



RESOLUTION R-09-2022

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE OAK GROVE II COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TO ADD APPROXIMATELY 109.59 +/- ACRES TO THAT AREA, CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF A HOUSING OFFICER AND THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL AND TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCILS, AND TO EXPAND THE OAK GROVE II ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ZONE TO ADD THAT AREA

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Albany, Ohio (the "City") desires to pursue all reasonable and legitimate incentive measures to assist and encourage development in specific areas of the City that have not enjoyed sufficient reinvestment in new construction; and

WHEREAS, Council, by its Resolution No. R-17-09 adopted March 3, 2009, designated the Oak Grove II Community Reinvestment Area (the "Original Oak Grove II Area"), and by each of its Resolutions No. R-41-2010 adopted July 6, 2010, R-72-2010 adopted November 16, 2010, R-53-2012 adopted October 2, 2012, R-26-2013 adopted August 6, 2013, R-72-2014 adopted September 16, 2014, R-49-2015 adopted November 17, 2015, R-45-16 adopted November 1, 2016, R-02-2017 adopted February 7, 2017, R-17-2018 adopted July 17, 2018, R-41-2018 adopted November 6, 2018, R-50-2018 adopted December 10, 2018, R-05-2019 adopted February 19, 2019, R-37-2019 adopted on August 6, 2019, R-15-2021 adopted on April 6, 2021, and R-46-2021 adopted September 21, 2021 expanded that Original Oak Grove II Area (as expanded to date, the "Current Oak Grove II Area"), which enabled the City to offer in that Current Oak Grove II Area real property tax exemptions on the construction of certain new structures and the remodeling of certain existing structures as described in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Section 3735.67; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to promote commercial and industrial development in an additional area contiguous to the Current Oak Grove II Area, which contiguous area includes approximately 109.59 +/- acres and which is depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Oak Grove II Expansion Area"); and

WHEREAS, the City believes that the redevelopment of the Oak Grove II Expansion Area would encourage economic stability, maintain real property values and generate new employment opportunities and desires to designate the Oak Grove II Expansion Area as a community reinvestment area pursuant to R.C. Sections 3735.65 to 3735.70; and

WHEREAS, as required by R.C. Section 3735.66, a survey of housing was prepared for the Oak Grove II Expansion Area (the "Survey"); and

WHEREAS, that Survey shows the facts and conditions relating to existing housing and commercial structures and undeveloped land in the Oak Grove II Expansion Area, including, among other things, evidence of deterioration and lack of new construction, or repair or rehabilitation of structures in that Oak Grove II Expansion Area; and

WHEREAS, the construction of new commercial or industrial structures in the Oak Grove II Expansion Area constitutes a public purpose for which real property tax exemptions may be granted; and

WHEREAS, the City created an economic opportunity zone (the "Oak Grove II EOZ") to encourage commercial and other business development in the City and now the City, to consistently preserve areas and zones, wishes to expand the Oak Grove II EOZ in conjunction with the expansion of the Oak Grove II CRA so that the two, when mapped, have the same area and boundaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council for the city of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Conditions in the Oak Grove II Expansion Area. Based on the findings in the Survey and on this Council's own knowledge of the facts and conditions existing in the Oak Grove II Expansion Area, this Council hereby finds that the Oak Grove II Expansion Area is one in which housing facilities or structures of historical significance are located and new housing construction and repair of existing facilities or structures are discouraged.

Section 2. Creation of Oak Grove II Expanded CRA. This Council hereby designates the Oak Grove II Expansion Area as a community reinvestment area (collectively with the Current Oak Grove II Area, the "Oak Grove II CRA") in accordance with R.C. Section 3735.66. Only new commercial and/or industrial structures consistent with the applicable zoning regulations within the Oak Grove II CRA will be eligible for the exemptions provided for in Section 3 of this Resolution, and residential remodeling or new structures, including, but not limited to, multi-family condominium or apartment structures or remodeling thereof, shall not be eligible for the exemptions granted in that Section 3.

