

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PETITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDEPENDENCE SQUARE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT, AND MAKING FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING ACTIONS RELATED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Sections 67.1401 to 67.1571 RSMo, as amended (the “CID Act”), authorize the governing body of any city, upon presentation of a proper petition requesting the formation and after a public hearing, to adopt an ordinance establishing a community improvement district; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Independence, Missouri (the "City") is a charter city and a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, duly created, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, property owners within the proposed community improvement district have filed with the Independence City Clerk (the “City Clerk”) a petition for the establishment of a community improvement district pursuant to the CID Act, entitled “Petition for the Establishment of the Independence Square Community Improvement District” (the “Petition”); and,

WHEREAS, the City Clerk verified that the Petition substantially complies with the CID Act, submitted the verified Petition to the City Council and set a public hearing with all proper notice being given in accordance with the CID Act or other applicable law; and,

WHEREAS, none of the signatures of the signers of the Petition were withdrawn within seven days after the Petition was filed with the City Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, all the real property included in the Independence Square Community Improvement District (the “District”) is entirely located within the City of Independence; and,

WHEREAS, the applicants seek that the property within the District be declared a blighted area pursuant to the CID Act; and,

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2020, the City’s Economic Development & Incentives Commission held a public meeting and recommended approval of the Petition and the establishment of the District to the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, the City Council held a public hearing at which all persons interested in the formation of the District were allowed an opportunity to speak; and,

WHEREAS, the Petition being fully heard before the City Council, the City Council now desires to approve the Petition, establish the District and take other actions related to establishment of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. All terms used in this Ordinance shall be construed as defined in the CID Act and the Petition.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk has verified that the Petition substantially complies with all submission requirements of the CID Act.

SECTION 3. The Petition, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk, is hereby approved and the District is hereby established within the City as a political subdivision of the State of Missouri. The District includes the contiguous tracts of real estate as described in the Petition and shown on the map set forth in the Petition.

SECTION 4. As set forth in the Petition, the District shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of seven (7) members who are named in the Petition and whose successors shall be appointed as provided in the Petition.

SECTION 5. The District's Board of Directors shall have authority to establish a sales tax within the District as set forth in the Petition and in conformance with the CID Act.

SECTION 6. The District shall have and possess without limitation such powers authorized under the CID Act and as set forth or otherwise limited in the Petition.

SECTION 7. The maximum length of time for existence of the District shall be a minimum of thirty (30) years following the effective date of this Ordinance, after which the District shall continue in perpetual existence unless and until terminated in accordance with the CID Act.

SECTION 8. The Council hereby finds that the property within the District area is a Blighted Area as defined in the CID Act. The Council's determination that the property in the District area is a Blighted Area is based on the Blight Study that was submitted to the City and approved by the City Council in connection with the Independence Square Tax Increment Financing Plan, approved by the City Council pursuant to Ordinance No. 18221 on December 2, 2013, and the Council hereby concludes that, by reason of inadequate street layout, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, deterioration of site improvements, and economic liability and under utilization, the property in the District area constitutes an economic and social liability in its present condition and use. The District may exercise the additional powers granted by the CID Act within the District area to remediate the blighting conditions.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk is hereby directed to prepare and file with the Missouri Department of Economic Development (the "Department") the report specified in subsection 6

of Section 67.1421 of the CID Act, substantially in the form provided by the Department.

SECTION 10. Approval of the Petition and the District by this Ordinance is conditioned upon the District entering into a cooperative agreement with the City, upon terms and conditions mutually acceptable to the City and District, which provides for implementation of the District, the process for reimbursement of eligible District costs and expenses and other matters as mutually determined by the City and District. No payment or reimbursement of District costs and expenses shall occur and no disbursement of District revenues shall occur until the cooperative agreement is approved and executed by the City and the District. Failure of the District to enter into such agreement within six (6) months following the effective date of this Ordinance shall nullify and render void the approvals granted in this Ordinance upon such declaration by the City Council.

SECTION 11. City staff, the City's special legal counsel, and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take any and all actions as may be deemed necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the intent of this Ordinance and to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City all certificates, instruments, and agreements or other documents as may be necessary, desirable, convenient, or proper to perform all matters authorized herein.

SECTION 12. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council 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 City Council 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 13. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after the date of its passage and approval.

PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2020, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

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Presiding Office of the City Council of the  
City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

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City Manager