

St. Louis City Ordinance 62395

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

BOARD BILL NO. [91] 108

INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MARIT CLARK

An ordinance finding that a certain blighted area as defined in Section 99.320 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1986, as amended, (the "Statute" being Sections 99.300 to 99.715 inclusive), exists in the City of St. Louis ("City") and containing a description of the boundaries of said blighted area, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", known as the Washington Avenue Loft Area ("Area"); finding that redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Area is in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the City; approving the Plan dated May 28, 1991 for the Area ("Plan"), incorporated herein by attached Exhibit "B", pursuant to Section 99.430; finding that there is a feasible financial plan for the development of the Area which affords maximum opportunity for development of the Area by private enterprise; finding that no property in the Area may be acquired by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA") through the exercise of eminent domain; finding that the Area is partially occupied and that the Redeveloper shall be responsible for relocating any eligible occupants displaced as a result of implementation of the Plan; finding that financial aid may be necessary to enable the Area to be redeveloped in accordance with the Plan; finding that there shall be available a ten (10) year tax abatement; pledging cooperation of the Board of Aldermen and requesting various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City to cooperate and to exercise their respective powers in a manner consistent with the Plan and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, by reason of predominance of defective or inadequate street layout, insanitary or unsafe conditions, deterioration of site improvements, improper subdivision or obsolete platting, there exist conditions which endanger life or property by fire or other causes and constitute an economic or social liability or a menace to the public health, safety, morals or welfare in the present condition and use of the Area, said Area being more fully described in Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, such conditions are beyond remedy and control solely by regulatory process in the exercise of the police power and cannot be dealt with

effectively by ordinary private enterprise without the aids provided in the Statute; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the LCRA, a public body corporate and politic created under Missouri law, to undertake the development of the above described Area as a land clearance project under said Statute, pursuant to plans by or presented to the LCRA under Section 99.430.1 (4); and

WHEREAS, the LCRA has recommended such a plan to the Community Development Commission ("CDC") and to this St. Louis Board of Aldermen ("Board"), titled "Blighting Study and Plan for Washington Avenue Loft Area" dated May 28, 1991, consisting of a Title Page, a Table of Contents Page, and sixteen (16) numbered pages, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B" ("Plan"); and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Statute, it is required that this Board take such actions as may be required to approve the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that a public body, the LCRA, undertake and administer the Plan in the Area; and

WHEREAS, the LCRA and the CDC have made and presented to this Board the studies and statements required to be made and submitted by Section 99.430 and this Board has been fully apprised by the LCRA and the CDC of the facts and is fully aware of the conditions in the Area; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been presented and recommended by the LCRA and the CDC to this Board for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, a general plan has been prepared and is recognized and used as a guide for the general development of the City and CDC has advised this Board that the Plan conforms to said general plan; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly considered the reports, recommendations and certifications of the LCRA and the CDC; and

WHEREAS, the Plan does prescribe land use and street and traffic patterns which may require, among other things, the vacation of public rights-of-way, the establishment of new street and sidewalk patterns or other public actions; and

WHEREAS, this Board is cognizant of the conditions which are imposed on the undertaking and carrying out of a redevelopment project, including those

relating to prohibitions against discrimination because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, marital status or physical handicap; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Section 99.430 of the Statute, this Board advertised that a public hearing would be held by this Board on the Plan, and said hearing was held at the time and place designated in said advertising and all those who were interested in being heard were given a reasonable opportunity to express their views; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Board take appropriate official action respecting the approval of the Plan.

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

SECTION ONE. There exists within the City of St. Louis ("City") a blighted area, as defined by Section 99.320 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1986, as amended, (the "Statute" being Sections 99.300 to 99.715 inclusive) described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, known as the Washington Avenue Loft Area ("Area").

SECTION TWO. The redevelopment of the above described Area, as provided by the Statute, is necessary and in the public interest, and is in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the City of St. Louis.

SECTION THREE. The Area qualifies as a redevelopment area in need of redevelopment under the provision of the Statute, and the Area is blighted as defined in Section 99.320 of the Statute.