Section 3. Tax Exemptions in the Oak Grove II CRA. Within the Oak Grove II CRA, the percentage of the tax exemption on the increase in the assessed valuation resulting from improvements to commercial and industrial real property and the term of those exemptions shall be negotiated in advance of construction occurring according to the rules outlined in R.C. Section 3735.67. The City has the authority to negotiate, approve or deny any request for such a tax exemption. The results of the negotiation as approved by this Council will be set forth in writing in a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement as provided in R.C. Section 3735.671. If the newly constructed structure qualifies for an exemption, during the period of the exemption the exempted percentage of the value of the structure shall not be considered to be an improvement on the land on which it is located for the purpose of real property taxation.

The Mayor, the City Manager, the City Community Development Director, and the City Economic Development Manager, or any one of them, are hereby authorized to give any and all notices on behalf of this Council that may be required by law, including, without limitation, those notices

required by R.C. Sections 3735.671, 3537.673 and 5709.83, in connection with the consideration, approval or entering into of any agreements under R.C. Section 3735.671.

Section 4. Designation of Housing Officer. To administer and implement the provisions of this Resolution, the Council hereby confirms the prior designation of the City Manager as the Housing Officer for the Oak Grove II CRA as described in R.C. Sections 3735.65 to 3735.70.

Section 5. Application Fee. All projects are required to comply with the State application fee requirements of R.C. Section 3735.672(C). The City may also require a local annual monitoring fee of one percent of the amount of taxes exempted under an agreement, provided there shall be a minimum local annual monitoring fee of \$500 and a maximum local annual monitoring fee of \$2,500.

Section 6. Housing Council and Tax Incentive Review Councils. This Council hereby confirms the prior creation of a Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council (the "Housing Council") for the Oak Grove II CRA. That Housing Council is composed of two members appointed by the Mayor, two members appointed by this Council and one member appointed by the City's Municipal Planning Commission. A majority of those five members shall appoint two additional members who shall be residents of the City. Terms of the members of the Housing Council shall be three years. An unexpired term resulting from a vacancy in the Housing Council shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment was made. The Housing Council shall make an annual inspection of the properties within the Oak Grove II CRA for which an exemption has been granted under R.C. Section 3735.67. The Housing Council also shall also hear appeals under R.C. Section 3735.70.

The "Franklin County Tax Incentive Review Council" and the "Licking County Tax Incentive Review Council" (each a "TIRC") were both previously created pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.85. Each TIRC reviews annually the compliance of each agreement involving the granting of exemptions for commercial or industrial real property improvements under R.C. Section 3735.671 and makes written recommendations to this Council as to continuing, modifying or terminating each agreement based upon the performance of each agreement.

Section 7. Resolution to be Forwarded and Published. The Housing Officer or the Housing Officer's designee is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Franklin County Auditor and the Licking County Auditor, and to cause to be published a copy of this Resolution in a newspaper of general circulation in the City once per week for two consecutive weeks following its adoption.

Section 8. Authorization to Petition the State of Ohio Director of Development. The Housing Officer, or the Housing Officer's designee, is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the City, to petition the State Director of Development, in accordance with R.C. Section 3735.66, for confirmation of the Oak Grove II CRA as expanded to include the Oak Grove II Expansion Area.

Section 9. Open Meeting. The Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and any of its committees and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees that resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements, including R.C. Section 121.22.


Section 10. Effective Date. Pursuant to Article 6.07(A) of the New Albany Charter, this resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

CERTIFIED AS ADOPTED this 1 day of Feb, 2022.

