, utilities, building maintenance costs, building and office supplies and payments into repair or maintenance reserve accounts; (e) all payments of rent including but not limited to ground rent by the Entity; (f) all debt service; and

(2) there shall not be included in expenses either depreciation or obsolescence, interest on debt, except interest which is part of debt service, income taxes or salaries, bonuses or other compensation paid, directly or indirectly to directors, officers and stockholders of the entity, or officers, partners or other persons holding a proprietary ownership interest in the entity.

xvii. Pronouns - He or it shall mean the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, the singular, as well as the plural, as context requires.

xviii. Substantial Completion - The determination by the City that the Project, in whole or in part, is ready for the use intended, which ordinarily shall mean the first date on which the Project receives, or is eligible to receive, any Certificate of Occupancy whether temporary or permanent for any portion of the Project.

xix. Termination - Any act or omission which by operation of the terms of this Financial Agreement shall cause the Entity to relinquish its tax exemption.

xx. Total Project Cost - The total cost of constructing the Project through the date a Certificate(s) of Occupancy is issued for the entire Project, which categories of cost are set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:20-3(h). There shall be excluded from Total Project Cost the actual costs incurred by the Entity and certified by an independent and qualified architect or engineer, which are associated with site remediation and cleanup of environmentally hazardous materials or

contaminants in accordance with State or Federal law and any extraordinary costs incurred including the cost of demolishing structures, relocation or removal of public utilities, cost of relocating displaced residents or buildings and the clearing of title. If the Service Charge is a percentage of Total Project Cost, then the Entity agrees that final Total Project Cost shall not be less than its estimated Total Project Cost.

## **ARTICLE II - APPROVAL**

### **Section 2.1 Approval of Tax Exemption**

The City hereby grants its approval for a tax exemption for all the Improvements to be constructed and maintained in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the provisions of the Law which Improvements shall be constructed on certain property known on the Official Tax Assessor's Map of the City as: Block 13801, Lot 6, more commonly known by the street address 460 Grand Street, Jersey City, and described by metes and bounds in Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

### **Section 2.2 Approval of Entity**

Approval is granted to the Entity whose Certificate of Formation is attached hereto as Exhibit 4. Entity represents that its Certificate contains all the requisite provisions of the Law; has been reviewed and approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs; and has been filed with, as appropriate, the Office of the State Treasurer or Office of the Hudson County Clerk, all in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:20-5.

### **Section 2.3 Improvements to be Constructed**

Entity represents that it will construct a ten (10) story building with approximately eighty-two (82) market rate residential rental units and a garage unit to contain approximately one-hundred and twelve (112) parking spaces; all of which is specifically described in the Application attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

### **Section 2.4 Construction Schedule**

The Entity agrees to diligently undertake to commence construction and complete the Project in accordance with the Estimated Construction Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit 5, and in compliance with any Redevelopment Agreement.

### **Section 2.5 Ownership, Management and Control**

The Entity represents that it is the owner of the property upon which the Project is to be constructed. Upon construction, the Entity represents that the Improvements will be used, managed and controlled for the purposes set forth in this Agreement and any Redevelopment Agreement.

#### **Section 2.6 Financial Plan**

The Entity represents that the Improvements shall be financed in accordance with the Financial Plan attached hereto as Exhibit 6. The Plan sets forth a good faith estimate of Total Project Cost, the amortization rate on the Total Project Cost, the source of funds, the interest rates to be paid on construction financing, the source and amount of paid-in capital, and the terms of any mortgage amortization.

#### **Section 2.7 Good Faith Estimate of Initial Rents [or Sale Prices, if Condominium]**

The Entity represents that its good faith projections of the initial rents and other revenue [or sale prices, if condominium] to the Project are set forth in Exhibit 7.

### **ARTICLE III - DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

#### **Section 3.1 Term**

So long as there is compliance with the Law and this Agreement, it is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that this Agreement shall remain in effect for a term of the lesser of fifteen (15) years from the date of the adoption of Ordinance 15.\_\_\_\_ on December 16, 2015 or ten (10) years from the original date of substantial completion of the project.

