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CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 5/ -2013

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$7,600,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVITALIZING THE STATE ROAD REDEVELOPMENT AREA BY ACQUIRING, CLEARING AND IMPROVING CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THAT AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken a program for the clearance, redevelopment and rehabilitation of blighted areas in the City, and the City, under its home rule powers, and acting through this City Council, by Resolution No. 18-2007, passed October 1, 2007, approved the State Road Redevelopment and Retail Analysis Master Plan (which plan is herein referred to as the "Urban Redevelopment Plan") for the State Road commercial area (the "Plan Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Urban Redevelopment Plan includes, but is not limited to, undertakings and activities by the City for the purpose of elimination of blight and to obtain redevelopment of the sites and facilities therein for commercial purposes to prevent the recurrence of blight, and revitalizing the Plan Area pursuant to Section 20 of Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution by providing for and enabling the environmentally safe and productive development and use or reuse of lands within the Plan Area by addressing by clearance, land acquisition or assembly or otherwise property conditions or circumstances that preclude and inhibit environmentally sound and economic use or reuse of such properties; and

WHEREAS, this City Council, in furtherance of carrying out that Urban Redevelopment Plan and revitalizing the Plan Area, authorized the appropriation of certain property in the Plan Area by Resolution 18-2007 and by Ordinance No. 116-2007, passed October 9, 2007 and the City acquired property in the Plan area, demolished buildings thereon and remediated the site; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 67-2012, passed July 30, 2012, notes in anticipation of bonds in the amount of \$8,600,000 dated August 15, 2012 and maturing August 15, 2013 (the Outstanding Notes) were issued for the purpose stated in Section 1 (the Project); and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that the City should retire the Outstanding Notes with the proceeds of the Notes described in Section 3 and other funds available to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance, as fiscal officer of this City, has certified to this Council that the estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement described in Section 1 is at least five years, the estimated maximum maturity of the bonds described in Section 1 is 49 years, and the maximum maturity of the notes described in Section 3, to be issued in anticipation of the bonds, is August 21, 2028;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio, that:

<u>Section 1</u>. It is necessary to issue bonds of this City in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,600,000 (the Bonds) for the purpose of revitalizing the State Road Redevelopment Area by acquiring, clearing and improving certain properties in that Area.

Section 2. The Bonds shall be dated approximately August 1, 2014, shall bear interest at the now estimated rate of 6.5% per year, payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2014, until the principal amount is paid, and are estimated to mature in twenty-five annual principal installments that are in such amounts that the total principal and interest payments on the Bonds in any fiscal year in which principal is payable are no more than three times the amount of those payments in any other fiscal year. The first principal installment is estimated to be December 1, 2015.

Section 3. It is necessary to issue and this Council determines that notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,600,000 (the Notes) shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to retire, together with other funds available to the City, the Outstanding Notes. The Notes shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 5.5% per year (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), payable at maturity and until the principal amount is paid or payment is provided for. The rate or rates of interest on the Notes shall be determined by the Director of Finance in the certificate awarding the Notes (the "Certificate of Award") in accordance with Section 6 of this ordinance.

Section 4. The debt charges on the Notes shall be payable in Federal Reserve funds of the United States of America, and shall be payable, without deduction for services of the City's paying agent, at the main office of The Huntington National Bank, Columbus, Ohio or at the office of a bank or trust company designated by the Director of Finance in the Certificate of Award after determining that the payment at that bank or trust company will not endanger the funds or securities of the City and that proper procedures and safeguards are available for that purpose or at the office of the Director of Finance if agreed to by the Director of Finance and the Original Purchaser (the Paying Agent). The Notes shall be dated the date of issuance and shall mature not earlier than ten months from that date and not later than twelve months from that date, as shall likewise be fixed by the Director of Finance in the Certificate of Award.

Section 5. The Notes shall be signed by the Mayor and Director of Finance, in the name of the City and in their official capacities, provided that one of those signatures may be a facsimile. The Notes shall be issued in the denominations and numbers as requested by the original purchaser and approved by the Director of Finance, provided that no Note shall be issued in a denomination less

than \$100,000. The entire principal amount may be represented by a single note and may be issued as fully registered securities (for which the Director of Finance will serve as note registrar) and in book entry or other uncertificated form in accordance with Section 9.96 and Chapter 133 of the Revised Code if it is determined by the Director of Finance that issuance of fully registered securities in that form will facilitate the sale and delivery of the Notes. The Notes shall not have coupons attached, shall be numbered as determined by the Director of Finance and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Ordinance. As used in this section and this ordinance:

"Book entry form" or "book entry system" means a form or system under which (i) the ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes and the principal of, and interest on, the Notes may be transferred only through a book entry, and (ii) a single physical Note certificate is issued by the City and payable only to a Depository or its nominee, with such Notes "immobilized" in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose. The book entry maintained by others than the City is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in the Notes and that principal and interest.

 "Depository" means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, with its Participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes or the principal of, and interest on, the Notes and to effect transfers of the Notes, in book entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

"Participant" means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book entry system and includes security brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations.