Attest:



Sloan T. Spalding
Mayor



Jennifer H. Mason
Clerk of Council

Approved as to form:



Benjamin S. Albrecht
Interim Law Director

Legislation dates:

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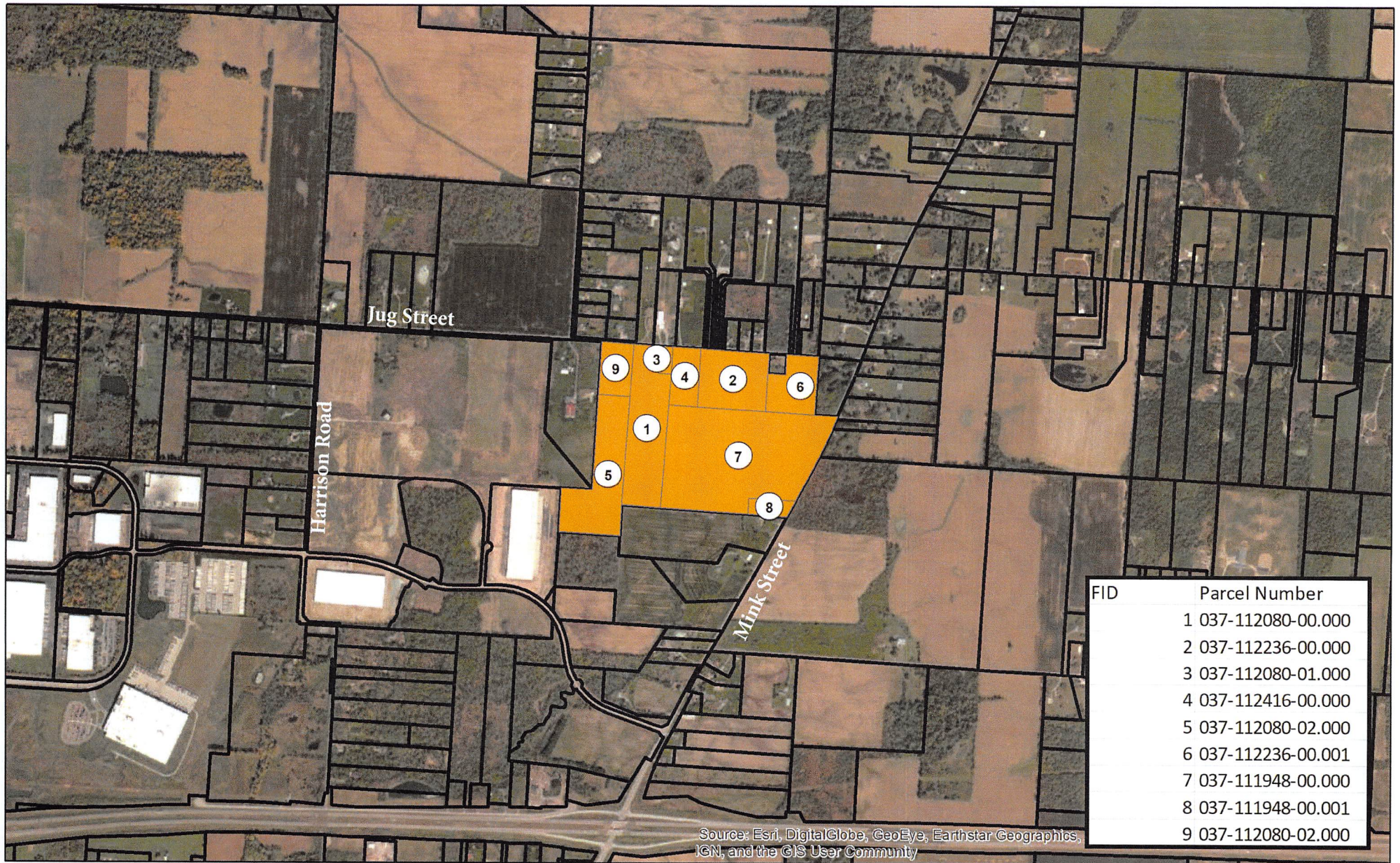
Adopted: 02/01/2022

Effective: 02/01/2022

EXHIBIT A

PARCEL MAP

The colored areas on the attached map specifically identify and depict the Parcels and constitutes part of this Exhibit A.



October 22, 2021

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Exhibit A R-09-2022

New Albany Parcels - Oak Grove II- CRA Expansion 2021