SECTION FOUR. The Blighting Study and Plan for the Area, dated May 28, 1991 ("Plan"), having been duly reviewed and considered, is hereby approved and incorporated herein by reference, and the President or Clerk of this St. Louis Board PAGE: Three of Seven of Aldermen ("Board") is hereby directed to file a copy of said Plan with the Minutes of this meeting.

SECTION FIVE. The Plan for the Area is feasible and conforms to the general plan for the City.

SECTION SIX. The financial aid provided and to be provided for financial assistance pertaining to the Area is necessary to enable the redevelopment activities to be undertaken in accordance with the Plan for the Area, and the proposed financing plan for the Area is feasible.

SECTION SEVEN. The Plan for the Area will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the City as a whole, for the redevelopment of the Area by private enterprise, and private developments to be sought pursuant to the requirements of the Statute.

SECTION EIGHT. The Plan for the Area provides that the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA") may not acquire, by the exercise of eminent domain, any property in the Area.

SECTION NINE. The Area is currently partially occupied, and all eligible occupants displaced by the Redeveloper ("Redeveloper" being defined in Section Twelve, below) shall be given relocation assistance by the Redeveloper at its expense, in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations and policies. In addition, the Redeveloper shall provide timely notice of redevelopment activities to all occupants.

SECTION TEN. The Plan for the Area gives due consideration to the provision of adequate public facilities.

SECTION ELEVEN. In order to implement and facilitate the effectuation of the Plan hereby approved it is found and determined that certain official actions must be taken by this Board and accordingly this Board hereby:

- (a) Pledges its cooperation in helping to carry out the Plan;
- (b) Requests the various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City, which have administrative responsibilities, likewise to cooperate to such end and PAGE: Four of Seven to execute their respective functions and powers in a manner consistent with the Plan; and
- (c) Stands ready to consider and take appropriate action upon proposals and measures designed to effectuate the Plan.

SECTION TWELVE. All parties participating as owners or purchasers of property in the Area for redevelopment ("Redeveloper") shall agree for themselves and their heirs, successors and assigns that they shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age or physical handicap in the sale, lease, or rental of any property or improvements erected or to be erected in the Area or any part thereof and those covenants shall run with the land, shall remain in effect without limitation of time, shall be made part of every contract for sale, lease, or rental of property to which Redeveloper is a party, and shall be enforceable by the LCRA, the City and the United States of America.

SECTION THIRTEEN. In all contracts with private and public parties for redevelopment of any portion of the Area, all Redevelopers shall agree:

- (a) To use the property in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, and be bound by the conditions and procedures set forth therein and in this Ordinance;
- (b) That in undertaking construction under the agreement with the LCRA and the Plan, bona fide minority and women subcontractors and material suppliers will be solicited and fairly considered for subcontractors and purchase orders by the general contractor and other subcontractors under the general construction contracts let directly by the Redeveloper;
- (c) To be bound by the conditions and procedures regarding the utilization of minority and women business enterprises established by the Community Development Commission of the City of St. Louis ("CDC");
- (d) To adhere to the requirements of the Executive Orders of the Mayor of the City, dated December 6, 1984 and January 10, 1990;
- (e) To comply with the requirements of Ordinance No. 60275 of the City;
- (f) To cooperate with those programs and methods supplied by the City with PAGE: Five of Seven the purpose of accomplishing, pursuant to this paragraph, minority and women subcontractors and material supplier participation in the construction under this Agreement. The Redeveloper will report semi-annually during the construction period the results of its endeavors under this paragraph, to the Office of the Mayor and the President of this Board; and
- (g) That the language of this Section Thirteen shall be included in its general construction contract and other construction contracts let directly by Redeveloper.

The terms "minority contractor" or "minority material supplier" shall mean a business enterprise at least fifty-one percent (51%) of which is owned and controlled by members of minorities. The terms "members of a minority" or "minority" mean Black Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders and other protected classes.

The terms "woman contractor" and "woman material supplier" shall mean a business enterprise at least fifty one percent (51%) of which is owned and controlled by women.

The term "Redeveloper" as used in this Section shall include its successors in interest and assigns.

