

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
DESIGNATING
THE EXPANDED NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA
A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO
THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (the "City"), by an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City (the "City Council") on December 2, 1998, approved a redevelopment plan (the "Original Plan") for a portion of the City known as the Northwest Industrial Corridor Redevelopment Project Area (the "Original Redevelopment Project Area") for the purpose of implementing tax increment allocation financing ("Tax Increment Allocation Financing") pursuant to the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et. seq., as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted an ordinance on December 2, 1998 designating the Original Redevelopment Project Area as a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted an ordinance on December 2, 1998 adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Original Redevelopment Project Area pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Original Plan was previously amended (i) on May 12, 2010, (ii) on November 8, 2017 and (iii) on October 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interests of the citizens of the City for the City to encourage development of areas located adjacent to the Original Redevelopment Project Area by expanding the boundaries of the Original Redevelopment Project Area and designating such expanded project area as a redevelopment project area under the Act to be known as the Northwest Industrial Corridor Redevelopment Project Area Amendment #4 (the "Expanded Area"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires further to supplement and amend the redevelopment plan for the Original Redevelopment Project Area to provide for the redevelopment of the Expanded Area; and

WHEREAS, the City has caused to be prepared an eligibility study entitled "2022 Expansion Area Eligibility Report" (the "Eligibility Study") of the proposed additional portions ("Added Area") of the Expanded Area, which Eligibility Study confirms the existence within the Added Area of various vacant land blight factors and conservation factors as set forth in the Act and supports a finding of eligibility of the Added Area for designation as a conservation area under the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary and desirable to re-confirm the designation of the Original Redevelopment Project Area and designate the total area referred to in said Expanded Area as a redevelopment project area as provided in the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interest of the citizens of the City for the City to implement Tax Increment Allocation Financing pursuant to the Act for the Expanded Area described in Section 2 of this ordinance, to be redeveloped pursuant to a proposed redevelopment plan and project (the "Amended Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Commission (the "Commission") of the City is empowered by the Mayor of the City with the approval of the City Council (the City Council, referred to herein collectively with the Mayor as the "Corporate Authorities") to exercise certain powers enumerated in Section 5/11-74.4-4(k) of the Act, including the holding of certain public hearings required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 5/11-74.4-4 and 5/11-74.4-5 of the Act, the Commission, by authority of the Corporate Authorities, called a public hearing (the "Hearing") on June 13, 2023, concerning approval of the Amended Plan, designation of the Expanded Area as a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Act and adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing within the Expanded Area pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Plan (including the related eligibility report attached thereto as an exhibit) was made available for public inspection and review pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-5(a) of the Act since March 31, 2023, being a date not less than 10 days prior to the adoption by the Commission of Resolution 23-CDC-20 on April 11, 2023, fixing the time and place for the Hearing, via Zoom webinar, in the following offices: City Clerk, Room 107 and Department of Planning and Development, Room 1000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-5(a) of the Act, notice of the availability of the Amended Plan (including the Eligibility Study attached thereto as an exhibit) and of how to obtain the same was sent by mail on April 14, 2023, which is within a reasonable time after the adoption by the Commission of Resolution 23-CDC-20, to: (a) all residential addresses that, after a good faith effort, were determined to be (i) located within the Expanded Area and (ii) located within 750 feet of the boundaries of the Expanded Area (or, if applicable, were determined to be the 750 residential addresses that were closest to the boundaries of the Expanded Area); and (b) organizations and residents that were registered interested parties for such Expanded Area; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the Hearing was given pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-6 of the Act, said notice being given to all taxing districts having taxable property within the Expanded Area and to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity of the State of Illinois by certified mail on April 14, 2023, by publication in the Chicago Tribune on June 1, 2023 and the second publication being on June 2, 2023, and by certified mail to taxpayers within the Expanded Area on June 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a meeting of the joint review board established pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-5(b) of the Act (the "Board") was convened upon the provision of due notice on May 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., to review the matters properly coming before the Board and to allow it to provide its advisory recommendation regarding the approval of the Amended Plan, designation of the Expanded Area as a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Act, and adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing within the Expanded Area, and other matters, if any, properly before it; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 5/11-74.4-4 and 5/11-74.4-5 of the Act, the Commission held the Hearing concerning approval of the Amended Plan, designation of the Added Area (and, with the Original Redevelopment Project Area, the Expanded Area) as a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Act, and adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing within the Added Area (and, with the Original Redevelopment Project Area, within the Expanded Area) pursuant to the Act, on June 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has forwarded to the City Council a copy of its Resolution 23-CDC-27, recommending to the City Council designation of the Added Area (and, with the Original Redevelopment Project Area, the Expanded Area) as a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Act, among other things; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has heretofore approved the Amended Plan, which was identified in AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS APPROVING AMENDMENT #4 TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTHWEST INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Section 2. The Expanded Area. The Expanded Area is legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein. The street location (as near as practicable) for the Expanded Area is described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein. The map of the Expanded Area is depicted on Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 3. Findings. The Corporate Authorities hereby make the following findings:

a. The Added Area includes only those contiguous parcels of real property and improvements thereon that are to be substantially benefitted by proposed Amended Plan improvements, as required pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-4(a) of the Act;

b. As required pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-3(p) of the Act:

(i) The Added Area is not less, in the aggregate, than one and one-half acres in size; and

(ii) Conditions exist in the Added Area that cause the Added Area to qualify for designation as a redevelopment project area and a blighted area and a conservation area as defined in the Act;

c. If the Added Area is qualified as a “blighted area,” whether improved or vacant, each of the factors necessary to qualify the Added Area as a redevelopment project area on that basis is (i) clearly present within the intent of the Act and with that presence documented to a meaningful extent, and (ii) reasonably distributed throughout the improved part or vacant part, as applicable, of the Added Area as required pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-3(a) of the Act.

d. If the Added Area is qualified as a "conservation area," the combination of the factors necessary to qualify the Added Area as a redevelopment project area on that basis is detrimental to the public health, safety, morals or welfare, and the Added Area may become a blighted area.

Section 4. Added Area Designated. The Added Area is hereby designated as a redevelopment project area pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-4 of the Act. The Expanded Area, consisting of the Original Redevelopment Project Area and the Added Area, together, is hereby re-confirmed as a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Act.

Section 5. Invalidity of Any Section. If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6. Superseder. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective as of the date of its passage and approval.