

Memo

To: Township Board
From: Jeanine A Smith, Assessor
Date: September 15, 2021
Re: Extension Request from 4 Corners Square LLC

Comments:

The Township has received a request from 4 Corners Square LLC for an extension of three years on part of their Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption. The original exemption was approved for seven (7) years. They are requesting an extension on the one parcel still vacant. Attached is the letter of explanation from the taxpayer and a resolution to allow the 3 year extension.

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Township of White Lake
ATTN: Jeanine A. Smith, Assessor
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, Michigan

**RE: *Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificates (CRECs)
No. C2016-015A and 2016-015/Request for Amendment***

Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter is being sent on behalf of property owners Four Corners Square Flats, LLC and its related entity, Four Corners Square, LLC (collectively herein referred to as the "Developers") regarding the previously issued CRECs for the development located at the northeast corner of Union Lake Road and Cooley Lake Road (the "Development"). The Developers respectfully request that the existing CREC abatement period for two of the four parcels comprising the Development be extended for an additional three (3) year period beyond their current termination date of December 30, 2023 for the reasons set forth herein. This request is specific to property parcel ID# 12-36-476-031, 8020/8030 Wadi Blvd. (owned by Four Corners Square Flats, LLC) and parcel ID# 12-36-476-032, 1449 Union Lake Road (owned by Four Corners Square, LLC).

The Developer began this Development nearly seven years ago with the assembly of land, comprising at that time four parcels, with the intent of building a best in class mixed use commercial development in an area of the Township that had not experienced new commercial development in quite some time. The project has overcome significant hurdles, including but not limited to increased costs due to unknown and unanticipated unsuitable soils which were not uncovered during the acquisition due diligence; and more recently the fallout caused by the Covid-19 pandemic which struck while the project was under construction. The increased costs incurred by the Developer as a result of the pandemic cannot be overstated. In addition to shutting down construction, the subsequent economic devastation wrought by material scarcity, exponentially increased labor costs and uncertainty in the commercial leasing market has nearly caused the Development to become insolvent.

The Developer, however, is committed to seeing this project to its fruition. This request does not include the new Tim Horton's or Taco Bell restaurants property which, while initially struggling to become profitable, appear now to be stable and absent another pandemic-type shutdown, should continue to provide some reasonable return on the investment. That is not the case with the apartment component, which struggles still to obtain sufficient occupancy to allow its financing to be restructured, a necessity for this Developer. Likewise, the remaining vacant lot on the corner still has not generated enough interest for the Developer to construct any type of speculative building.

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The additional years of abatement will allow the Developer to restructure its current financing in order to stabilize the Development, and to buy time with the hope that the apartment leasing will accelerate in the near future. Likewise, the lower carrying costs created by the three additional years of abatement will allow the Developer to offer competitive rents for the end-users and its residents, as well as to continue to realize the vision of bringing best in class development to this underserved area.

The Developer is prepared to answer to Board's question regarding this request at its next available regularly scheduled meeting. Thank you again for your time and attention to this request.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul F. Bohn

cc: Shakir W. Alkhafaji

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION TO PART OF A
COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
4 CORNERS SQUARE LLC
#C2016-015**

Resolution #21-035

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held electronically via Zoom in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, on the 21st day of September 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with those present and absent being.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by and supported by

WHEREAS, the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for **4 Corners Square LLC** was approved by the State Tax Commission for a period of seven (7) years with an ending date of December 30, 2023 and

WHEREAS, 4 Corners Square LLC would like to extend the term for part of the certificate (real parcel number 12-36-476-032) for an additional 3 years which will allow this parcel the full 10 years, ending December 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined by the Charter Township of White Lake that the addition of three years for a total of 10 years on a portion of the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate C2016-015 is proper under the provisions of Public Act 210 of 2005 as amended, and the granting of the additional three years will not impair the financial soundness of the tax units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake hereby grants an addition three years of a portion of Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate C2016-015 for the real property, excluding land, located in White Lake Four Towns Commercial Rehabilitation District No. 1 at:

Real parcel number 12-36-476-032 (vacant land) with a proportioned frozen taxable value on the certificate of \$44,119 and no new real value at this time.

The remaining parcels, 12-36-476-033 (8152 Cooley Lake Rd) and 12-36-476-034 (8100 Cooley Lake Rd) with a proportioned frozen value on the certificate of \$158,871 and

\$424,910 of real value at this time remain with the current owner, **4 Corners Square LLC**.

The Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake finds and determines that the granting of this extension to Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate under PA 210 of 2005 shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operating of the Charter Township of White Lake or of impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies an ad valorem property tax in the Charter Township of White Lake.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan at a regular meeting held on September 21, 2021.

Anthony R Noble
September 22, 2021