SECTION FOURTEEN. A Redeveloper shall hereby be entitled to ad valorem tax abatement benefits for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the commencement of such tax abatement. A Redeveloper may seek such tax abatement only pursuant to Sections 99.700 - 99.715, Revised Statutes of Missouri, upon application as provided therein.

SECTION FIFTEEN. Where a proposed modification will substantially change the Plan, the modification must be approved by this Board in the same manner as the Plan was first approved. Modifications which will substantially change the Plan include, but are not necessarily limited to, modifications on the use of eminent domain, to the length of tax abatement, to the boundaries of the Area, or to other items which alter the nature or intent of the Plan.

The Plan may be otherwise modified (e.g. urban design regulations, development PAGE: Six of Seven schedule) by the LCRA, provided that such modification shall be effective only upon the consent of the CDC. Changes which are not substantial are those that do not go to the crux of the Plan.

SECTION SIXTEEN. The sections of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any section of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining sections of this Ordinance are valid, unless the court finds the valid sections of the Ordinance are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void section that it cannot be presumed that this Board would have enacted the valid sections without the void ones, or unless the court finds that the valid sections standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

SECTION SEVENTEEN. This Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of public health, safety and general welfare, shall be and is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Article IV, Section 20, of the Charter of The City of St. Louis, and as such shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Mayor.

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FORM: 5/21/91(FS)

BLIGHTING STUDY AND PLAN

FOR
WASHINGTON AVENUE LOFT AREA
PROJECT # 319
LAND CLEARANCE FOR REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
PLANNED INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

May 28, 1991

MAYOR

VINCENT C. SCHOEMEHL, JR.

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A. EXISTING CONDITIONS AND FINDINGS OF BLIGHT

1. DELINEATION OF BOUNDARIES

The Washington Avenue Loft Area (the "Area") is situated between Locust Street on the south, Seventeenth Street on the west, Delmar Boulevard on the North and extends just east of Tucker Boulevard. The Area encompasses approximately 35 acres in the West Downtown neighborhood of the City of St. Louis.

The legal description of the Area is attached and labeled Exhibit "A". The boundaries of the Area are delineated on Exhibit "B" (Project Area Plan).

2. GENERAL CONDITION OF THE AREA

The Area comprises all of City Blocks 510, 520, 521, 522E, 522W, 525, 526, 827, 832, 833, and parts of City Blocks 517, 527, 528, 826, 828, 834, 835 and 836, and includes approximately eighteen (18) parking lots and approximately fifty (50) structures ranging from one-story to eleven stories in height. The majority are loft buildings once used for light manufacturing and warehousing but now largely underutilized.

The Area is in fair to poor condition. The physical conditions within the Area are shown on Exhibit "B" (Project Area Plan). For the purpose of this Plan, fair condition means property that is generally structurally sound but suffers from inadequate maintenance and upkeep. Poor condition means (1) buildings that are structurally unsound and/or substantially deteriorated, requiring major improvements such as new roofs, windows, systems, etc., in order to be used productively, or (2) property without buildings which is poorly maintained, has crumbling pavement, and/or is used for open storage.

Unemployment figures, computed by the Missouri State Employment Service, indicate an 7.1% unemployment rate for the City of St. Louis as of February, 1991. It is estimated that this rate is prevalent for residents of the neighborhoods surrounding the Area, although there are no residents within the Area.

There are currently 1,000 to 2,000 jobs within the Area.

3. PRESENT LAND USE AND DENSITY OF THE AREA

Existing land use within the Area includes almost all land uses -light industrial, commercial, residential, institutional and parking. Development is relatively dense, except for the surface parking lots which are scattered throughout the area.

The land use, including the location of public and private uses, streets and other rights-of-way is shown on Exhibit "B".

4. PRESENT LAND USE OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES

The properties to the north of the Area are used primarily for light industrial uses, including Dr. Martin Luther King Industrial Park. The properties to the west and south are used for light industrial and commercial uses, including a major residential grouping to the south. The core of the central business district is to the east.

Residential density for the surrounding neighborhoods is approximately 4.9 persons per acre.

5. CURRENT ZONING

The Area is zoned "I" Central Business District, except for the portion north of Lucas Avenue which is zoned "J" Industrial District, pursuant to the Zoning Code of the City of St. Louis which is incorporated in this Plan by reference.

