BOARD BILL # 278 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN FORD GRIFFIN

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a project agreement between the

2 City of St. Louis and Northside Regeneration, LLC; prescribing the form and details

of said agreement; authorizing other related actions in connection therewith; and

4 containing a severability clause.

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5 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation

6 Redevelopment Act, Sections 99.800 through 99.865 of the Revised Statutes of

Missouri (2000), as amended (the "TIF Act"), the Board of Aldermen of the City of

St. Louis, Missouri (the "City") adopted Ordinance No. 68484 on October 30, 2009

(the "Plan Ordinance"), which Plan Ordinance: (i) adopted and approved a

redevelopment plan entitled the "NorthSide Regeneration Tax Increment Financing

(TIF) Redevelopment Plan" dated September 8, 2009 (the "Redevelopment Plan"), (ii)

designated the NorthSide Regeneration Redevelopment Area (as described in the

Redevelopment Plan) as a "redevelopment area" as that term is defined in the TIF Act

(the "Redevelopment Area"), (iii) adopted and approved the Redevelopment Project

Area A and Redevelopment Project Area B as described in the Redevelopment Plan,

(iv) adopted tax increment allocation financing within the Redevelopment Project

Area A (as legally described in the Redevelopment Plan) and Redevelopment Project

Area B (as legally described in the Redevelopment Plan), (v) established the City of

St. Louis, Missouri "NorthSide Regeneration Special Allocation Fund," and (vi) made

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- 1 certain findings with respect thereto, all as set forth in the Plan Ordinance and in
- 2 accordance with the requirements of the TIF Act; and
- WHEREAS, on October 30, 2009, the Board of Aldermen adopted Ordinance
- 4 No. 68485 (the "Redevelopment Agreement Ordinance"), (i) affirming designation of
- 5 the Redevelopment Area and approval of the Redevelopment Plan and
- 6 Redevelopment Projects in RPA A and Redevelopment Projects in RPA B, (ii)
- 7 designating Northside Regeneration, LLC (the "Developer"), as developer of the
- 8 Redevelopment Area, and (iii) authorizing the City to enter into the Redevelopment
- 9 Agreement (the "Redevelopment Agreement"); and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** on December 14, 2009, the parties executed and delivered the
- 11 Redevelopment Agreement; and
- WHEREAS, on or about October 8, 2009, certain individuals commenced an
- action in the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis against the City, the Tax Increment
- 14 Financing Commission of the City of St. Louis and the Developer seeking a writ of
- mandamus and declaratory and injunctive relief to prevent implementation of the Plan
- Ordinance and the Redevelopment Agreement Ordinance in the case of Smith v TIF
- 17 Commissioners (City of St. Louis), et al., Case No. 0922-CC09379 (the "Lawsuit");
- 18 and
- 19 **WHEREAS,** on July 2, 2010, the Court entered its Memorandum, Order and
- 20 Judgment in the Lawsuit stating, among other things, "that this judgment shall not be
- 21 construed to forbid defendant City of St. Louis to amend or supplement said

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1	ordinances in accordance with law." Memorandum, Order and Judgment at page 51;
2	and
3	WHEREAS, on July 23, 2010, the Developer filed the Motion for New Trial or
4	to Amend Judgment and the City joined in said Motion; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2010, the Court entered the Memorandum and
Order, denying the Motion for New Trial or to Amend Judgment stating, among other
things:

Certainly defendant Northside could now seek to procure an executed project agreement from the City and so cure the defect in the ordinances at issue, but the fact that the project comes at the end of the sequence, rather than simultaneously with the adoption of the ordinances designating the redevelopment area and approving the redevelopment plan, does not seem to the Court to be inconsistent with the statute.

Memorandum and Order at page 3; and

WHEREAS, in order to supplement the Plan Ordinance and the Redevelopment Agreement Ordinance, the parties wish to enter into a project agreement (the "Project Agreement") providing for (i) the construction and development of (a) a recycling center for building materials and building aggregates, denominated the "SMART Center", and (b) certain infrastructure work for Date: January 28, 2011

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1 Redevelopment Project Area B, which construction and development shall commence

2 on the later of dates certain or written authorization from the City to proceed, (ii) the

submittal by the Developer of certain certificates of commencement of construction

and certificates of substantial completion, (iii) the City's assistance to the Developer

in undertaking the construction and development, and (iv) indemnification by

6 Developer; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen hereby determines that the terms of the

8 Project Agreement, attached as Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein by

reference, are acceptable and that the execution, delivery and performance by the City

and the Developer of their respective obligations under the Project Agreement are in

the best interests of the City and the health, safety, morals and welfare of its residents.

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

SECTION ONE. The Board of Aldermen hereby approves, and the Mayor

and Comptroller of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf

of the City, the Project Agreement by and between the City and the Developer

attached hereto as Exhibit A, as and for a supplement to the Plan Ordinance and the

Redevelopment Agreement Ordinance, and the City Register is hereby authorized and

directed to attest to the Project Agreement and to affix the seal of the City thereto. The

Project Agreement shall be in substantially the form attached, with such changes

therein as shall be approved by said Mayor and Comptroller executing the same and

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as may be consistent with the intent of this Ordinance and necessary and appropriate

2 in order to carry out the matters herein authorized.

3 **SECTION TWO.** The Mayor and Comptroller of the City or their designated

4 representatives are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions to

execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City any and all additional certificates,

documents, agreements or other instruments 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

9 Comptroller or their designated representatives.

SECTION THREE. The Mayor and the Comptroller or their designated

representatives, with the advice and concurrence of the City Counselor, 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 FOUR. 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

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separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event

2 that any part, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to

3 have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections

4 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

6 being executed in accord with the legislative intent.

7 **SECTION FIVE.** 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

9 or adoption over his veto.

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EXHIBIT A PROJECT AGREEMENT