

**PILOT DEVIATION NOTICE RESOLUTION
GURLEY AVENUE PROPERTY LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Quackenbush Building located at 333 Broadway in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York on October 14, 2021 at 4:00 o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Cynthia A. Henninger	Chair
Ronald Bounds	Secretary/Treasurer
Douglas Baldrey	Member
John H. Clinton, Jr.	Member
Renee Powell	Member

Each of the members present participated in the meeting either in person or remotely pursuant to the signing into law on September 2, 2021 of Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021.

ABSENT:

Michael Della Rocco	Vice Chair
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AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Robert L. Pasinella, Jr.	Executive Director
Robin LaBrake	Assistant
Peter R. Kehoe, Esq.	Agency Counsel
John E. Sweeney, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel
Nadene E. Zeigler, Esq.	Special Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Ronald Bounds, seconded by Douglas Baldrey, to wit:

Resolution No. 1021-__

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES INFORMING THEM OF A PROPOSED DEVIATION FROM THE AGENCY'S UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED GURLEY AVENUE PROPERTY LLC PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 128 of the 1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-d of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial

and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, Gurley Avenue Property LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the “Company”), submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 5.01 acre parcel of land located at 255 Cemetery Road (tax map no.: 80.42-2-1) in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York (the “Land”), (2) the construction on the Land of approximately three (3) buildings containing in the aggregate approximately 96,000 square feet of space with associated infrastructure and parking (collectively, the “Facility”) and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery, equipment and other personal property (collectively, the “Equipment”) (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the “Project Facility”); all of the foregoing to be owned and operating by the Company as an approximately 90 unit multifamily housing facility and any other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on October 14, 2021 (the “Public Hearing Resolution”), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “SEQR Act”) and the regulations (the “Regulations”) adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, “SEQRA”), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on October 14, 2021 (the “Preliminary SEQR Resolution”), the Agency (A) determined (1) to obtain an environmental assessment form relating to the Project (an “EAF”) from the Company, to review the EAF with counsel to the Agency, and prepare proceedings to allow the Agency to comply with the requirements of SEQRA that apply to the Project, and (2) to investigate the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project and (B) authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to contact all other “involved agencies” for the purpose of ascertaining whether such “involved agencies” were interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project and, if so, designating a “lead agency” with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA) and to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Application, the Company has made a request to the Agency (the “Pilot Request”) to deviate from the its uniform tax exemption policy (the “Policy”) with respect to the payments to be made under a payment in lieu of tax agreement by and between the Agency and the Company (the “Proposed Pilot Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pilot Request, the Proposed Pilot Agreement would be for a term of 20 years with payments as more particularly outlined in the letter attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Pilot Deviation Notice Letter"); and

WHEREAS, the Policy provides that, for a facility similar to the Project Facility, payments in lieu of taxes will normally be determined as follows: the Company would have the benefit of a 50% abatement in real property taxes on the Facility and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property pursuant to the New York Real Property Tax Law (collectively with the Facility, the "Improvements") in year one of the payment in lieu of tax agreement with a five percent per year increase over the term of the ten year payment in lieu of tax agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act and the Agency's Policy, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the Agency's Policy, the Agency must give the chief executive officers of the County and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is located (collectively, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") no fewer than thirty (30) days prior written notice of the proposed deviation from the Agency's Policy and the reasons therefor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 856(15) of the Act, unless otherwise agreed by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, payments in lieu of taxes must be allocated among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in proportion to the amount of real property tax and other taxes which would have been received by each Affected Tax Jurisdiction had the Project Facility not been tax exempt due to the status of the Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF RENSSELAER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Having considered both the Application and the Pilot Request, the Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency to send a written notice to the chief executive officers of each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions informing them that the Agency is considering a proposed deviation from its uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the Project and the reasons therefore (in substantially the form of the Pilot Deviation Notice Letter), and soliciting any comments that such Affected Tax Jurisdictions may have with respect to said proposed deviation.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Cynthia A. Henninger	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Michael Della Rocco	VOTING	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ronald Bounds	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Douglas Baldrey	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
John H. Clinton, Jr.	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Renee Powell	VOTING	<u>YES</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF RENSSELAER)

I, the undersigned Secretary of Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on October 14, 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 (the "2021 Laws"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency, either in person or attending remotely in accordance with the 2021 Laws, throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 14th day of October, 2021.


Secretary

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED FORM OF PILOT DEVIATION LETTER

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October __, 2021

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RE: Proposed Deviation from Uniform Tax Exemption Policy by
Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency
in connection with its Proposed Gurley Avenue Property LLC Project

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is delivered to you pursuant to Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law.

Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") has received an application (the "Application") from Gurley Avenue Property LLC (the "Company"), which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project to consist of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 5.01 acre parcel of land located at 255 Cemetery Road (tax map no.: 80.42-2-1) in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of approximately three (3) buildings containing in the aggregate approximately 96,000 square feet of space with associated infrastructure and parking (collectively, the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery, equipment and other personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); all of the foregoing to be owned and operating by the Company as an approximately 90 unit multifamily housing facility and any other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

In connection with the Application, the Company has made a request to the Agency enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "Proposed Pilot Agreement") which terms would deviate from the

Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "Policy"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are defined in the Policy.