The tax exemption shall only be effective during the period of usefulness of the Project and shall continue in force only while the Project is owned by a corporation or association formed and operating under the Law.

### **ARTICLE IV - ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE**

#### **Section 4.1 Annual Service Charge**

In consideration of the tax exemption, the Entity shall make the following annual payments to the City for services provided to the Project:

i. City Service Charge: an amount equal to the greater of: the Minimum Annual Service Charge or an Annual Service Charge equal to 12% of the Annual Gross Revenue. The

Annual Service Charge shall be billed initially based upon the Entity's estimate of Annual Gross Revenue, attached hereto as Exhibit 6. Thereafter, the Annual Service Charge shall be adjusted in accordance with this Agreement.

ii. County Service Charge: an amount equal to 5% of the Municipal Annual Service Charge shall be paid to the City and remitted by the City to the County.

iii. The Minimum Annual Service Charge pursuant to Section 1.2xv(a) shall be due beginning on the effective date of this Agreement. The Minimum Annual Service Charge pursuant to Section 1.2xv(b) shall be due 12 months following Substantial Completion of the Project. The City Service Charge and the County Annual Service Charge shall be due on the first day of the month following the Substantial Completion of the Project. In the event the Entity fails to timely pay the Minimum Annual Service Charge or the Annual Service Charge, the unpaid amount shall bear the highest rate of interest permitted in the case of unpaid taxes or tax liens on land until paid.

#### **Section 4.2 Staged Adjustments**

The Annual Service Charge shall be adjusted, in Stages over the term of the tax exemption in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:20-12(b) as follows:

The Entity agrees to a rate of twelve percent (12%) of Annual gross revenue, a two percent (2%) City administrative fee and a five percent (5%) service charge to Hudson County.

i. Stage One: From the 1st day of the month following Substantial Completion until the last day of the 6th year, the Annual Service Charge shall be 12% of Annual Gross Revenue;

ii. Stage Two: Beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7th year following Substantial Completion until the last day of the 7th year, an amount equal to the greater of the Annual Service Charge or 20% of the amount of the taxes otherwise due on the assessed value of the land and Improvements;

iii. Stage Three: Beginning on the 1st day of the 8th year following the Substantial Completion until the last day of the 8th year, an amount equal to the greater of the Annual Service Charge or 40% of the amount of the taxes otherwise due on the assessed value of the land and Improvements;

iv. Stage Four: Beginning on the 1st day of the 9th year following Substantial Completion until the last day of the 9th year, an amount equal to the greater of the Annual

Service Charge or 60% of the amount of the taxes otherwise due on the assessed value of the land and Improvements.

v. Final Stage: Beginning on the 1st day of the 10th year following Substantial Completion through the date the tax exemption expires, an amount equal to the greater of the Annual Service Charge or 80% of the amount of the taxes otherwise due on the assessed value of the land and Improvements.

#### **Section 4.3 Land Tax**

The Entity is required to pay both the Annual Service Charge and the Land Tax Payments. The Entity is obligated to make timely Land Tax Payments, including any tax on the pre-existing improvements, in order to be entitled to a Land Tax credit against the Annual Service Charge for the subsequent year. The Entity shall be entitled to credit for the amount, without interest, of the Land Tax Payments made in the last four preceding quarterly installments against the Annual Service Charge. In any quarter that the Entity fails to make any Land Tax Payments when due and owing, such delinquency shall render the Entity ineligible for any Land Tax Payment credit against the Annual Service Charge. No credit will be applied against the Annual Service Charge for a partial payment of Land Taxes. In addition, the City shall have, among this remedy and other remedies, the right to proceed against the property pursuant to the In Rem Tax Foreclosure Act, N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. and/or declare a Default and terminate this Agreement.

#### **Section 4.4 Quarterly Installments / Interest**

The Entity expressly agrees that the Annual Service Charge shall be made in quarterly installments on those dates when real estate tax payments are due; subject, nevertheless, to adjustment for over or underpayment within thirty (30) days after the close of each calendar year. In the event that the Entity fails to pay the Annual Service Charge or any other charge due under this agreement, the unpaid amount shall bear the highest rate of interest permitted in the case of unpaid taxes or tax liens on the land until paid in full.

