AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, REDEVELOPMENT AREA, AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GEW TIF, INC.; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SAID AGREEMENT; DESIGNATING GEW TIF, INC., AS DEVELOPER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS WITH RESPECT THERETO; AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA; 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, on October 11, 2006, after all proper notice was given, the TIF Commission held a public hearing in conformance with the TIF Act (hereinafter defined)

and received comments from all interested persons and taxing districts affected by the Redevelopment Plan and the redevelopment project described therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, Sections 99.800 through 99.865 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (2000), as amended (the "Act" or "TIF Act"), and after due consideration of the TIF Commission's recommendations, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, Missouri adopted Ordinance No. _____ effective _____, 2006, which Ordinance: (i) adopted and approved a redevelopment plan entitled the "GEW Lofts TIF Redevelopment Plan" dated August 18, 2006, (the "Redevelopment Plan"), (ii) designated the GEW Lofts 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 described in the Redevelopment Plan, (iv) adopted tax increment allocation financing within the Redevelopment Area, (v) established the City of St. Louis, Missouri "GEW Lofts Special Allocation Fund," and (vi) made certain findings with respect thereto, all as set forth in such Ordinance and in accordance with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan proposes to redevelop the Redevelopment Area by renovating and rehabilitating the existing structure in the Area into commercial space and residential space with other improvements, as set forth in the Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Project," or "TIF Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. _____, the Board of Aldermen has determined that completion of the Redevelopment Project is of economic significance to

the City, will serve to benefit the general welfare, qualifies for the use of tax increment allocation financing to alleviate the conditions that qualify it as a "redevelopment area" as provided in the TIF Act, and further, that redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan is not financially feasible without the adoption of tax increment allocation financing and would not otherwise be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Area qualifies for the use of tax increment allocation 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 enter into the Redevelopment Agreement with GEW TIF, Inc. (the "Developer"), in order that Developer may complete the Redevelopment Project which will provide for the promotion of the general welfare through redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area 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, preservation of historic structures, 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the TIF Act, the City is authorized to enter into a redevelopment agreement with GEW TIF, Inc., as Developer, setting forth the respective rights and obligations of the City and Developer with regard to the redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area (the "Redevelopment Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen hereby determines that the terms of the Redevelopment 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 Redevelopment Agreement are in the best interests of the City and the health, safety, morals and welfare of its residents, and in accord with the public purposes specified in the TIF Act and the Redevelopment Plan.

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

SECTION ONE. The Board of Aldermen hereby ratifies and confirms its approval of the Redevelopment Plan, Redevelopment Area, and Redevelopment Project. The Board of Aldermen further finds and determines that it is necessary and desirable to enter into the Redevelopment Agreement with GEW TIF, Inc., as "Developer" of the Redevelopment Area, in order to implement the Redevelopment Project and to enable the Developer to carry out its proposal for development of the Redevelopment Project.

SECTION TWO. The Board of Aldermen finds and determines that the assistance of tax increment financing is necessary and desirable in order to implement the Redevelopment Project and to enable GEW TIF, Inc., to carry out its proposal for development and completion of the Redevelopment Project.

SECTION THREE. 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 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City and the Developer attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and the City Register is hereby authorized and directed to

attest to the Redevelopment Agreement and to affix the seal of the City thereto. The Redevelopment 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 as may be consistent with the intent of this Ordinance and necessary and appropriate in order to carry out the matters herein authorized.

SECTION FOUR. The Mayor and Comptroller of the City or their designated 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 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 this Ordinance, the Developer has not (i) executed a redevelopment agreement pertaining to the Redevelopment Project 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

Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of St. Louis and the Developer
(Attached hereto.)