AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND 78 EASTON AVE. URBAN RENEWAL, L.L.C.

BE IT ORDAINED by the New Brunswick City Council as follows:

SECTION I

City Council finds and determines as follows:

(A) 78 Easton Ave. Urban Renewal, L.L.C. (the "Entity") is the owner of a Project within the City of New Brunswick Urban Enterprise Zone.

(B) The aforesaid Urban Renewal Project is being undertaken by the Entity for the parcel at the site generally bordered by Easton Avenue, Hamilton and Guelden Streets and shown as BLOCK 56 LOTS 1.01, 1.03 and 14 on the Official Tax Maps of the City for purposes of development a mixed use project consisting of approximately 9,000 square feet of retail space and approximately 181 residential apartments.

(C) The Entity shall be authorized to do business as an urban renewal entity under the laws of New Jersey pursuant to the provisions of the long-term tax exemption law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, et seq. for the development of the project.

(D) The City Council of the City of New Brunswick has determined that the development of the project will result in the provision of retail as well as residential housing space that will benefit the City and its residents when compared to the cost of the tax abatement and that the abatement approved herein is essential to the project which would not be feasible without the tax abatement approved by this Ordinance.

SECTION II

APPROVAL OF EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION

An exemption from taxation as set forth in the Application is hereby approved and granted to the Entity with respect to the Project in accordance with the terms set forth in the Financial Agreement; provided that in no event shall the term of the Financial Agreement exceed the earlier of thirty-five (35) years from the date of execution thereof or (ii) to the extent permitted by the LTTE Law, thirty (30) years from the Entity’s receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy (as defined in the Financial Agreement) for the Project and only so long as the Entity remains subject to and in compliance with the Financial Agreement and the LTTE Law and any other agreement related to the Project or the Property; and provided, further, that in no event shall the resulting property tax obligation in each year the property tax exemption is in effect, when combined with the Annual Service Charge as defined in the Financial Agreement, be less than the amount of the Land Taxes (as defined in the Financial Agreement) prior to redevelopment.

SECTION III

EXECUTION OF FINANCIAL AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED

(a) The Mayor, in consultation with legal counsel to the City, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Financial Agreement, substantially in the form as it has been presented to the City Council, and attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to additions, deletions, modifications, or revisions deemed necessary and appropriate in consultation with counsel, and any other agreements necessary to effectuate the Financial Agreement.

(b) The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed, upon the execution of the Financial Agreement in accordance with the terms of Section III (a) hereof, to attest to the signature of the Mayor upon such document and is hereby further authorized and directed to affix the corporate seal of the City upon such document.

(c) Within thirty (30) days of its execution, the City Clerk shall file certified copies of this ordinance and the executed Financial Agreement with the Tax Assessor of the City and shall forward a certified copy of this Ordinance and the executed Financial Agreement to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in accordance with Section 12 of the LTTE Law.

(d) The executed copy of the Financial Agreement shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.
SECTION IV

ENTITY OBLIGATIONS

(a) The Project shall conform with all Federal and State laws and ordinances and regulations of the City relating to its construction and use.

(b) The Entity shall, in the operation of the Project, require compliance with all laws so that no person because of race, religious principles, color, national origin or ancestry, will be subject to discrimination.

(c) The Entity shall, from the time that the Annual Service Charge becomes effective, pay the Annual Service Charge as set forth in the Financial Agreement.

SECTION V

SEVERABILITY:

If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION VI

ACTION REGARDING FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters and terms in connection with the Financial Agreement, all in consultation with the counsel to the City, and the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor upon any documents shall be conclusive as to all such determinations. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer, the City Clerk and any other City official, officer or professional, including but not limited to, redevelopment counsel, bond counsel, the financial advisor and the auditor to the City, are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such documents as are necessary to facilitate the transactions contemplated hereby, and to take such actions or refrain from such actions as are necessary to facilitate the transactions contemplated hereby, in consultation with, as applicable, redevelopment counsel, bond counsel, the financial advisor and the auditor to the City, and any and all actions taken heretofore with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION VII

REPEALER:

All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION VIII

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following final adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: August 2, 2017

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED: , 2017

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
ATTEST:

CITY CLERK


MAYOR

APPROVALS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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