6. FINDING OF BLIGHT

The property within the Area is only partially occupied. Most is in fair to poor condition (as those terms are defined in Section A(2) above). The existence of underutilized and deteriorated property constitutes both an economic liability to the City of St. Louis and presents a hazard to the health and well being of its citizens. These conditions, therefore, qualify the Area as blighted within the meaning of Section 99.300 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority Law) and of Section 100.310 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (the Planned Industrial Expansion Authority Law).

B. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATIONS

1. DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of this Plan is to facilitate the development of the Area into productive multi-use structures with associated parking.

The development activity proposed by this Plan contemplates rehabilitation for commercial/residential uses.

2. PROPOSED LAND USE OF THE AREA

The proposed land uses for the Area are commercial and residential uses permitted in Areas designated "I" Central Business District by the City of St. Louis Zoning Code. Redevelopers or Industrial Developers (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Redeveloper") contracting with either the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Louis ("LCRA") or the Planned Industrial Expansion Authority of the City of St. Louis ("PIEA") to

develop property in the Area shall not be permitted to use said property for the following:

pawn shops, adult bookstores, x-rated movie houses, massage parlors or health spas, auto and truck dealers (new or used) or repair, storefront churches, pinball arcades, pool halls, secondhand or junk shops, tattoo parlors, truck or other equipment rentals requiring outside storage, blood donor facilities, free standing package liquor stores, check cashing centers, any use (except for financial institutions) that utilizes a sales or service window or facility for customers who are in cars, or restaurants that sell products to customers who are in cars or who consume the sold products in cars parked on the restaurant premises, or sell products through a sales window to customers who are in cars or to pedestrians outside the building for immediate consumption by the customer either on or off the premises, automobile service or stations, or automobile dealers (new or used).

Exhibit "C" (Proposed Land Use) shows the proposed uses for the Area.

3. PROPOSED ZONING

The zoning for the Area can remain "I" Central Business and "J" Industrial Districts. All land coverage and building intensities shall be governed thereby.

4. RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL OBJECTIVES

The proposed land uses, zoning, public facilities and utility plans are appropriate and consistent with local objectives as defined by the General Plan of the City of St. Louis which includes the "Comprehensive City Plan" (1947), the "St. Louis Development Program" (1973), and the "Economic Development Strategy" (1978). Any specific proposal to the LCRA or the PIEA for development of the Area or any portion of the Area shall contain, among other things, adequate provisions for traffic, vehicular parking, safety from fire, adequate provisions for light and air, sound design and arrangement and improved employment opportunities.

5. PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT FOR THIS AREA

Approximately 500 to 1,000 new permanent jobs will be created if the Area is developed in accordance with this Plan. The exact number of jobs created will depend upon the specific nature of the proposed development.

6. CIRCULATION

The Proposed Land Use Plan (Exhibit "C") indicates the proposed circulation system for the Area. The layouts, levels and grades of all public rights-of-way may remain unchanged.

Rights-of-way changes will be subject to the review and approval of the City of St. Louis Department of Streets, and all vacations of rights-of-way are subject to approval by ordinance. It is possible that segments of St. Charles Street and Lucas Avenue may require vacation to provide off street parking.

7. BUILDING AND SITE REGULATIONS

The Area shall be subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations and codes, including but not limited to, the City Building Code, Zoning District Regulations, and stipulations of the Heritage and Urban Design Commission (HUDC) of the City of St. Louis. The population densities, land coverage, and building intensities of redevelopment shall be governed by the Zoning Code. No changes in the building codes or ordinances are required.

8. URBAN DESIGN

a. Urban Design Objectives

The Area contains some of the most handsome structures in the City, which were originally part of the wholesale garment district. The overall urban design objectives are to preserve and enhance the industrial/warehouse character of the buildings in this Area, as described below:

1. Building Materials

The exterior building materials throughout the Area consist of masonry units, including granite, marble, limestone, brick, terra cotta, and glazed brick and terra cotta.