#### **Section 4.5 Administrative Fee**

The Entity shall also pay an annual Administrative Fee to the City in addition to the Annual Service Charge and Land Tax levy. The Administrative Fee shall be calculated as two



(2%) percent of each prior year's Annual Service Charge. This fee shall be payable and due on or before December 31st of each year, and collected in the same manner as the Annual Service Charge.

#### **Section 4.6 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Contribution and Remedies**

A. **Contribution.** The Entity will pay the City the sum of \$158,170 or [\$1,500 per unit for 82 units and \$1.50 per square foot of commercial (there is 7,501 square feet of commercial) and \$1.50 per square foot of parking (there is 15,945 square feet of parking)] as a contribution. The sum shall be due and payable as follows:

- i. 1/3 on or before the effective adoption date of the Ordinance approving the tax exemption;
- ii. 1/3 on or before the issuance of the first of any construction permit for the Project, but no later than six months after the date of the Financial Agreement; and
- iii. 1/3 on or before the date the first of any Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the Project, but no later than twenty-four (24) months after the date of the Financial Agreement.

#### **Section 4.7 Open Space Trust Fund Contribution**

As required in the Bates Street Redevelopment Plan, the applicant shall pay a density bonus fee of \$269,500 for an additional forty-nine (49) units to the "Open Space Trust Fund". The payments shall be made in three equal payments of \$89,833.33 on the same schedule used for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund payments.

#### **Section 4.8 Material Conditions**

It is expressly agreed and understood that the timely payments of Land Taxes, Minimum Annual Service Charges, Annual Service Charges, including Annual Net Profits and any adjustments thereto, Administrative Fees, Affordable Housing Contributions, and any interest thereon, are Material Conditions of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE V - PROJECT EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING AGREEMENT**

#### **Section 5.1 Project Employment and Contracting Agreement**

In order to provide City residents and businesses with certain employment and other

economic related opportunities, the Entity is subject to the terms and conditions of the Project Employment and Contracting Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 8.

## **ARTICLE VI - CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY**

### **Section 6.1 Certificate of Occupancy**

It is understood and agreed that it shall be the obligation of the Entity to obtain all Certificates of Occupancy in a timely manner so as to complete construction in accordance with the proposed construction schedule attached hereto as Exhibit 5. The failure to secure the Certificates of Occupancy shall subject the Property to full taxation for the period between the date of Substantial Completion and the date the Certificate of Occupancy is obtained.

### **Section 6.2 Filing of Certificate of Occupancy**

It shall be the primary responsibility of the Entity to forthwith file with both the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector a copy of each Certificate of Occupancy.

Failure of the Entity to file such issued Certificate of Occupancy as required by the preceding paragraph, shall not militate against any action or non-action, taken by the City, including, if appropriate retroactive billing with interest for any charges determined to be due, in the absence of such filing by the Entity.

### **Section 6.3 Construction Permits**

The estimated cost basis disclosed by the Entity's application and proposed Financial Agreement may, at the option of the City, be used as the basis for the construction cost in the issuance of any construction permit for the Project.

## **ARTICLE VII - ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **Section 7.1 Accounting System**

The Entity agrees to maintain a system of accounting and internal controls established and administered in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

### **Section 7.2 Periodic Reports**

A. Auditor's Report: Within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal or calendar year, depending on the Entity's accounting basis that the Agreement shall continue in effect, the

Entity shall submit to the Mayor and Municipal Council and the NJ Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, its Auditor's Report for the preceding fiscal or calendar year. The Auditor's Report shall include, but not be limited to gross revenue, and the terms and interest rate on any mortgage(s) associated with the purchase or construction of the Project and such details as may relate to the financial affairs of the Entity and to its operation and performance hereunder, pursuant to the Law and this Agreement. The Report shall clearly identify and calculate the Allowable Net Profit for the Entity during the previous year, the excess of which shall be paid to the City each year an excess profit is generated.

