

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on behalf of the City of Lowell to request approval for the following plan change to the Acre Urban Revitalization and Development Plan from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The Acre Urban Revitalization and Development Plan was approved and accepted by the City Council by Vote dated June 8, 1999, which Plan was further approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on January 27, 2000; and was amended by the City Council on December 10, 2002 (approved by DHCD on December 31, 2002) and further amended by the City Council on January 14, 2003 (approved by DHCD on February 5, 2003), and on February 25, 2003 (approved by DHCD on March 10, 2003), and on July 22, 2003 (approved by DHCD on August 7, 2003); and on November 25, 2003 (approved by DHCD on December 17, 2003); and on April 6, 2004 (approved by DHCD on May 5, 2004); and on February 1, 2005 (approved by DHCD on March 1, 2005); and on August 14, 2007 (approved by DHCD October 1, 2007); and on November 13, 2007 (approved by DHCD on December 19, 2007), and on June 12, 2012 (approved by DHCD on June 27, 2012); and on September 10, 2013 (approved on November 15, 2013) and on March 31, 2015 (approved by DHCD on May 7, 2015).

A “Notice of Approval of the Plan and Declaration of Restrictions” was duly recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds on April 12, 2000 in Book 10761, Page 2; and

In furtherance of said Plan a minor change under 760 CMR 12:03(1). The proposed amendment will change the status of parcels from residential use to commercial/industrial use for the properties at 232, 234 and 268 Mount Vernon Street and 5 Farnham Street.

WHEREAS, 760 CMR 12:03 (1) requires that requests for plan changes submitted to DHCD require a resolution from the operating agency adopting the plan change;

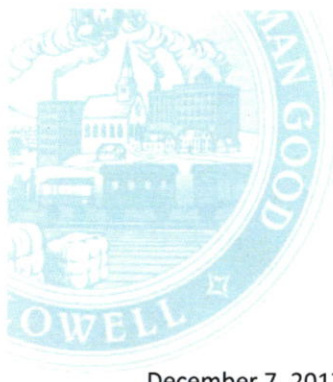
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE:

That in furtherance of the Acre Urban Revitalization and Development Plan the City Manager, in the name of the City of Lowell, is authorized to request the following plan change from DHCD:

- (1) Amend Section 1, E-1, to change the status of parcels from Residential Use to Commercial/Industrial Use which parcels are identified as 232, 234, and 268 Mount Vernon Street and 5 Farnham Street.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized, in the name of the City of Lowell, to submit a request for approval of the aforementioned plan change to DHCD and to execute any documents as may be necessary in connection therewith.



Diane N. Tradd
Assistant City Manager/Director

Kevin Coughlin
Deputy Director

December 7, 2017

Mayor Edward J. Kennedy
and
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: ACRE PLAN CHANGE AMENDMENT #13 FOR THE SOUCY SITE IN THE ACRE URBAN REVITALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Dear Mayor Kennedy and Members of the City Council:

Attached please find a Vote authorizing a request for a plan change to the Acre Urban Revitalization and Development Plan. This Vote is an administrative requirement for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Specifically, the City is requesting to change the proposed use of the property at 232, 234 and 268 Mount Vernon Street and 5 Farnham Street from residential use to commercial/industrial use. Any change to the proposed/intended use of property in an Urban Revitalization District constitutes a change to the original Urban Revitalization Plan. Understanding that a 20-year Urban Revitalization Plan may evolve over time, DHCD will review the request for the change and make a determination of its appropriateness. The purpose of this plan change is to change the proposed use in order to allow the redevelopment of this property to move forward. The property was initially planned to be redeveloped for residential use. However, the extent of the contamination on the property made residential development economically infeasible. The proposal presented to the City should have a positive impact on the surrounding neighborhood, as the development proposal will involve 2 other pieces of property, 498 Broadway Street and 232 Mount Vernon Street, which are also blighted and in fact represent the source of the contamination issues.

The approval of this plan change by the City Council and DHCD will enable the redevelopment of the Soucy site. Upon approval by the City Council the required submittal will be forwarded to DHCD for their action.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact Diane Tradd at the Department of Planning and Development at 978-674-1401 or me.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Murphy
City Manager

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Attachment

cc: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor
Claire V. Ricker, Chief Design Planner
Joseph Giniewicz, Urban Renewal Project Manager