The Proposed Pilot Agreement would not provide any abatements to any special assessments levied on the Project Facility. The Proposed Pilot Agreement will provide that the Company be granted a twenty (20) year payment in lieu of tax agreement the Facility and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property pursuant to the New York Real Property Tax Law. Under the terms of the Proposed Pilot Agreement, the Company will pay (A) a base payment equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the normal taxes due on the site of the Project (the "Base Pilot Payment"), and (B) an additional amount based on the increase in assessed value of the Project Facility (such increase in the assessed value due to the undertaking of the Project shall be referred to as the "Improvements"), such increased amount to be adjusted by the abatement as described as follows:

Years	Amount of Abatement on Increased Assessment
1	100%
2	100%
3	100%
4	100%
5	100%
6	100%
7	100%
8	100%
9	100%
10	100%
11	95%
12	90%
13	85%
14	80%
15	75%
16	65%
17	55%
18	45%
19	35%
20	25%
21 and thereafter	0%

As noted in the table above, the abatement schedule is 20 years, with Year 1 of the abatement schedule beginning in the year following the completion of the construction of the Project. Currently the construction period is estimated to be for two (2) years.

For purposes of computing the Base Pilot Payment with respect to the Project Facility, the base assessed value will be equal to the current assessed value of the Project site, as determined by the Assessor of the City of Troy.

The Policy provides that, for a facility similar to the Project Facility, payments in lieu of taxes will normally be determined as follows: the Company would have the benefit of a 50% abatement in real property taxes on the Facility and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property pursuant to the New York Real Property Tax Law (collectively with the Facility, the "Improvements") in year one of the

payment in lieu of tax agreement with a five percent per year increase over the term of the ten year payment in lieu of tax agreement.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of such Pilot Request and that the Agency is considering whether to grant the Pilot Request and to approve a Proposed Pilot Agreement conforming to the terms of the Pilot Request. The Agency expects to consider whether to approve the terms of the Proposed Pilot Agreement at its meeting scheduled for November 18, 2021 at 4:00 o'clock, p.m., local time in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Quackenbush Building located at 333 Broadway in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York (the "Meeting"). This letter is forwarded to you for purposes of complying with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, which requires a thirty (30) day notice prior to the Agency taking final action with respect to the Proposed Pilot Agreement (if said Proposed Pilot Agreement may deviate from the provisions of the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy).

The Agency considered the following factors in considering the proposed deviation:

1. **The nature of the Project:** residential.
2. **The present use of the property:** Vacant property.
3. **The economic condition of the area at the time of the request of the Company and the economic multiplying effect that the Project will have on the area:**

4. **The extent to which the Project will create or retain permanent, private sector jobs and the number of jobs to be created or retained and the salary range of such jobs:** Upon completion of the development of the Project, _____ new full-time positions will be created. The Project will also create approximately 50 construction jobs.
5. **The estimated value of new tax exemptions to be provided:** Sales tax exemption of \$440,000.00, mortgage recording tax exemption of \$112,500.00 and real property tax exemption of \$14,826,055.
6. **The economic impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on affected tax jurisdictions:** _____.
7. **The impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on existing and proposed businesses and economic development projects in the vicinity:** A project of the size and scope of this Project will result in over _____ new residents within proximity to local businesses. These residents will create a demand for local businesses and services. As the COVID-19 pandemic has extended/or nearly a year forcing small business to shutter. New community residents will play a role in helping these existing businesses remain open along with new businesses come to the community.
8. **The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Proposed Pilot Agreement:** The investment by the Company in undertaking the Project is equal to approximately \$11,250,000.
9. **The effect of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on the environment:**

10. **Project Timing:** The Project is expected to be completed in Spring, 2023.

11. The extent to which the Proposed Pilot Agreement will require the provision of additional services including, but not limited to, additional educational, transportation, police, emergency medical or fire services: It is not anticipated that the Project will have a significant burden upon the educational facilities for any school district within Rensselaer County. After the completion of the Project, the employment at the Project is not anticipated to generate a substantial burden on the highways of Rensselaer County or the surrounding area. All necessary emergency medical and police services are available.

12. Anticipated tax Revenues: It is anticipated that there will likely be additional sales tax revenues after Project completion relating to certain future operating activities at the Project and related multiplier impacts.

13. The extent to which the Proposed Pilot Agreement will provide a benefit (economic or otherwise) not otherwise available within the municipality in which the Project Facility is located: _____

The Agency will consider the Proposed Pilot Agreement (and the proposed deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy) at the Meeting. The Agency would welcome any written comments that you might have on this proposed deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy. In accordance with Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law, prior to taking final action at the Meeting, the Agency will review and respond to any written comments received from any affected tax jurisdiction with respect to the proposed deviation. The Agency will also allow any representative of any affected tax jurisdiction present at the Meeting to address the Agency regarding the proposed deviation.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above telephone number.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Pasinella, Jr.
Executive Director