2. Building Construction

Building construction of the Area is either of heavy timber framing with regular bays ranging from 14 to 20 feet and 6 to 9 inch plank floors, or steel reinforced concrete frame and floor slabs with similarly size bays on the average.

3. Building Massing

Building in the Area are uniformly simple, rectangular volumes usually 4 to 10 stories high without setbacks or other articulations of the mass.

4. Facade Composition

The simple rectangle of the building facades facing Washington Avenue and other major streets typically is composed of a tripartite system. The first floor or base is richly ornamental and textural expression to relate to the pedestrian

level. These massive bases have large window openings and strong entry points or doors to support and accommodate the commercial and street activities. The middle portion of the building is simple masonry wall with usually a regular repetitive system of window openings of generous proportions. This segment of the facade is the most consistent and carries the largest percentage of massing on the street. The top portion or cornice is again a highly ornamented, decorative piece that finishes the building as a unit against the sky and street. Other exposed sides of the building follow the same organization as the front facade, but with a less ornate expression. There is a rich overlay of metal fire stairs attached to most of the facades in the district that should be maintained as part of the warehouse, industrial aesthetic.

b. Urban Design Regulations

The criteria used to review any proposed alterations, additions or other changes to existing structures is based on an understanding of the basic design characteristics as described above. The intent is to preserve the existing, rich, decorative detailing on all sides, including the fire escapes which are characteristic of the Area.

Building Facades

Maintenance of existing facades is paramount. Materials used for new street level improvements shall be compatible with the existing facades, such as steel, glass, masonry, or painted wood. Clear glass only is allowed. New windows or doors shall be similar and compatible with existing ones at the street level. Restaurants, retail space, lobbies or residential entrances, galleries and other active public places are encouraged at street level and should open to the public sidewalk.

Building Backs

More extreme changes to the backs of buildings shall be allowed, but must adhere to the same industrial/warehouse aesthetic. St. Charles Street and Lucas Avenue may be vacated and developed as pedestrian zones with restricted vehicular traffic. Light weight steel connections with parking structures above grade, which allow protected direct access between residential units and garages, are allowed.

c. Landscaping

Several parks and open spaces should be developed to provide safe, attractive recreation and open space for residents of the Area. These parks should be urban in character (similar to Lucas Park) and should be improved with water

features, paving and ground cover appropriate to moderate to heavy pedestrian use. They should be protected by a combination of wrought iron and masonry fences and walls, with gates which can control access. Street trees should be planted along their perimeters. Street trees shall also be planted to emphasize connections between the Area and the Gateway Mall along 13th, 15th, 17th and 19th Streets. Where feasible, street trees shall be planted throughout the Area. All street trees shall be of at least two and one-half inch (2-1/2") in caliper when planted, and should be located approximately twenty-five (25) feet on center.

Each Redeveloper shall maintain all structures, equipment, paved areas, and landscaped areas controlled by the Redeveloper in good and safe order both inside and outside, structurally and otherwise, including necessary and proper painting. Failure to meet this requirement may result in suspension of tax abatement.

9. PARKING REGULATIONS

Parking shall be provided in accordance with the applicable zoning and building code requirements of the City, including HUDC standards. This will provide for adequate vehicular parking for the Area. All new permanent at-grade parking areas shall be screened with a decorative wall and/or fence of masonry, cast metal, wrought iron, or a combination thereof, with eight foot masonry piers capped with appropriate stone material located at gates, corners and every twenty-five (25) feet along the perimeter. All such cast metal or wrought iron fencing must be planted with a continuous hedge at least two and one-half (2 1/2) feet high on planting.

If parking lots exceed twenty-five (25) spaces, three percent (3%) of the interior of the parking lots shall be landscaped with trees, at least two and one-half (2-1/2) inch caliper in size on planting. These trees shall be planted on islands, the largest dimension of which shall be at least five (5) feet, planted with low-lying ground cover or other plant material.

10. SIGN REGULATIONS

All new signs shall be limited as set out in the City Code, HUDC stipulations, this Plan and contracts between the LCRA or the PIEA and the Redeveloper. A uniform signage plan must be prepared by the Redeveloper for each entire building consistent with the architectural aesthetics as described in Section 8 under Urban Design. All new signs shall be restricted to those identifying the names and/or business of the person or firm occupying the premises, and shall be compatible with the industrial/warehouse aesthetics of the loft district.