B. Total Project Cost Audit: Within ninety (90) days after Substantial Completion of the Project, the Entity shall submit to the Mayor, Municipal Council, the Tax Collector and the City Clerk, who shall advise those municipal officials required to be advised, an audit of Total Project Cost, including but not limited to an audit of actual construction costs as certified by the Project architect.

C. Disclosure Statement: On the anniversary date of the execution of this Agreement, and each and every year thereafter while this agreement is in effect, the Entity shall submit to the Municipal Council, the Tax Collector and the City Clerk, who shall advise those municipal officials required to be advised, a Disclosure Statement listing the persons having an ownership interest in the Project, and the extent of the ownership interest of each and such additional information as the City may request from time to time. All disclosures shall include ownership interests of the individual persons owning any corporate interest in the Entity.

### **Section 7.3    Inspection/Audit**

The Entity shall permit the inspection of its property, equipment, buildings and other facilities of the Project and, if deemed appropriate or necessary, any other related Entity by representatives duly authorized by the City or the NJ Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs. It shall also permit, upon request, examination and audit of its books, contracts, records, documents and papers. Such examination or audit shall be made during the reasonable hours of the business day, in the presence of an officer or agent designated by the Entity for any year during which the tax exemption financial agreement was in full force

and effect.

All costs incurred by the City to conduct a review of the Entity's audits, including reasonable attorneys' fees if appropriate, shall be billed to the Entity and paid to the City as part of the Entity's Annual Service Charge. Delinquent payments shall accrue interest at the same rate as for a delinquent service charge.

## **ARTICLE VIII- LIMITATION OF PROFITS AND RESERVES**

### **Section 8.1 Limitation of Profits and Reserves**

During the period of tax exemption as provided herein, the Entity shall be subject to a limitation of its profits pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:20-15.

The Entity shall have the right to establish a reserve against vacancies, unpaid rentals, and reasonable contingencies in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the Gross Revenue of the Entity for the last full fiscal year preceding the year and may retain such part of the Excess Net Profits as is necessary to eliminate a deficiency in that reserve, as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:20-15. The reserve is to be non-cumulative, it being intended that no further credits thereto shall be permitted after the reserve shall have attained the allowable level of five (5%) percent of the preceding year's Gross Revenue.

### **Section 8.2 Annual Payment of Excess Net Profit**

In the event the Net Profits of the Entity, in any year, exceeds the Allowable Net Profits for such year, then the Entity, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of the year, shall pay such excess Net Profits to the City as an additional annual service charge; provided, however, that the Entity may maintain a reserve as determined pursuant to aforementioned paragraph 8.1. The calculation of the Entity's Excess Net Profits shall include those project costs directly attributable to site remediation and cleanup expenses and any other costs excluded in the definition of Total Project Cost in Section 1.2 (xx) of this Agreement. If the Service Charge is calculated as a percentage of Total Project Costs, such costs must be included in the Total Project Costs for purposes of calculating the Annual Service Charge.

### **Section 8.3 Payment of Reserve/ Excess Net Profit Upon Termination, Expiration or Sale**

The date of termination, expiration or sale shall be considered to be the close of the fiscal year of the Entity. Within ninety (90) days after such date, the Entity shall pay to the City the amount of the reserve, if any, maintained by it pursuant to this section and the balance of the Excess Net Profit, if any.

## **ARTICLE IX - ASSIGNMENT AND/OR ASSUMPTION**

### **Section 9.1 Approval of Sale**

Any sale or transfer of the Project, shall be void unless approved in advance by Ordinance of the Municipal Council. It is understood and agreed that the City, on written application by the Entity, will not unreasonably withhold its consent to a sale of the Project and the transfer of this Agreement provided 1) the new Entity does not own any other Project subject to long term tax exemption at the time of transfer; 2) the new Entity is formed and eligible to operate under the Law; 3) the Entity is not then in default of this Agreement or the Law; 4) the Entity's obligations under this Agreement are fully assumed by the new Entity; 5) the Entity pays in full the maximum transfer fee, currently 2% of the Annual Service Charge, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:20-10(d); and 6) as to projects that are not Substantially Complete, the Entity is comprised of principals possessing substantially the same or better financial qualifications and credit worthiness as the Entity.

