

**ORDINANCE #69145**  
**Board Bill No. 297**

An Ordinance Approving An Amendment to the City Hospital TIF Redevelopment Plan Pursuant to the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act; Approving An Amendment to Redevelopment Project 2 Described Therein; Making Findings With Respect Thereto; Authorizing Certain Actions By City Officials; And Containing A Severability Clause.

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis, Missouri (the "City"), is a body corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, duly created, organized and existing under and by virtue of its charter, the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 1991, pursuant to Ordinance No. 62477, the Board of Aldermen of the City created the Tax Increment Financing Commission of the City of St. Louis, Missouri (the "TIF Commission"); and

**WHEREAS**, the TIF Commission is duly constituted according to the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, Sections 99.800 to 99.865 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (2000), as amended (the "TIF Act"), and is authorized to hold public hearings with respect to proposed redevelopment areas and redevelopment plans and to make recommendations thereon to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, by Ordinance No. 65977, the City, upon the recommendation of the TIF Commission, approved the City Hospital Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan for the City Hospital Redevelopment Area (the "Redevelopment Area") dated June 13, 2003 (as subsequently amended by Ordinance Nos. 67677 and 68097, the "Original Plan"), which Redevelopment Area was more fully described in such Original Plan;

**WHEREAS**, staff and consultants of the City and representatives of Gilded Age, L.L.C., a Missouri limited liability company (the "Developer"), prepared that certain Third Amendment to the City Hospital TIF Redevelopment Plan, January 3, 2012, (the "Third Amendment") which amended the Original Plan (the Original Plan as so amended and as may be further amended from time to time being the "Plan" or "Redevelopment Plan"), and which Third Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Plan proposes to redevelop the Redevelopment Area through three separate redevelopment projects, each pertaining to a redevelopment project area within the Redevelopment Area, including, but not limited to a redevelopment project with respect to Redevelopment Project Area 2 ("RPA 2") consisting of the construction and rehabilitation of buildings for commercial use (as amended by the Third Amendment, the "RPA 2 Project" or "Redevelopment Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2012 after all proper notice was given, the TIF Commission held a public hearing in conformance with the TIF Act and received comments from all interested persons and taxing districts relative to the Redevelopment Area, the Redevelopment Plan, and the Redevelopment Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2012, the TIF Commission found that completion of the Redevelopment Project would provide a substantial and significant public benefit through the creation of new jobs, the elimination of blight, the strengthening of the employment and economic base of the City, increased property values and tax revenues, stabilization of RPA 2, and facilitation of economic stability for the City as a whole, and further found that without the assistance of tax increment financing in accordance with the TIF Act, the Redevelopment Project is not financially feasible and would not otherwise be completed; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2012, the TIF Commission voted to recommend that the Board of Aldermen adopt an ordinance in the form required by the Act (i) approving the Redevelopment Plan as amended by the Third Amendment, (ii) affirming the adoption of tax increment financing within the Redevelopment Area, and (iii) approving the issuance of one or more tax increment financing revenue notes in the amount as specified in the Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen has received the recommendations of the TIF Commission regarding the Redevelopment Area and the Redevelopment Plan and finds that it is desirable and in the best interests of the City to adopt the Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project in order to encourage and facilitate the redevelopment of RPA 2; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Area qualifies for the use of tax increment financing to alleviate the conditions that qualify it as a "blighted area" as provided in the TIF Act and as set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable and in the best interest of the City to approve the Redevelopment Project to allow

the construction of a commercial shopping center; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable and in the best interest of the City to approve the Redevelopment Project for RPA 2 in order to provide for the promotion of the general welfare through redevelopment of RPA 2 in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan which redevelopment includes, but is not limited to, assistance in the physical, economic, and social development of the City of St. Louis, providing for a stabilized population and plan for the optimal growth of the City of St. Louis, encouragement of a sense of community identity, safety and civic pride, and the elimination of impediments to land disposition and development in the City of St. Louis.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE.** The Board of Aldermen hereby makes the following findings:

A. The Redevelopment Area on the whole is a "blighted area", as defined in Section 99.805 of the TIF Act, and has not been subject to growth and development through investment by private enterprise and would not reasonably be anticipated to be developed without the adoption of tax increment financing. This finding includes, the Redevelopment Plan sets forth, and the Board of Aldermen hereby finds and adopts by reference: (i) a detailed description of the factors that qualify the Redevelopment Area as a "blighted area" and (ii) an affidavit, signed by the Developer and submitted with the Redevelopment Plan, attesting that the provisions of Section 99.810.1(1) of the TIF Act have been met, which description and affidavit are incorporated herein as if set forth herein.