New wall signs shall not obstruct any architectural building elements, shall be placed only on the fronts of buildings or on those sides of the buildings fronting on public or private streets. The total sign area shall be the lesser of either one hundred (100) square feet or ten percent (10%) of the ground floor wall surface fronting on such streets.

Canvas awnings with signs are allowed, but shall be consistent with the industrial aesthetics as described in Section 8. Awnings and signs shall allow individual creative solutions, but be mounted within window or door openings, sloped with no side panels.

Pole signs, monument or ground signs, moving signs, animated or flashing signs or permanent or portable message board signs shall not be permitted in the Area and no regular or mini billboards (free standing or mounted on structures) shall be erected or maintained in the area, except that construction and leasing signs may be maintained during construction and for a period of one (1) year after completion of improvements on any respective parcel or part thereof.

11. BUILDING, CONDITIONAL USE AND SIGN PERMITS

No building, conditional use, or sign permits shall be issued by the City of St. Louis without prior written approval of the LCRA or the PIEA.

12. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

No additional schools, parks, recreational and community facilities or other public facilities will be required, though some may be desired. Additional water, sewage or other public utilities may be required depending on development. The cost of such utility improvements will be borne by the Redeveloper.

If funds are available to the LCRA or the PIEA it may provide public improvements including, but not limited to, measures for the control of traffic, improvements to street lighting, street trees, and any other improvements which may further the objectives of this Plan. Such improvements might include the vacation of portions of St. Charles Street and Lucas Avenue to provide private secured parking for residents of the Area. It is also contemplated that small parks may be developed in the Area for use by residents and employees working in the Area.

When developed in accordance with this Plan, the Area will comprise a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development that promotes the health,

safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, the general welfare, efficiency and economy of the City.

C. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT

The implementation of this Plan shall take place in multiple phases initiated within approximately one (1) year of approval of this Plan by ordinance and completed within approximately eight (8) years of approval of this Plan by ordinance.

The LCRA or the PIEA may alter the above schedule as economic conditions warrant.

D. EXECUTION OF PROJECT

1. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCING

The LCRA is empowered by Missouri law to administer development of all types pursuant to this Plan and can do so to the extent and in the manner prescribed by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority Law of Missouri. The PIEA is empowered by Missouri Law to administer "industrial development" of the Area (as defined in Section 100.310(9) R.S. Mo. 1988) pursuant to this Plan and can do so to the extent and in the manner prescribed by the Planned Industrial Expansion Law of Missouri.

All costs associated with the development of the Area will be borne by the Redeveloper.

Implementation of this Plan may be financed by funds obtained from private and/or public sources, including, without limitation, revenue bonds, bank loans, and equity funds provided by the Redeveloper.

2. PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The Property Acquisition Map, Exhibit "D" attached, identifies all the property located in the Area. The LCRA or the PIEA may not acquire, by exercise of eminent domain, any properties in the Area.

3. PROPERTY DISPOSITION

If the LCRA or the PIEA acquires property, it may sell or lease the property to a Redeveloper who shall agree to develop such property in accordance with this Plan and the contract between such Redeveloper and the LCRA or the PIEA. Any property acquired by the LCRA or the PIEA and sold to a Redeveloper will be sold at not less than its fair value, as determined by an independent appraiser, for uses in accordance with this Plan.

4. RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

The property within the Area is currently partially occupied. All eligible occupants displaced as a result of the implementation of the Plan shall be given relocation assistance in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations and policies. In addition, timely notice of development activities shall be provided to all occupants.

E. COOPERATION OF THE CITY

The City of St. Louis and its Board of Aldermen, by enacting an ordinance approving this Plan, pledges its cooperation to enable the project to be carried out in a timely manner and in accordance with this Plan.

F. TAX ABATEMENT

A Redeveloper shall hereby be entitled to ad valorem tax abatement benefits for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the commencement of such tax abatement. A Redeveloper may seek such tax abatement pursuant to Sections 99.700 - 99.715, Revised Statutes of Missouri, upon application as provided therein.

