

ORDINANCE NO. 9303

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, ADOPTING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN, DESIGNATING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA, AND ESTABLISHING A FUND TO FINANCE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA FOR THAT REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 800 VERMONT STREET, LAWRENCE, DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE KANSAS NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ACT OF 1994, CODIFIED AS AMENDED AT K.S.A. 12-17,114 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted it by the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act of 1994 (“the Act”), codified as amended at K.S.A. 12-17,114 *et seq.*, the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, desires to adopt a plan for the revitalization of an area on Vermont Street, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas, to designate it as a Neighborhood Revitalization Area, and to create a fund to finance the redevelopment of the area and to provide rebates authorized by the Act, all in accordance with the Act;

WHEREAS, at its July 11, 2017, public meeting, in accordance with the Act, the Governing Body scheduled a public hearing for September 19, 2017, for the purpose of considering the Vermont Place Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (a copy of which is affixed hereto as Exhibit A);

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the Governing Body caused notice of such public hearing to be published in The Lawrence Journal-World, a newspaper of general circulation within the City, on September 1, 2017, and September 11, 2017;

WHEREAS, at its September 19, 2017, public meeting, pursuant to said public notice, the Governing Body opened the public hearing and continued it to October 3, 2017, for consideration of the Vermont Place Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The above-stated recitals are incorporated herein by reference and shall be as effective as if repeated verbatim.

SECTION 2. The Governing Body hereby adopts the Vermont Place Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (“Revitalization Plan”), attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporates the same herein by reference.

SECTION 3. The Governing Body has determined that that real property, commonly known as 800 Vermont Street, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas, and legally described as:

Block 2 Description: Lot Fifty-one (51) on Vermont Street, in the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas

Block 3 Description: The North 45 feet of Lot 53 on Vermont Street, in the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas,

constitutes an area which, by reason of the presence incompatible land use relationships substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality, retards the provision of housing accommodations or constitutes an economic or social liability, and is detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare in its present condition and use. Accordingly, pursuant to the Act, the Governing Body hereby designates that real property, legally described above, as the "Vermont Place Neighborhood Revitalization Area" ("the Revitalization Area").

SECTION 4. The Governing Body hereby creates, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,118, a Neighborhood Revitalization Fund in order to finance the redevelopment of the Revitalization Area and to provide a rebate of property tax increments as scheduled in the Revitalization Plan.

SECTION 5. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or is otherwise held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of any remaining parts of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, this _____ day of _____, 2017.

APPROVED:

Leslie Soden
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherri Riedemann
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Toni R. Wheeler
City Attorney

NOTICE TO PUBLISHER

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