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ORDER DESIGNATING PEARL PLACE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT AND ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is authorized pursuant to Chapter 206, Subchapter 3 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to designate specified areas within the City as an Affordable Housing Development Tax Increment Financing District, and to adopt a Development Program for such District; and

WHEREAS, Avesta Pearl Street One, LP intends to construct certain improvements within the Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide continuing affordable housing opportunities for the citizens of Portland and the surrounding region; to improve and broaden the tax base of the City of Portland; and to improve the general economy of the City of Portland, the surrounding region and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to provide affordable housing for the citizens of Portland and the surrounding region; improve and broaden the tax base in the City of Portland; and improve economy of the City of Portland and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to encourage the development, expansion and improvement of affordable housing within the City through the establishment of Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing Districts in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 206 of Title 30-A; and

WHEREAS, the City has held a public hearing on the question of establishing the District in accordance with the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 5250, upon at least ten (10) days prior notice published in a newspaper of general circulation within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to designate the Pearl Place Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District and adopt a Development Program for such District; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be sought and obtained from the Maine State Housing Authority, approving the designation of the District and the adoption of the Municipal Development Program for the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

That, under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 30-A, Chapter 206, Subchapter 3 of the Maine Revised Statutes as amended, the development program and financial plan entitled “Pearl Place Affordable Housing Development District” as presented to this meeting and a copy of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference and as part of the minutes of this meeting, is hereby approved as the Development Program for the District and for the reasons set forth therein, the City, after considering whether the District and the Development Program will contribute to the expansion of affordable housing opportunities within the City and to the betterment of the health, welfare or safety of the inhabitants of the City and whether any detriment to any existing property interest in the City, finds and determines that: designation of the District and pursuit of the Development Program will make a contribution to the expansion of affordable housing opportunities within the City and the betterment of the health, welfare or safety of its inhabitants, constituting good and valid public purposes and any adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing property interests is outweighed by the contribution made by the District and the Development Program to the availability of affordable housing within the City and to the betterment of the health, welfare and safety of its inhabitants, and the City further makes the other findings and determinations as set forth in said Development Program and the Exhibits thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the area of the City of Portland entitled “Pearl Place Affordable Housing Development District” as more particularly described in said Development Program is hereby designated as an affordable housing development district and such designation shall automatically become final and shall take full force and effect upon receipt by the City of approval of the District by the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority, without the requirement of any further action by the City, the Municipal Officers or any party; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the percentage of increased assessed value of said District to be retained as captured assessed value in accordance with the Development Program is hereby established as set forth in the Development Program and Financial Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Portland, Maine to execute and submit to Director of the Maine State Housing Authority for approval such applications and further documentation as may be necessary or appropriate for final approval and establishment of the Pearl Place Affordable Housing Development District and its Development Program and Financial Plan pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. chapter 206, Subchapter 3; and the City Manager be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered, at his discretion, from time to time, to make such technical revisions to the Development Program for the District as he deems reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval of the District by the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority, so long as such revisions are not inconsistent with this Order or the basic structure and intent of the Development Program; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that upon approval of the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority, the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Portland to execute and deliver, a Credit Enhancement Agreement substantially in the form attached to the Development Program hereby approved, with such changes thereto as deemed appropriate by the City Manager.