B. The Redevelopment Plan conforms to the comprehensive plan for the development of the City as a whole.

C. In accordance with the TIF Act, the Redevelopment Plan states the estimated dates of completion of the Redevelopment Project and retirement of the financial obligations issued to pay for certain redevelopment project costs and these dates are twenty three (23) years or less from the date of approval of the Redevelopment Project.

D. A plan has been developed for relocation assistance for businesses and residences in Ordinance No. 62481 adopted December 20, 1991.

E. A cost-benefit analysis showing the economic impact of the Redevelopment Plan on each taxing district which is at least partially within the boundaries of the Redevelopment Area is on file with the St. Louis Development Corporation, which cost-benefit analysis shows the impact on the economy if the Redevelopment Project is not built, and is built pursuant to the Redevelopment Plan.

F. Redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan is not financially feasible without the assistance of tax increment financing and would not otherwise be completed.

G. The Redevelopment Plan does not include the initial development or redevelopment of any "gambling establishment" as that term is defined in Section 99.805(6) of the TIF Act.

H. The Redevelopment Area includes only those parcels of real property and improvements thereon directly and substantially benefitted by the proposed Redevelopment Project.

**SECTION TWO.** The designation of the Redevelopment Area described in the Redevelopment Plan is hereby affirmed.

**SECTION THREE.** The Third Amendment and Redevelopment Plan as reviewed and recommended by the TIF Commission on February 1, 2012, including amendments thereto, if any, and the Redevelopment Project described in the Redevelopment Plan are hereby adopted and approved. A copy of the Third Amendment is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION FOUR.** The Mayor and Comptroller of the City or their designated representatives are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions as may be necessary and appropriate in order to carry out the matters herein authorized, with no such further action of the Board of Aldermen necessary to authorize such action by the Mayor and the Comptroller or their designated representatives.

**SECTION FIVE.** The Mayor and the Comptroller or their designated representatives, with the advice and concurrence of the City Counselor and after approval by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, are hereby further authorized and directed to make any changes to the documents, agreements and instruments approved and authorized by this Ordinance as may be consistent with the intent of this Ordinance and necessary and appropriate in order to carry out the matters herein authorized, with no such further action of the Board of Aldermen necessary to authorize such changes by the Mayor and the Comptroller or their designated representatives.

**SECTION SIX.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Aldermen that each and every part, section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section and subsection hereof and that the Board of Aldermen intends to adopt each said part, section and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event that any part, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect, unless the court making such finding shall determine that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accord with the legislative intent.

**SECTION SEVEN.** After adoption of this Ordinance by the Board of Aldermen, this Ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after its approval by the Mayor or adoption over his veto; provided that if, within ninety (90) days after the effective date of an ordinance authorizing the City to enter into a redevelopment agreement pertaining to the Redevelopment Project, the Developer or its affiliate or designee, has not (i) executed such redevelopment agreement and (ii) paid all fees due to the City in accordance with the terms of the redevelopment agreement, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed null and void and of no effect and all rights conferred by this Ordinance on Developer, shall terminate, provided further, however, that prior to any such termination the Developer may seek an extension of time in which to execute the Redevelopment Agreement, which extension may be granted in the sole discretion of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of St. Louis.

**EXHIBIT A**

**THIRD AMENDMENT  
TO THE CITY HOSPITAL TIF REDEVELOPMENT PLAN  
(IS ON FILE IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE.)**

**Approved: March 28, 2012**