Nothing herein shall prohibit any transfer of the ownership interest in the Entity itself provided that the transfer, if greater than 10%, is disclosed to the City in the annual disclosure statement or in correspondence sent to the City in advance of the filing of the annual disclosure statement.

### **Section 9.2 Transfer Application Fee**

Where the consent or approval of the City is sought for approval of a change in ownership or sale or transfer of the Project, the Entity shall be required to pay to the City a new tax exemption application fee for the legal and administrative services of the City, as it relates to the review, preparation and/or submission of documents to the Municipal Council for appropriate action on the requested assignment. The fee shall be non-refundable.

## **ARTICLE X - COMPLIANCE**

### **Section 10.1 Operation**

During the term of this Agreement, the Project shall be maintained and operated in accordance with the provisions of the Law. Operation of Project under this Agreement shall not only be terminable as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented, but also by a Default under this Agreement. The Entity's failure to comply with the Law shall constitute a Default under this Agreement and the City shall, among its other remedies, have the right to terminate the tax exemption.

### **Section 10.2 Disclosure of Lobbyist Representative**

During the term of this Agreement, the Entity must comply with Executive Order 2015-007, and Ordinance 02-075, requiring Written Disclosure of Lobbyist Representative Status. The Entity's failure to comply with the Executive Order or the Ordinance shall constitute a Default under this Agreement and the City shall, among its other remedies, have the right to terminate the tax exemption.

## **ARTICLE XI - DEFAULT**

### **Section 11.1 Default**

Default shall be failure of the Entity to conform with the terms of this Agreement or failure of the Entity to perform any obligation imposed by the Law, beyond any applicable notice, cure or grace period.

### **Section 11.2 Cure Upon Default**

Should the Entity be in Default, the City shall send written notice to the Entity of the Default [Default Notice]. The Default Notice shall set forth with particularity the basis of the alleged Default. The Entity shall have thirty (30) days, from receipt of the Default Notice, to cure any Default which shall be the sole and exclusive remedy available to the Entity. However, if, in the reasonable opinion of the City, the Default cannot be cured within thirty (30) days using reasonable diligence, the City will extend the time to cure.

Subsequent to such thirty (30) days, or any approved extension, the City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 12.1.

Should the Entity be in default due to a failure to pay any charges defined as Material Conditions in Section 4.7, or a sale of the Project occurs without the consent of the City, the Entity shall not be subject to the default procedural remedies as provided herein but shall allow the City to proceed immediately to terminate the Agreement as provided in Article XII herein.

### **Section 11.3 Remedies Upon Default**

The City shall, among its other remedies, have the right to proceed against the property pursuant to the In Rem Tax Foreclosure Act, N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. In order to secure the full and timely payment of the Annual Service Charge, the City on its own behalf, or on behalf of the Trustee, reserves the right to prosecute an In Rem Tax Foreclosure action against the Project Area in accordance with Applicable Law, as more fully set forth in this Financial Agreement.

In addition, the City may declare a Default and terminate this Agreement. Any default arising out of the Entity's failure to pay Land Taxes, the Minimum Annual Service Charge, Administrative Fees, Affordable Housing Contribution, or the Annual Service Charges shall not be subject to the default procedural remedies as provided herein, but shall allow the City to proceed immediately to terminate the Agreement as provided herein. All of the remedies provided in this Agreement to the City, and all rights and remedies granted to it by law and equity shall be cumulative and concurrent. No termination of any provision of this Agreement shall deprive the City of any of its remedies or actions against the Entity because of its failure to pay Land Taxes, the Minimum Annual Service Charge, Annual Service Charge, Affordable Housing Contribution or Administrative Fees. This right shall apply to arrearages that are due and owing at the time or which, under the terms hereof, would in the future become due as if there had been no termination. Further, the bringing of any action for Land Taxes, the Minimum Annual Service Charge, the Annual Service Charge, Affordable Housing Contribution, Administrative Fees, or for breach of covenant or the resort to any other remedy herein provided for the recovery of Land Taxes shall not be construed as a waiver of the rights to terminate the tax exemption or proceed with a tax sale or Tax Foreclosure action or any other specified remedy.