The Notes may be issued to a Depository for use in a book entry system and, if and as long as a book entry system is utilized, (i) the Notes may be issued in the form of a single Note made payable to the Depository or its nominee and immobilized in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose; (ii) the beneficial owners in book entry form shall have no right to receive the Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of beneficial interests in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the Depository and its Participants; and (iv) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the City.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as a Depository for the Notes for use in a book entry system, the Directory of Finance may attempt to establish a securities depository/book entry relationship with another qualified Depository. If the Director of Finance does not or is unable to do so, the Director of Finance, after making provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository and any other arrangements deemed necessary, shall permit withdrawal of the Notes from the Depository, and shall cause the Notes in bearer or payable form to be signed by the officers authorized to sign the Notes and delivered to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and

expense (including any costs of printing), if the event is not the result of City action or inaction, of those persons requesting such issuance.

The Director of Finance is also hereby authorized and directed, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements determined necessary in connection with the book entry system for the Notes, after determining that the signing thereof will not endanger the funds or securities of the City.

Section 6. The Notes shall be sold at not less than 97% of the principal amount thereof plus any accrued interest at private sale by the Director of Finance in accordance with law and the provisions of this ordinance. Director of Finance shall, in accordance with his determination of the best interests of and financial advantages to the City and its taxpayers and conditions then existing in the financial market, consistently with the provisions of Sections 3 and 4, establish the interest rates to be borne by the Notes and their maturity, sign the Certificate of Award referred to in Sections 3 and 4 evidencing those determinations, cause the Notes to be prepared, and have the Notes signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Notes if requested by the original purchaser or purchasers (collectively, the "Original Purchaser"), to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price. The Mayor and the Director of Finance are also authorized, if requested by the Original Purchaser as a condition of such sale, to execute, on behalf of the City, a Note Purchase Agreement between the City and such Original Purchaser relating to the sale of such Notes, or the sale of any consolidated issue of which the Notes are a part, substantially in the form now on file with the Clerk of Council in Council File No. \_\_\_\_\_, which Note Purchase Agreement is hereby approved, together with any changes or amendments not inconsistent with this ordinance and not substantially adverse to the City and that are approved by the Mayor and the Director of Finance on behalf of the City, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Note Purchase Agreement or any amendments thereto by the Mayor and the Director of Finance. The Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Clerk of Council and other City officials, as appropriate, are each authorized and directed to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements, and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this ordinance. The Director of Finance is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the City, to combine the issue of Notes with one or more other note issues of the City into a consolidated note issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Revised Code.

The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to offer all or part of the Notes at par and any accrued interest to the Treasury Investment Board of the City for investment under Section 731.56 of the Revised Code, in accordance with law and the provisions of this ordinance if, as a result of the conditions then existing in the financial markets, the Director of Finance determines it is in the best financial interest of the City in lieu of the private sale authorized in the preceding paragraph.

If the Mayor or the Director of Finance determines it to be in the best interests of and financially advantageous to the City, either or both of those officers are authorized, on behalf of the City, to apply for a rating on the Notes from one or more nationally-recognized rating organizations.

Section 7. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes, except any premium and accrued interest, shall be paid into the proper fund or funds and those proceeds are appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Notes are being issued. Any portion of those proceeds representing premium and accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

<u>Section 8</u>. The par value to be received from the sale of the Bonds or of any renewal notes and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used to pay the debt charges on the Notes at maturity and are pledged for that purpose.

Section 9. During the year or years in which the Notes are outstanding, there shall be levied on all the taxable property in the City, in addition to all other taxes, the same tax that would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes. The tax shall be within the eleven mill limitation provided by the Charter of the City, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes or the Bonds when and as the same fall due. In each year to the extent money from the municipal income tax, as provided below, is available for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes and Bonds and is appropriated for that purpose, the amount of the tax shall be reduced by the amount of the money so available and appropriated in compliance with the covenant hereinafter set forth. To the extent necessary, the debt charges on the Notes and Bonds shall be paid from municipal income taxes lawfully available therefor under the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and the City hereby covenants, subject and pursuant to such authority, including particularly Section 133.05(B)(7), Revised Code, to appropriate annually from such municipal income taxes such amount as is necessary to meet such annual debt charges. Nothing in this paragraph in any way diminishes the pledge of the full faith and credit and property taxing power of the City to the prompt payment of the debt charges on the Notes.

<u>Section 10</u>. The City does not intend or represent that the interest on the Notes will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the City is not obligated to take any action to attempt to secure or maintain any such exclusion.

<u>Section 11</u>. The Clerk of Council is directed to deliver a certified copy of this ordinance to the Fiscal Officer in Summit County.

Section 12. This Council determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the City or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the City have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Notes have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 9) of the City are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Notes; and that no statutory or constitutional

limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Notes.

Section 13. The Director of Law is authorized to engage the legal services of the law firm of Squire Sanders (US) LLP, which legal services are to be in the nature of legal advice and recommendations as to the documents and the proceedings, and rendering an approving legal opinion, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Notes. In rendering those legal services, as an independent contractor and in an attorney-client relationship, that Firm shall not exercise any administrative discretion on behalf of this City in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws rules and regulations of the State, any county, or cities or of this City, or the execution of public trusts. For those legal services that Firm shall be paid fees now estimated at \$9,500, and in addition shall be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket expenses (including, but not limited to, travel, long-distance telephone, fax and duplicating expenses) incurred in rendering those legal services. The Director of Finance is authorized and directed to make appropriate certification as to the availability of funds for that fee and any reimbursement and to issue an appropriate order for their payment as they become payable.

Section 14. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Chapter 107 of the City's Codified Ordinances.

Section 15. This ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to issue and sell the Notes, which is necessary to enable the City to timely retire the Outstanding Notes and thereby preserve its credit; wherefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: 1-22-13

President of Council

Approved:

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