In lieu of the ten (10) year abatement outlined above, a Redeveloper which is an urban redevelopment corporation formed pursuant to Chapter 353 of the Missouri Statutes shall hereby be entitled to real property ad valorem tax abatement for a total period of up to ten (10) years from the commencement of such tax abatement, in accordance with the following provisions of this Plan:

If property in the Area is sold by the LCRA or the PIEA to an urban redevelopment corporation formed pursuant to Chapter 353 of the Missouri Statutes, or if any such corporation shall own property within the Area, then for the first ten (10) years after the date the redevelopment corporation shall acquire title to such property, taxes on such property shall be based upon the assessment of land, exclusive of any improvements thereon, during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which such corporation shall have acquired title to such property. In addition to such taxes, any such corporation shall for the same ten (10) year period make a payment in lieu of taxes to the Collector of Revenue of the City of St. Louis in an amount based upon the assessment on the improvements located on the property during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which such corporation shall have acquired title to such property. If property shall be tax exempt because it is owned by the LCRA or the PIEA and leased to any such corporation, then such corporation for the first ten (10) years of such lease shall make payments in lieu of taxes to the Collector of Revenue of the City of St. Louis in an amount based upon the assessment on the property, including land and improvements, during

the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which such corporation shall lease such property.

All payments in lieu of taxes shall be a lien upon the property and, when paid to the Collector of Revenue of the City of St. Louis, shall be distributed as all other property taxes. These partial tax relief and payment in lieu of taxes provisions, during up to said ten (10) year period, shall inure to the benefit of all successors in interest in the property of the redevelopment corporation, so long as such successors shall continue to use such property as provided in this Plan and in any contract with the LCRA or the PIEA. In no event shall such benefits extend beyond ten (10) years after the redevelopment corporation shall have acquired title to the property.

G. COMPLIANCE WITH AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS

1. LAND USE

The Redeveloper shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, sex, age, or physical handicap in the lease, sale or occupancy of the Area.

2. CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

A Redeveloper shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, sex, age, or physical handicap in the construction and operation of any project in the Area and shall take such affirmative action as may be appropriate to afford opportunities to everyone in all activities of the project, including enforcement, contracting, operating and purchasing.

3. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A Redeveloper shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, executive orders and regulations regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action, including the Community Development Agency Guidelines for Maximum Utilization of Minority Enterprises dated January 1, 1981, as may be amended, and the "Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Guidelines" in Exhibit "E", attached.

4. ENFORCEMENT

All of the provisions of this Section G shall be incorporated in a Contract between the LCRA or the PIEA and a Redeveloper, which agreement shall be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds. The provisions of G (1) shall be covenants running with the land, without limitation as to time, and the provisions of G (2) shall be for the duration of this Plan and any extension thereof.

All of the provisions of Section G shall be enforceable against the Redeveloper, its heirs, successors or assigns, by the LCRA or the PIEA, the City of St. Louis, any state having jurisdiction or the United States of America.

H. MODIFICATIONS OF THIS PLAN

Where a proposed modification will substantially change this Plan, the modification must be approved by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen in the same manner as this Plan was first approved. Modifications which will substantially change this Plan include, but are not necessarily limited to, modifications on the use of eminent domain, to the length of tax abatement, to the boundaries of the Area, or other items which alter the nature or intent of this Plan.

This Plan may be otherwise modified (e.g. urban design regulations, development schedule) by the LCRA or the PIEA, provided that such modification shall be effective only upon the consent of the St. Louis Community Development Commission. Changes which are not substantial are those that do not go to the crux of this Plan.

I. DURATION OF REGULATION AND CONTROLS

The regulation and controls set forth in this Plan shall be in full force and effect for twenty-five years commencing with the effective date of approval of this Plan by ordinance, and for additional ten (10) year periods unless before the commencement of any such ten (10) year period the Board of Aldermen shall terminate this Plan as of the end of the term then in effect, except as provided in Section G (4) of this Plan.

J. EXHIBITS

All attached exhibits are hereby incorporated by reference into this Plan and made a part hereof.