In the event of a Default on the part of the Entity to pay any charges set forth in Article IV, the City among its other remedies, reserves the right to proceed against the Entity's land and

property, in the manner provided by the In Rem Foreclosure Act, and any act supplementary or amendatory thereof. Whenever the word taxes appear, or is applied, directly or impliedly to mean taxes or municipal liens on land, such statutory provisions shall be read, as far as is pertinent to this Agreement, as if the charges were taxes or municipal liens on land.

## **ARTICLE XII- TERMINATION**

### **Section 12.1 Termination Upon Default of the Entity**

In the event the Entity fails to cure or remedy the Default within the time period provided in Section 11.2, the City may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Entity [Notice of Termination].

### **Section 12.2 Voluntary Termination by the Entity**

The Entity may notify the City that it will relinquish its status as a tax exempt Project, after the expiration of one year from the Substantial Completion of the Project, as of the January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year next ensuing. The Notice of Voluntary Termination must be received by the City no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the tax year preceding the calendar year in which the termination is to occur. As of the date so set, the tax exemption, the Annual Service Charges and the profit and dividend restrictions shall terminate. However, under no circumstances will the Entity be entitled to any refund, in whole or in part, of any funds paid to the City to obtain the tax exemption, including but not limited to the Affordable Housing Contribution. In addition, the due date for all Affordable Housing Contribution and any other fees that the Entity agreed to pay under this Agreement, shall be accelerated so that all fees to be paid shall be due on January 1<sup>st</sup> as a condition precedent of the voluntary termination.

### **Section 12.3 Final Accounting**

Within ninety (90) days after the date of termination, whether by affirmative action of the Entity or by virtue of the provisions of the Law or pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Entity shall provide a final accounting and pay to the City the reserve, if any, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:20-13 and 15 as well as any remaining excess Net Profits. For purposes of rendering a final accounting the termination of the Agreement shall be deemed to be the end of the fiscal year for the Entity.



#### **Section 12.4 Conventional Taxes**

Upon Termination or expiration of this Agreement, the tax exemption for the Project shall expire and the land and the Improvements thereon shall thereafter be assessed and conventionally taxed according to the general law applicable to other nonexempt taxable property in the City.

### **ARTICLE XIII - DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

#### **Section 13.1 Arbitration**

In the event of a breach of the within Agreement by either of the parties hereto or a dispute arising between the parties in reference to the terms and provisions as set forth herein, either party may apply to the Superior Court of New Jersey by an appropriate proceeding, to settle and resolve the dispute in such fashion as will tend to accomplish the purposes of the Law. In the event the Superior Court shall not entertain jurisdiction, then the parties shall submit the dispute to the American Arbitration Association in New Jersey to be determined in accordance with its rules and regulations in such a fashion to accomplish the purpose of the Long Term Tax Exemption Law. The cost for the arbitration shall be borne by the Entity. The parties agree that the Entity may not file an action in Superior Court or with the Arbitration Association unless the Entity has first paid in full all charges defined in Section 4.7 as Material Conditions.

#### **Section 13.2 Appeal of Assessment**

In calculating the amount of the Staged Adjustments that is, taxes otherwise due, pursuant to Section 4.2 hereof and N.J.S.A. 40A:20-12, either party may file an appeal of the conventional assessment to determine the value of land and improvements.

### **ARTICLE XIV - WAIVER**

#### **Section 14.1 Waiver**

Nothing contained in this Financial Agreement or otherwise shall constitute a waiver or relinquishment by the City of any rights and remedies, including, without limitation, the right to terminate the Agreement and tax exemption for violation of any of the conditions provided herein. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the City's right to audit or recover any amount

which the City has under law, in equity, or under any provision of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XV - INDEMNIFICATION**

### **Section 15.1 Defined**

It is understood and agreed that in the event the City shall be named as party defendant in any action by a third party alleging any breach, default or a violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement and/or the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq., the Entity shall indemnify and hold the City harmless against any and all liability, loss, cost, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs), arising out of this Agreement. In addition, the Entity expressly waives all statutory or common law defenses or legal principles which would defeat the purposes of this indemnification. The Entity also agrees to defend the suit at its own expense. However, the City maintains the right to intervene as a party thereto, to which intervention the Entity consents; the expense thereof to be borne by the City.

