

## SEQRA RESOLUTION

A regular meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on December 17, 2019 at 8:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 233 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and upon the roll being duly called, the following members were:

**PRESENT:** Michael Frame, Kathleen Murphy, Steven Thompson, Rickey Brown, Kenneth Kinsey

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:** Staff Present: Judith DeLaney, Susan Katzoff, Esq., John Vavonese, Debra Ramsey-Burns; Others Present: Jeremy Cali, Thomas Douglas, Suzanne Stack, Donna Hanover, Laura Cueva, Matthew Paulus, Aggie Lane, Joshua Werbeck, Esq., Eric Ennis, Jennifer Tift, Timothy Lynn, Esq. Mike Palermo; Media: Rick Moriarty

The following resolution was offered by Rickey T. Brown and seconded by Kenneth Kinsey:

**RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING A CERTAIN PROJECT AS AN UNLISTED ACTION PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT, DECLARING THE AGENCY LEAD AGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF AN UNCOORDINATED REVIEW THEREUNDER AND DETERMINING THAT THE ACTION WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the "**Agency**") is authorized and empowered by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "**State**"), as amended, together with Chapter 641 of the Laws of 1979 of the State of New York, as amended from time to time (collectively, the "**Act**"), to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation facilities, for the purpose of promoting economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State, to improve their recreation opportunities, prosperity and standard of living; and

**WHEREAS**, Smith Building, LLC, or an entity to be formed (the "**Company**"), by application dated November 12, 2019 (the "**Application**"), requested the Agency undertake a project (the "**Project**") consisting of: (A)(i) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 11,604 sq. ft. of real property improved by an existing multi-story approximately 31,196 sq. ft building (the "**Building**"), located at 500 Erie Boulevard East, in the City of Syracuse, New York (the "**Land**"); (ii) (a) the renovation of the Building for mixed-use to include 37 income restricted apartments, common areas and commercial space as follows: (1) on the first floor, six apartment units totaling

approximately 3,557 sq. ft., commercial/retail space totaling approximately 2,629 sq. ft. and approximately 2,602 of common area space; (2) on the second floor, eleven apartment units totaling approximately 6,371 sq. ft. and approximately 967 of common area space; (3) on the third floor, three apartment units totaling approximately 1,565 sq. ft. and approximately 416 sq. ft. of common area space; (4) on the fourth floor, eleven apartment units totaling approximately 6,371 sq. ft. and approximately 967 sq. ft. of common area space; (5) on the fifth floor, three apartment units totaling approximately 1,722 sq. ft. and approximately 416 sq. ft. of common area space; and (6) on the sixth floor, three apartment units totaling approximately 1,565 sq. ft. and approximately 416 sq. ft. of common area space; and (b) the construction of an approximately 263 sq. ft. addition on the east end of the Building to accommodate stairs and an elevator for residential occupants; site improvements including but not limited to sidewalk construction, tree pits, lighting and parking landscape buffer areas, all located on the Land (collectively, the “*Facility*”); (iii) the acquisition and installation in and on the Land and Facility of furniture, fixtures and equipment (the “*Equipment*” and together with the Land and the Facility, the “*Project Facility*”); (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real estate taxes, State and local sales and use tax and mortgage recording tax (in accordance with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law) (collectively the “*Financial Assistance*”); (C) the appointment of the Company or its designee as an agent of the Agency in connection with the acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping and completion of the Project Facility; and (D) the lease of the Land and Facility by the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement and the acquisition of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company pursuant to a sublease agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as “*SEQRA*”), the Agency is required to make a determination with respect to the environmental impact of any “action” (as defined by SEQRA) to be taken by the Agency and the Project constitutes such an action; and

**WHEREAS**, to aid the Agency in determining whether the action described above may have a significant adverse impact upon the environment, an Environmental Assessment Form (the “*EAF*”) was prepared by the Company, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has examined and reviewed the EAF in order to classify the action and make a determination as to the potential significance of the action pursuant to SEQRA; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the members of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, as follows:

(1) Based upon an examination of the materials provided by the Company in furtherance of the Project, the representations of the Company therein, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), the Agency’s knowledge of the area surrounding the Project and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate,

the Agency makes the following findings and determinations pursuant to SEQRA:

(a) The action constitutes an “Unlisted Action” (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA);

(b) The Agency declares itself “Lead Agency” (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA) with respect to an uncoordinated review pursuant to SEQRA;

(c) The action will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and the Agency and hereby issues a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA, attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**, which shall be filed in the office of the Agency in a file that is readily accessible to the public.

(2) A copy of this Resolution, together with the attachments hereto, shall be placed on file in the office of the Agency where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

(3) This Resolution shall take effect immediately. The Secretary and/or Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution and do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

(4) The Agency hereby authorizes Agency staff to take all further actions deemed necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Agency’s responsibilities under SEQRA.

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

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Michael Frame	X	
Kathleen Murphy	X	
Steven Thompson	X	
Rickey Brown	X	
Kenneth Kinsey	X	

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
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COUNTY OF ONONDAGA        )

I, the undersigned Secretary of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency (the “**Agency**”) held on December 17, 2019, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same (including all exhibits) is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of the whole of such original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters referred to therein.

**I FURTHER CERTIFY** that (i) all members of the Agency had due notice of such meeting, (ii) pursuant to Section 104 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), such meeting was open to the general public and public notice of the time and place of such meeting was duly given in accordance with such Section 104, (iii) the meeting was in all respects duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

**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 set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 20 day of December, 2019.

City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency  
  
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Rickey T. Brown, Secretary



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**EXHIBIT "A"**

Project:	Smith Building LLC
Date:	

**Short Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

**Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.**

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Short Environmental Assessment Form*

### *Part 3 Determination of Significance*

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

8. The proposed project is designed for the preservation of the existing structure.

9. The proposed project is located in an urban environment. Peregrine falcons are identified in the vicinity of the project site. The proposed rehabilitation is not expected to affect the habitat of the peregrine falcon. For example the building exterior and trees or vegetation located on the site will not be disturbed.

- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency

December 17, 2019

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Judith DeLaney

Executive Director

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

**PRINT FORM**