K. SEVERABILITY

The elements of this Plan satisfy all requirements of state and local laws. Should any provisions of this Plan be held invalid by a final determination of a court of law, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby, and shall remain in full force and effect.

EXHIBIT "A"

WASHINGTON AVENUE LOFT AREA LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of Lucas Ave. (43 feet wide) and the center line of Thirteenth Street (60 feet wide); thence northwardly along said center line of Thirteenth Street to its point of intersection with the center line of an east-west 20 foot wide alley known as Linden Street in City Block 528; thence westwardly along said center line of said alley to its point of intersection with the center line of Fourteenth Street (80 feet wide); thence northwardly along said center line of Fourteenth Street to its point of intersection with the center line of Delmar Blvd. (80 feet wide); thence westwardly along said center line of Delmar Blvd. to its point of intersection with the northern prolongation of the western line of property now, or formerly, owned by Joseph Flannery and Flora A. Flannery, his wife; thence southwardly along said western property line and its northern prolongation to its point of intersection with the northern line of a 29 foot wide alley known as Linden Street in City Block 527; thence westwardly along said northern line of said alley to its point of intersection with the eastern line of property now, or formerly, owned by Gustave L. Weinstock; thence northwardly along said eastern property line to its point of intersection with the northern line of said property; thence westwardly along said northern property line to its point of intersection with the eastern line of Fifteenth Street (60 feet wide); thence northwardly along said eastern line of Fifteenth Street to its point of intersection with the center line of Delmar Blvd.; thence westwardly along said center line of Delmar Blvd. to its point of intersection with the eastern line of Seventeenth Street (50 feet wide); thence southwardly along said eastern line of Seventeenth Street to its point of intersection with the southern line of Lucas Ave. (50 feet wide); thence westwardly along said southern line of Lucas Ave. to its point of intersection with the eastern line of Seventeenth Street (50 feet wide); thence southwardly along said eastern line of Seventeenth Street to its point of intersection with the northern line of Washington Ave. (80 feet wide); thence eastwardly along said northern line of Washington Ave. to its intersection with the northward prolongation of the eastern line of West Sixteenth Street (33-1/2 feet wide); thence southwardly along said prolongation, said eastern line of west Sixteenth Street and its northward prolongation to its point of intersection with the southern line of St. Charles St. (38-1/2 feet wide); thence westwardly along said southern line of St. Charles St. to its point of intersection with the eastern line of property in City Block 820 now, or formerly, owned by Allen H. Cutler; thence southwardly along said eastern property line and its southward prolongation to its intersection with the southern line of Locust Street (72 feet wide); thence eastwardly along said southern line of Locust Street across all intervening streets to its point of intersection with the southward prolongation of the eastern line of property in City Block 826 now, or formerly, owned by Karl V. Willig; thence northwardly along said southward prolongation and said property line to its point of intersection with the south line of St. Charles Street (38-1/2 feet wide); thence eastwardly along said southern line of St. Charles Street across all intervening streets to its point of intersection with the southward

prolongation of the western line of property now, or formerly, owned by the Traid Partnership; thence northwardly along said prolongation and said property line to its point of intersection with the southern line of Washington Ave.; thence eastwardly along said northern line of Washington Ave. across all intervening streets to its point of intersection with the eastern line of property in City Block 835 now, or formerly, owned by the Washington Avenue Corporation; thence southwardly along said property line and its southward prolongation to its point of intervention with the southern line of St. Charles Street; thence eastwardly along said southern line of St. Charles Street across all intervening streets to its point of intersection with the southward prolongation of the western line of property now, or formerly, owned by the C&N Partnership by deed recorded in Book 9119 and Page 457; thence northwardly along said southward prolongation, said property line and its northward prolongation to its intersection with the center line of Washington Ave.; thence northwardly to the southwest corner of property now, or formerly, owned by the Sunshine Art Studios, Inc., by deed recorded in Book 307-M and Page 1920; thence northwardly along said western line of aforesaid property and its northward prolongation to its point of intersection with the center line of Lucas Ave.; thence westwardly along said center line of Lucas Ave. across all intervening streets to its point of intersection with the center line of Thirteenth Street, the point of beginning.

INSERT EXHIBITS "B" "C" "D"

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