## **ARTICLE XVI- NOTICE**

### **Section 16.1 Certified Mail**

Any notice required hereunder to be sent by either party to the other shall be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

### **Section 16.2 Sent by City**

When sent by the City to the Entity the notice shall be addressed to:

456 Grand Realty Urban Renewal, LLC  
616 Gorge Road, Unit 2  
Cliffside Park, New Jersey 07010

And to

George Garcia, Esq.  
Genova Burns, LLC  
30 Montgomery Street, Suite 1105  
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

unless prior to giving of notice the Entity shall have notified the City in writing otherwise.

In addition, provided the City is sent a formal written notice in accordance with this Agreement, of the name and address of Entity's Mortgagee, the City agrees to provide such Mortgagee with a copy of any notice required to be sent to the Entity.

**Section 16.3 Sent by Entity**

When sent by the Entity to the City, it shall be addressed to:

City of Jersey City, Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall  
280 Grove Street  
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302,

with copies sent to the Corporation Counsel, the Business Administrator, and the Tax Collector unless prior to the giving of notice, the City shall have notified the Entity otherwise. The notice to the City shall identify the Project to which it relates, (i.e., the Urban Renewal Entity and the Property's Block and Lot number).

**ARTICLE XVII-SEVERABILITY**

**Section 17.1 Severability**

If any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement or the Application, except a Material Condition, shall be judicially declared to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such term, covenant or condition to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term, covenant or condition of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

If a Material Condition shall be judicially declared to be invalid or unenforceable and provided the Entity is not in Default of this Agreement, the parties shall cooperate with each other to take the actions reasonably required to restore the Agreement in a manner contemplated by the parties and the Law. This shall include, but not be limited to the authorization and re-execution of this Agreement in a form reasonably drafted to effectuate the original intent of the parties and the Law. However, the City shall not be required to restore the Agreement if it would modify a Material Condition, the amount of the periodic adjustments or any other term of this

Agreement which would result in any economic reduction or loss to the City.

## **ARTICLE XVIII - MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Section 18.1 Construction**

This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, and without regard to or aid of any presumption or other rule requiring construction against the party drawing or causing this Agreement to be drawn since counsel for both the Entity and the City have combined in their review and approval of same.

### **Section 18.2 Conflicts**

The parties agree that in the event of a conflict between the Application and the language contained in the Agreement, the Agreement shall govern and prevail. In the event of conflict between the Agreement and the Law, the Law shall govern and prevail.

### **Section 18.3 Oral Representations**

There have been no oral representations made by either of the parties hereto which are not contained in this Agreement. This Agreement, the Ordinance authorizing the Agreement, and the Application constitute the entire Agreement between the parties and there shall be no modifications thereto other than by a written instrument approved and executed by both parties and delivered to each party.

### **Section 18.4 Entire Document**

This Agreement and all conditions in the Ordinance of the Municipal Council approving this Agreement are incorporated in this Agreement and made a part hereof.

### **Section 18.5 Good Faith**

In their dealings with each other, utmost good faith is required from the Entity and the City.

## **ARTICLE XIX - EXHIBITS**

### **Section 19 Exhibits**

The following Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth at length herein:

1. Metes and Bounds description of the Project;
2. Ordinance of the City authorizing the execution of this Agreement;
3. The Application with Exhibits;
4. Certificate of the Entity;
5. Estimated Construction Schedule;
6. The Financial Plan for the undertaking of the Project;
7. Good Faith Estimate of Initial Rents [or Sales Prices];
8. Project Employment and Contracting Agreement;
9. Architect's Certification of Actual Construction Costs.
10. Entity's Deed [or Lease]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused these presents to be executed the day and year first above written.

WITNESS:

456 GRAND REALTY URBAN RENEWAL, LLC

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ATTEST:

CITY OF JERSEY CITY

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ROBERT BYRNE  
CITY CLERK

ROBERT J. KAKOLESKI  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR