

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A PROGRAM TO PROMOTE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STIMULATE BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CHAPTER 380 AGREEMENT (“AGREEMENT”) WITH MATCO INVESTMENTS FOR THE MAJOR RENOVATION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1835 NORTH GALLOWAY AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADMINISTER THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes the City of Mesquite, Texas (the “**City**”), and other municipalities to establish and provide for the administration of programs that promote local economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity; and

WHEREAS, Matco Investments, a Texas general partnership (the “**Company**”), currently owns land and improvements located at 1835 North Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, Texas 75149 (the “**Property**”), constituting a portion of Northridge Center, a retail center, located at 1805 North Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, Texas 75149 (the “**Northridge**”); and

WHEREAS, Northridge and the Property are located on a high-profile street in the City; and

WHEREAS, Northridge had become, and the Property is, an under-performing retail center; and

WHEREAS, a major renovation and redevelopment of Northridge, not including the Property, consisting of substantial improvements and upgrades to the existing buildings, signs, and parking area, was recently completed which made Northridge more attractive to existing and new retail tenants and has resulted in increased property values and sales taxes; and

WHEREAS, a major renovation and redevelopment of the Property is expected to: (i) promote local economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity in the City; (ii) result in substantial visual improvements to a high profile street in the City; (iii) increase the productive life and the taxable value of the building and improvements constituting the Property thereby adding value to the City’s tax rolls and increasing the ad valorem taxes to be collected by the City; and (iv) maintain existing retail tenants and attract new retail tenants to the Property which will: (a) increase the taxable value of inventory and business personal property at the Property thereby adding value to the City’s tax rolls and increasing the ad valorem personal property taxes to be collected by the City; (b) increase the sales taxes collected by the City; and (c) create new employment opportunities in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been presented with a proposed agreement providing economic incentives to the Company for the proposed major renovation and redevelopment of the Property, a copy of said agreement being attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference (the “**Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, after holding a public hearing and upon full review and consideration of the Agreement and all matters related thereto, the City Council finds that the Agreement will assist in implementing a program promoting local economic development, stimulating business and commercial activity in the City, and benefiting the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council finds that the terms of the proposed Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, will benefit the City and will serve the public purpose of promoting local economic development and stimulating business and commercial activity in the City in accordance with Section 380.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.

SECTION 2. That the City Council hereby adopts an economic development program whereby, subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the City will provide economic development incentives to the Company as more fully set forth in the Agreement.

SECTION 3. That the terms and conditions of the Agreement, having been reviewed by the City Council and found to be acceptable and in the best interest of the City and its citizens, are hereby approved.

SECTION 4. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to finalize and execute the Agreement and all other documents necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Agreement.

SECTION 5. That the City Manager is further hereby authorized to administer the Agreement on behalf of the City including, without limitation, the City Manager shall have the authority to: (i) provide any notices per the Agreement; (ii) approve amendments to the Agreement provided such amendments, together with all previous amendments approved by the City Manager, do not increase City expenditures under the Agreement in excess of \$50,000; (iii) approve or deny any matter in the Agreement that requires the consent of the City with the exception of any assignment of the Agreement that requires the consent of the City pursuant to the terms of the Agreement which shall require City Council approval; (iv) approve or deny the waiver of performance of any covenant, duty, agreement, term or condition of the Agreement; (v) exercise any rights and remedies available to the City under the Agreement; and (vi) execute any notices, amendments, approvals, consents, denials and waivers authorized by this Section 5 provided, however, notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the authority of the City Manager pursuant to this Section 5 shall not include the authority to take any action that cannot be delegated by the City Council or that is within the City Council’s legislative functions.

SECTION 6. That the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Resolution are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Resolution should be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect the validity, legality, or enforceability of any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Resolution and such remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been included in this Resolution.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 4th day of December 2023.

Daniel Alemán, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Sonja Land
City Secretary

David L. Paschall
City Attorney

EXHIBIT 1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT (Chapter 380 Agreement)

**Between the City of Mesquite and
Matco Investments**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

(Chapter 380 Agreement)

This Economic Development Program Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is made and entered into by and between the City of Mesquite, a Texas home rule municipality (“**City**”), and Matco Investments, a Texas general partnership (“**Company**”), for the purposes and considerations stated below:

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Company may each hereinafter be referred to as a “**Party**,” and may collectively be referred to as the “**Parties**” to this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Company currently owns land and improvements, being more particularly described in **Exhibit “A”** attached hereto and made a part hereof and located at 1835 N. Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, Texas 75149 (the “**Property**”), constituting a portion of Northridge Center, a retail center, located at 1805 N. Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, Texas 75149 (“**Northridge**”); and

WHEREAS, Northridge and the Property are located on a high-profile street in the City; and

WHEREAS, a Northridge had become, and the Property is, an under-performing retail center; and

WHEREAS, a major renovation and redevelopment of Northridge, not including the Property, consisting of substantial improvements and upgrades to the existing buildings, signs, and parking area, was recently completed which made Northridge more attractive to existing and new retail tenants and has resulted in increased property values and sales taxes; and

WHEREAS, a major renovation and redevelopment of the Property consisting of substantial improvements and upgrades to the existing Building is necessary in order to make the Property and Northridge attractive to existing and new retail tenants resulting in increased property values and sales taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Company is considering making a major renovation and redevelopment of the Property to match the prior renovations completed on Northridge, as more particularly described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Company has advised the City that a contributing factor inducing the Company to make the renovations and redevelopment to the Property is the agreement by the City to provide economic development incentives to the Company under the terms and conditions more fully set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a major renovation and redevelopment of the Property to coordinate with the recent improvements to Northridge will improve the overall aesthetics of the whole retail center strip, substantially increase the taxable value of Northridge and the Property and thereby add value to the

City's tax rolls and increase the ad valorem real property taxes and sales taxes to be collected by the City, along with increasing employment opportunities in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has established an Economic Development Program pursuant to § 380.001 of the Texas Local Government Code ("**Program**") and authorizes this Agreement as part of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Company desires to participate in the Program by entering into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the renovation and redevelopment of the Property will benefit the City and its citizens because, *inter alia*, the renovation and redevelopment of the Property will: (i) promote local economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity in the City; (ii) result in substantial visual improvements to a high profile street in the City; (iii) increase the productive life and the taxable value of the Building and improvements constituting the Property thereby adding value to the City's tax rolls and increasing the ad valorem taxes to be collected by the City; and (iv) maintain existing retail tenants and attract new retail tenants to the Property which will: (a) increase the taxable value of inventory and business personal property at the Property thereby adding value to the City's tax rolls and increasing the ad valorem personal property taxes to be collected by the City; (b) increase the sales taxes collected by the City; and (c) create new employment opportunities in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that this Agreement will effectuate the purposes set forth in the Program and that the granting of the economic development incentives more fully set forth herein on the terms and subject to the conditions more fully set forth herein will benefit the City and will accomplish the public purpose of promoting local economic development and stimulating business and commercial activity in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits and promises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Incorporation of Recitals

The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Agreement and shall be considered a part of the mutual covenants, consideration and promises that bind the Parties.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Agreement" shall mean this agreement together with all exhibits attached hereto.

"Building" shall mean the building and improvements constituting located on the Property and owned by Company as further described on **Exhibit A**, existing as of the Effective Date and during the Term.

"Capital Improvements" shall mean the Façade Improvements and any of the other renovations,

replacements, upgrades and other alterations, changes, modifications, additions and/or physical improvements to the Property commenced after the Effective Date, that make the Property more attractive to existing and new retail tenants, intended to result in increased property values and sales taxes, as more particularly described in **Exhibits “B” and “B-1”**, attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Capital Improvements and upgrades constructed by tenants that use their premises in violation of this Agreement, including without limitation by Existing Tenants or by assignees and sublessees of Existing Leases, shall constitute Capital Improvements. The term Capital Improvement will not include routine maintenance performed as part of a single project the cost of which does not exceed \$5,000.00.

“Capital Investment” shall mean, expenditures on Capital Improvements (excluding land acquisition costs) by the Company, by tenants, or other occupants of the Property, including ground lessees, or by third party purchasers of lots or pad-sites on the Property, and such purchasers’ tenants or occupants. The term Capital Investment will not include routine maintenance performed as part of a single project the cost of which does not exceed \$5,000.00.

“Capital Investment Certificate” shall mean a report and certificate submitted by the Company to the City showing the amount of the Capital Investment (if any) made by Company for the applicable Incentive Grant request. With respect to a Capital Investment Certificate, the Parties agree that only expenditures capitalized as capital assets on the books of Company in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles shall be included in the expenditures reported in a Capital Investment Certificate.

“Certificate of Compliance” shall mean a certificate in such form as is reasonably acceptable to the City executed on behalf of the Company by a duly authorized Company Representative certifying to the City: (i) that all Article VII Conditions Precedent at the time of presentation of the Certificate of Compliance have been satisfied and are continuing; (ii) that Company has complied with and is in compliance with Company’s Additional Covenants provided in Article VI; and (ii) that to the knowledge of the Company no default then exists by the Company under the terms of this Agreement and that no event exists which, but for notice, the lapse of time, or both, would constitute a default by the Company under the terms of this Agreement. As used in this paragraph the terms “knowledge” or “knowingly” means the actual, then-current knowledge of any officer or employee of the Company.

“City” shall mean the City of Mesquite, a Texas home rule municipality.

“City Council” shall mean the governing body of the City.

“Company” shall mean Matco Investments, a Texas general partnership, its successors and assigns only as permitted by this Agreement.

“Company Representative” shall mean a general partner or any other authorized officer of the Company.

“Conditions Precedent” shall have the meanings set forth in Article VII of this Agreement.

“Effective Date” shall mean the date the Company and the City execute this Agreement if both the Company and the City execute this Agreement on the same date. If the Company and the City

execute this Agreement on different dates, any reference to the “Effective Date” shall mean the later of the two dates this Agreement is executed by the Company and the City.

“Event of Bankruptcy or Insolvency” shall mean the dissolution or termination of a Party’s existence as a going business, insolvency, appointment of a receiver for any part of such Party’s property and such appointment is not terminated within ninety (90) days after such appointment is initially made, any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, the voluntary commencement of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by any Party, or the involuntary commencement of any proceeding against any Party under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws and such involuntary proceeding is not dismissed within ninety (90) days after the filing thereof.

“Existing Leases” shall mean the lease agreements between the Company (or its predecessors in interest) and their Existing Tenants, as they may have been or may hereafter be amended, restated or supplemented.

“Existing Tenants” shall mean the tenants of the Company at the Property listed on **Exhibit “C”** attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

“Façade Improvements” shall mean those Capital Improvements identified and depicted as Façade Improvements in Exhibits “B” and “B-1” to this Agreement.

“Impositions” shall mean all taxes, assessments, impact fees, use and occupancy taxes, charges, excises, license and permit fees, and other charges by public or governmental authorities, general and special, ordinary and extraordinary, foreseen and unforeseen, which are or may be assessed, charged, levied, or imposed by any public or governmental authority on Company or any property or any business owned by Company.

“Incentive Grant” and shall mean the economic development incentive to be paid by the City to the Company as specified in Article VIII of this Agreement, pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in this Agreement.

“Incentive Payment” shall mean the actual payment of the Incentive Grant from the City to the Company as set forth in this Agreement.

“Maximum Incentive Amount” shall mean the maximum amount of economic development incentives payable under the terms of this Agreement, which is the collective sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00).

“Maximum Lawful Rate” shall mean the maximum lawful rate of non-usurious interest that may be contracted for, charged, taken, received or reserved by the City in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Texas (or applicable United States federal law to the extent that such law permits the City to contract for, charge, take, receive or reserve a greater amount of interest than under Texas law).

“Northridge” shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals to this Agreement.

“Party” and “Parties” shall have the meanings set forth in the Recitals to this Agreement.

“Person” or “Persons” shall mean one or more individual(s) or corporation(s), general or limited partnership(s), limited liability company(s), trust(s), estate(s), unincorporated business(es), organization(s), association(s) or any other entity(s) of any kind.

“Primary Use” shall mean goods sold or services provided by a tenant or occupant of leased space in or upon the Property that generate more than 40% of the total sales of such tenant or occupant on an annual basis.

“Program” shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

“Property” shall mean the real property described in **Exhibit “A”** attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

“Tenants” shall mean the tenants of Company at the Property.

“Term” shall have the meaning set forth in Article IV of this Agreement.

“Undocumented Workers” shall mean individuals who, at the time of employment with the Company, are not: (i) lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States or are not authorized under law to be employed in that manner in the United States; and (ii) such other Persons as are included within the definition of undocumented workers pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1324a (f) and/or or any other applicable state and/or federal law or regulation.

ARTICLE III

Authority for Agreement

This Agreement is authorized by Article III, Section 52-a of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code. The City Council finds and determines that substantial economic benefit will accrue to the City as a result of the renovation and redevelopment of the Property because, *inter alia*, the renovation and redevelopment of the Property will: (i) promote local economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity in the City; (ii) result in substantial visual improvements to a high profile street in the City; (iii) increase the productive life and the taxable value of the Property thereby adding value to the City’s tax rolls and increasing the ad valorem taxes to be collected by the City; (iv) maintain Existing Tenants and attract new Tenants to the Property which will: (a) increase the taxable value of inventory and business personal property at the Property thereby adding value to the City’s tax rolls and increasing the ad valorem personal property taxes to be collected by the City; (b) increase the sales taxes collected by the City; and (c) create new employment opportunities in the City and accordingly, the value of the benefits of this Agreement to the City outweigh the amount of incentives to be paid by the City under this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

Term

The Term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue until the earlier of: (i) the date this Agreement is terminated by the City or the Company pursuant to a right to terminate as expressly provided herein; or (ii) three years after the date the City has paid Company the Maximum Incentive Amount (“**Term**”).

ARTICLE V

Company's Covenants Regarding Undocumented Workers

5.1 Covenant Not to Employ Undocumented Workers. The Company hereby certifies that the Company and each branch, division, and department of the Company does not knowingly employ any Undocumented Workers and the Company hereby covenants and agrees that the Company and each branch, division and department of the Company will not knowingly employ any Undocumented Workers during the Term of this Agreement.

5.2 Covenant to Notify City of Conviction for Undocumented Workers. The Company further hereby covenants and agrees to provide the City with written notice of any conviction of the Company, or any branch, division or department of the Company, of a knowing violation under 8 U.S.C. § 1324a (f) within thirty (30) days from the date of such conviction.

5.3 Repayment of Incentive Grants in Event of Conviction for Employing Undocumented Workers. If, after receiving any Incentive Grant payment under the terms of this Agreement, the Company, or a branch, division or department of the Company, is convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. § 1324a (f), the Company shall pay to the City, not later than the 120th day after the date the City notifies the Company of the violation, an amount equal to the total amount of all Incentive Grant payments paid by the City to the Company under the terms of this Agreement plus interest at the rate equal to the *lesser* of: (i) the Maximum Lawful Rate; or (ii) five percent (5%) per annum, such interest rate to be calculated on each such Incentive Grant payment from the date each such Incentive Grant payment was paid by the City to the Company until the date repaid by the Company to the City and such interest rate shall adjust periodically as of the date of any change in the Maximum Lawful Rate.

5.4 Limitation on Incentive Grant Payments. The City shall have no obligation to make any Incentive Grant payments to the Company if the Company, or any branch, division or department of the Company, is convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. § 1324a (f).

5.5 Remedies. The City shall have the right to exercise all remedies available by law to collect any sums due by the Company to the City pursuant to this Article V including, without limitation, all remedies available pursuant to Chapter 2264 of the Texas Government Code.

5.6 Survival. The terms, provisions, covenants, agreements and obligations of the Company and the rights and remedies of the City set forth in this Article of this Agreement shall expressly survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement until payment of the final Incentive Grant as provided in Article VIII if not yet paid at the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

Company's Additional Covenants

6.1 Company's Additional Covenants. In consideration of the City's agreement to make the Incentive Grant payments to the Company as more fully set forth herein, the Company covenants and agrees to comply with each and every one of the following covenants during the Term of this Agreement:

1. *Documentation.* To deliver to the City within thirty (30) days after written request, copies of such invoices, payment records and other documentation as the City may reasonably request to confirm compliance by the Company with its covenants in this Agreement, including but not limited to this Articles VI and VII;
2. *Ongoing Operation.* To operate the Property exclusively for only the uses permitted under the current zoning applicable to the Property during the Term of this Agreement including, without limitation, retail, restaurant, professional office, and personal services, except as provided herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company covenants and agrees that during the Term of this Agreement, the Company will not enter into any oral and/or written leases or otherwise knowingly permit the use of all or any portion of the Property for any one or more of the following uses as a Primary Use (provided, that the foregoing shall not apply to Existing Tenants at the Property as of the Effective Date of this Agreement or to any assignee of or sublessee under any of the Existing Leases): (a) stores selling electronic cigarettes or other oral devices as a Primary Use that allow users to inhale a vapor of liquid nicotine or other substances including, without limitation, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, e-hookahs, and/or vape pipes; and (b) tobacco stores as a Primary Use (and specifically excluding the ancillary sale thereof in any pharmacy, grocery or convenience store located on the Property). The Company further covenants and agrees that during the Term of this Agreement, the Company will not enter into any oral and/or written leases or otherwise knowingly permit the use of all or any portion of the Property for any one or more of the following uses as a Primary Use (provided, that, the foregoing shall not apply to Existing Tenants at the Property as of the Effective Date of this Agreement or to any assignee of or sublessee under any of the Existing Leases, where such uses are not prohibited under the Existing Leases):
 - (i) Steam or Turkish baths, massage parlors that exist for reasons beyond therapeutic massage (i.e., lascivious purposes), and tattoo and/or piercing parlors;
 - (ii) Bars and restaurants operated for members of civic and social organizations, alumni associations, granges, automobile clubs (except travel), parent-teacher associations, booster clubs, scouting organizations, ethnic associations, social clubs, fraternal lodges and veterans' membership organizations;
 - (iii) Churches, religious shrines, monasteries (except schools), synagogues, religious mosques and religious temples;
 - (iv) Gifts, novelty or souvenir stores that as a Primary Use sell items of a sexually lewd or offensive nature, or of paraphernalia that may be used with illegal drugs; and
 - (v) Pawn shops (and specifically excluding consignment, second-hand and vintage stores).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a violation of the foregoing uses shall only exist if the certificate of occupancy issued for the applicable premises specifically permits one or more of the prohibited uses listed above by name, and not for example by a description such as “retail store”;

3. *Inspections.* To provide the City, its agents and employees with access to the Property at such times as the City may reasonably request to conduct such inspections as the City reasonably deems necessary in order to confirm compliance by the Company with the terms and provisions of this Agreement, subject to the rights of tenants;
4. *Company Representative.* To provide a representative of the Company to accompany the City during all inspections of the Property conducted by the City;
5. *Payment of Taxes.* To timely pay all ad valorem taxes assessed against the Property and Building during the Term of this Agreement prior to the date such taxes become delinquent; provided, that the Company may in good faith protest any such taxes in accordance with normal and customary procedures;
6. *Fees Paid.* The Company shall have timely paid all Impositions arising during the Term of this Agreement in connection with the construction of any improvements to or upon the Property;
7. *Compliance with Applicable Laws.* To maintain the Property in good repair and condition at all times, which at a minimum shall mean meeting or exceeding all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the City’s Code of Ordinances and terms of this Agreement, applicable to the Property and the activities thereon;
8. *Other Agreements.* To keep and perform all terms, provisions, agreements, covenants, conditions and obligations to be kept or performed by the Company under the terms of this Agreement and all other agreements now or hereafter existing between the Company and the City; and

6.2 Survival. The terms, provisions, covenants, agreements and obligations of the Company and set forth in this Article of this Agreement shall expressly survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement until payment of the final Incentive Grant as provided in Article VIII if not yet paid at the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII

Conditions Precedent to Payment of Incentive Grant

7.1 Conditions Precedent to Payment of the Incentive Grant. The Company and the City hereby expressly acknowledge and agree that the City’s obligation to pay the Incentive Grant shall expressly be conditioned upon the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent (individually a “**Condition Precedent**” and collectively the “**Conditions Precedent**”):

1. *Minimum Capital Investment.* To make a Capital Investment at the Property in the collective minimum amount of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$150,000.00)** no later than **July 31, 2024**. When calculating such expenditures, the Parties agree that no expenditure shall be included as part of the Capital Investment unless the expenditure is capital in nature and capitalized as capital assets on the books of Company in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (excluding land acquisition costs). The Capital Investment may be more than \$150,000.00. Failure of the Company to make the Capital Investment by **July 31, 2024** will result in automatic termination of this Agreement and forfeiture by Company of the Incentive Grant and/or of any further Incentive Payments under this Agreement. This is in addition to any other remedies available to the City under this Agreement or law;
2. *Compliance with Agreement.* The Company shall be in compliance with all terms, provisions, agreements, covenants, conditions and obligations to be kept or performed by the Company pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to Company's Additional Covenants in Article VI of this Agreement, and all other agreement(s) now and hereafter existing between the Company and the City, and no default by the Company shall then exist under the terms of such agreements(s) beyond any applicable grace or cure period;
3. *Undocumented Workers.* As of the date of an Incentive Grant payment is requested and at all times during the Term of this Agreement prior to the Incentive Payment, the Company shall not have knowingly employed Undocumented Workers to work for the Company or any branch, division or department of the Company;
4. *Maximum Incentive Amount.* The amount of the Incentive Payment being requested shall not exceed the Maximum Incentive Amount;
5. *Completion of Capital Improvements.* To be considered for an Incentive Payment, Capital Improvements having capital expenditures meeting or exceeding the minimum capital investment amount identified below and from those identified in **Exhibit "B"** hereto must be commenced after the Effective Date of this Agreement and completed prior to both **July 31, 2024**, and prior to the date payment is requested. Capital Improvements shall be considered completed when evidenced by the issuance by the City of a final inspection, final green tag, certificate of completion, or other equivalent, confirming completion of the requirements of the building permit issued by the City in connection with the construction of the improvements. If improvements have not been completed at the time of the request for payment, the improvements will not be considered for an Incentive Payment by the City;
6. *Minimum Capital Investment.* Prior to requesting an Incentive Payment for Capital Improvements, capital expenditures in the collective amount of a minimum of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$150,000.00)** shall have been incurred in connection with the Capital Improvements after the Effective Date of this Agreement and prior to July 31, 2024;

7. *Request for Payment.* The Company shall have submitted to the City a written request for payment of the Incentive Grant, a Certificate of Compliance, and a Capital Investment Certificate, on or before July 31, 2024; and
8. *Survival.* The terms, provisions, covenants, agreements and obligations of the Company and set forth in this Article of this Agreement shall expressly survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement until payment of the final Incentive Grant as provided in Article VIII if not yet paid at the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII

Economic Development Incentives

8.1 Economic Development Grant. Provided all Conditions Precedent have been satisfied and are then continuing, and subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement including, without limitation, Section 8.3 below, during the Term the City shall pay a one-time Incentive Grant to the Company equal to the capital expenditures paid by the Company and/or their tenants to make Capital Improvements to the Property which are commenced and completed in accordance with this Agreement, but not in any event or under any circumstances to exceed a total of FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00).

8.2 Payment Date for Incentive Grant. Provided all Conditions Precedent have been satisfied and are then continuing including, without limitation, the Maximum Incentive Amount has not been satisfied, the Incentive Grant due and payable pursuant to Section 8.1 of this Agreement shall be paid by the City to the Company in accordance with this Agreement. A one-time request for the Incentive Payment for Capital Improvements may be submitted at any time on or before July 31, 2024 and will be processed and paid by the City within a reasonable timeframe if approved.

8.3 Limitation on Incentive Grant and Payment. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, (i) the maximum amount of Incentive Grant and Incentive Payment payable under the terms of this Agreement is FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00); (ii) no Incentive Payment shall be due or payable for any Capital Improvements made prior to the Effective Date; (iii) no Incentive Payment shall be due or payable for any Capital Improvements made after July 31, 2024; and (iv) no Incentive Payment shall be due or payable until the minimum capital investment required by Article VII of this Agreement is satisfied. If there is any conflict between this Section 8.3 and any other term or provision of this Agreement, this Section 8.3 shall control.

8.4 Funds Available for Payment of Economic Development Incentives. The grants of economic development incentives payable by the City to the Company as more fully set forth in this Agreement are not secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes of the City. All Incentive Payments payable hereunder shall be paid only from funds of the City authorized by Article III, Section 52-a, of the Texas Constitution and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380. Each Incentive Payment shall be subject to the City's appropriation of funds for such purpose to be paid in the budget year for which the Incentive Payment is to be made.

8.5 Survival. All terms, provisions, covenants, agreements, obligations, rights and remedies of each Party pursuant to this Article shall expressly survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX

Defaults Remedies

9.1 Company Default. The Company shall be in default of this Agreement: (i) upon the occurrence of an Event of Bankruptcy or Insolvency of the Company; (ii) upon the failure of the Company to timely keep or perform any term, provision, agreement, covenant, condition or obligation to be kept or performed by Company under the terms of this Agreement and such failure continues for sixty (60) days after written notice by the City to the Company, provided that no default may be found to have occurred if performance has commenced to the reasonable satisfaction of the City within sixty (60) days of the receipt of such notice, and is being diligently pursued using commercially reasonable efforts to complete performance; or (iii) upon failure of the Company to maintain the Property in good repair and condition at all times (effects of casualty and normal wear and tear excepted), which at a minimum shall mean meeting or exceeding all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the City's Code of Ordinances and terms of this Agreement, applicable to the Property and the activities thereon and such failure continues for sixty (60) days after written notice by the City to the Company, provided that no default may be found to have occurred if performance has commenced to the reasonable satisfaction of the City within sixty (60) days of the receipt of such notice, and is being diligently pursued using commercially reasonable efforts to complete performance

9.2 City Default. The City shall be in default of this Agreement upon the failure of the City to timely keep or perform any term, provision, agreement, covenant, condition or obligation to be kept or performed by the City under the terms of this Agreement and such failure continues for sixty (60) days after written notice by the Company to the City, provided that no default may be found to have occurred if performance has commenced to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company within sixty (60) days of the receipt of such notice, and is being diligently pursued using commercially reasonable efforts to complete performance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the City fails to timely pay any Incentive Grant payment, the Company shall provide written notice of such failure to the City and the City shall have sixty (60) days to make such Incentive Grant payment before a City default exists.

9.3 City Remedies. In the event of a Company default that has continued uncured beyond any applicable grace or cure period, the City shall have no obligation to pay any future Incentive Payment to the Company and the City shall have the right as its sole remedies to: (i) recapture the Incentive Payment last paid by the City to the Company as more fully set forth in Section 9.4 below; and (ii) terminate this Agreement by written notice to the Company in which event neither Party hereto shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except for those that expressly survive the termination of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in no event will the City be entitled to the recovery of attorneys' fees (except in the event of the exercise of the City of the remedies set forth in Chapter 2264 of the Texas Government Code) or consequential, punitive, exemplary or speculative damages.

9.4 Recapture of Incentive Grant Payments. In the event this Agreement is terminated by the City, the City shall have no obligation to make any Incentive Payment to the Company and the

Company shall immediately pay to the City, at the City's address set forth herein, or such other address as the City may hereafter notify the Company in writing, the sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of all Incentive Payments paid by the City to the Company under the terms of this Agreement, minus any unpaid Incentive Payment then earned and owed by the City, plus interest at the rate equal to the *lesser* of: (i) the Maximum Lawful Rate; or (ii) five percent (5%) per annum, such interest to be calculated on the percentage of the Incentive Payment being recaptured from the date such Incentive Payment was paid by the City to the Company until the date the said sum is repaid by the Company to the City and such interest rate shall adjust periodically as of the date of any change in the Maximum Lawful Rate.

9.5 Company Remedies. Upon the occurrence of a City default that has continued uncured beyond any applicable grace or cure period, the Company shall have the right as its sole remedies to (a) terminate this Agreement by written notice to the City in which event neither Party hereto shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except for those that expressly survive the termination of this Agreement, and (b) recover from the City the amount of any Incentive Payment then earned and owed by the City as damages in accordance with the following provisions. The City and the Company acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is not a contract for goods or services and the City's immunity from suit is not waived pursuant to Subchapter I of Chapter 271, V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, as amended. Alternatively, if and only in the event a court of competent jurisdiction determines the City's immunity from suit is waived under Subchapter I of Chapter 271, V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, the Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that in a suit against the City for breach of this Agreement or otherwise to recover damages:

1. the total amount of damages, if any, awarded against the City shall be limited to actual damages in an amount of the Incentive Grant earned by the Company, not to exceed the amount of the Maximum Incentive Amount, less the amount of all Incentive Payments previously paid by the City to the Company;
2. any Incentive Payment past due and not paid following the required notice and cure period shall accrue interest at the lesser of: (i) the Maximum Lawful Rate; or (ii) five percent (5%) per annum beginning the day after expiration of the cure period until paid, and such interest rate shall adjust periodically as of the date of any change in the Maximum Lawful Rate; and
3. the recovery of damages against the City shall not include attorneys' fees or consequential, punitive, exemplary, or speculative damages including, but not limited to, lost profits.

9.6 Survival. All terms, provisions, covenants, agreements, obligations, rights and remedies of each Party pursuant to this Article shall expressly survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement for a five (5) year period following such expiration or termination.

ARTICLE X

Miscellaneous Provisions

10.1 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto, their respective successors and permitted assigns provided, however, notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, this Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Company hereunder may not be assigned or transferred by the Company to any Person other than a transferee of all or any portion of the Property without the prior written consent

of the City, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Furthermore, neither the Company nor any approved assignee or their legal representatives or successors in interest shall, by operation of law or otherwise, assign, mortgage, pledge, encumber or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any part hereof, or the interest of the Company or any approved assignee under this Agreement, without obtaining the City's prior written consent, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed; provided, that the foregoing requirement for consent shall not apply to transfers or assignments of this Agreement (i) by the Company to any affiliate, subsidiary or parent of the Company or (ii) to any transfers of direct or indirect ownership interests in the Company. The City agrees to execute any such reasonable consents or estoppels requested by any purchaser of the Property and/or the Company's or its assignee's lender in connection with any collateral assignment of this Agreement. Any consent by the City to any assignment of this Agreement shall be held to apply only to the specific transaction thereby authorized and shall not constitute a waiver of the necessity for such consent to any subsequent assignment. Upon any transfer of this Agreement in connection with the sale of the Property to an assignee that assumes all duties, liabilities and the obligations of the Company under this Agreement, the transferor shall thereafter be released and discharged from all duties, liabilities and obligations hereunder. Otherwise, the consent by the City to any assignment of this Agreement shall not relieve the Company or any approved assignee from any duties, liabilities or obligations of the Company or any approved assignee under the terms of this Agreement unless the written consent of the City expressly states otherwise. Every assignee shall be subject to and be bound by all the provisions, covenants, and conditions of this Agreement and shall be required to obtain the prior written consent of the City with respect to any future or further assignment except as provided above, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. No assignment of this Agreement shall contain any terms in contravention of any provisions of this Agreement. No assignment of this Agreement shall be effective unless: (i) the assignment is in writing signed by the assignor and the assignee; (ii) the assignee assumes the assignor's obligation to timely keep and perform all terms, provisions, agreements, covenants, conditions and obligations of the assignor under the terms of this Agreement; (iii) a true and correct copy of such assignment has been provided to the City; and (iv) with respect to any assignment for which the City's consent is required as provided above, the City has consented to such assignment in writing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Any assignment in violation of the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be void and of no force or effect and shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement by the Company. The Company may also retain the benefits of this Agreement and not assign it to any successor owner of the Property. Nothing contained in this Section or any other terms of this Agreement shall restrict or limit the Company's right to sell, transfer or encumber all or any portion of the Property from time to time.

10.2 Notices. Any notice and/or certificate or statement required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be considered properly given if mailed by United States mail, certified mail, return receipt requested, in a postage paid envelope addressed to the Party at the address set forth below, or by delivering same in person to the intended addressee by hand delivery or by a nationally recognized courier service such as Federal Express or United Postal Service. Notices mailed by certified mail as set forth above shall be effective upon deposit in the United States mail. Notice given in any other manner shall be effective only if and when received by the addressee. For purposes of notice, the addresses of the Parties shall be as set forth below; provided, however, that any Party shall have the right to change such Party's address for notice purposes by giving the other Party at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of such change of address in the manner set forth herein:

COMPANY: Matco Investments
5330 Alpha Road, Suite 200
Dallas, Texas 75240

CITY: City of Mesquite
1515 N. Galloway Avenue
Mesquite, TX 75149
Attention: City Manager

With a copy to: City of Mesquite
1515 N. Galloway Ave.
Mesquite, Texas 75149
Attention: City Attorney

10.3 Right to Offset. The City shall have the right to offset any amounts due and payable by the City under this Agreement against any debt (including taxes) lawfully due and owing by the Company to the City, regardless of whether the amount due arises pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise, and regardless of whether or not the debt has been reduced to judgment by a court.

10.4 Remedies Cumulative. Except as expressly limited herein, each right and remedy of the Parties provided for in this Agreement or now or hereafter existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas shall be cumulative and concurrent and shall be in addition to every other right or remedy provided for in this Agreement or now or hereafter existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas.

10.5 Captions. The descriptive captions of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall in no way define, describe, limit, expand or affect the scope, terms, conditions, or intent of this Agreement.

10.6 Modification. This Agreement may only be revised, modified or amended by a written document signed by the City and the Company. Oral revisions, modifications or amendments are not permitted.

10.7 Interpretation. Regardless of the actual drafter of this Agreement, this Agreement shall, in the event of any dispute over its meaning or application, be interpreted fairly and reasonably, and neither more strongly for nor against any Party.

10.8 Waivers. All waivers, to be effective, must be in writing and signed by the waiving party. No failure by any Party to insist upon the strict or timely performance of any covenant, duty, agreement, term or condition of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any such covenant, duty, agreement, term or condition. No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy accruing to any Party upon a Default of this Agreement shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver of any such breach or a waiver of any breach theretofore or thereafter occurring.

10.9 Governing Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (without giving effect to any conflict of law principles that would result in the application of the laws of any state other than Texas). The

Parties agree that venue of any suit to construe or enforce this Agreement shall lie exclusively in state courts in Dallas County, Texas.

10.10 Severability. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Agreement are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Agreement should be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Agreement and such remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid provision had never been included in the Agreement.

10.11 No Partnership or Joint Venture. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed by the Parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of partnership or joint venture between the Parties.

10.12 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. The Parties to this Agreement do not intend to create any third-party beneficiaries of the contract rights contained herein. This Agreement shall not create any rights in any individual or entity that is not a signatory hereto. No person who is not a party to this Agreement may bring a cause of action pursuant to this Agreement as a third-party beneficiary.

10.13 No Acceleration. All amounts due pursuant to this Agreement and any remedies under this Agreement are not subject to acceleration.

10.14 Number and Gender. Whenever used herein, unless the context otherwise provides, the singular number shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of any gender shall include all other genders.

10.15 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of original, facsimile or electronically scanned counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original and all of which shall be considered one and the same instrument.

10.16 Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all prior discussions, representations, proposals, offers, and oral or written communications of any nature are entirely superseded hereby and extinguished by the execution of this Agreement. There are no oral agreements between the Parties.

10.17 Authority. The Company represents that it is duly formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of its formation and is duly authorized to transact business in the State of Texas. Each Party represents and warrants to each other Party that this Agreement has been duly authorized by such Party and that each Party has the full power and authority to enter into and fulfill its obligations under this Agreement. Each Person signing this Agreement represents that such Person has the authority to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Party indicated.

10.18 City Council Authorization. This Agreement was authorized by resolution of the City Council approved at a City Council meeting.

10.19 Usury Savings Clause. The Company and City intend to conform strictly to all applicable usury laws. All agreements of the City and the Company are hereby limited by the provisions of this Section which shall override and control all such agreements, whether now existing or hereafter arising and whether written or oral. In no event shall any interest contracted for, charged, received, paid or collected under the terms of this Agreement exceed the Maximum Lawful Rate or amount of non-usurious interest that may be contracted for, taken, reserved, charged, or received under applicable law. If, from any possible development of any document, interest would otherwise be payable to City in excess of the Maximum Lawful Rate, any such construction shall be subject to the provisions of this Section 10.19 and such document shall be automatically reformed and the interest payable to the City shall be automatically reduced to the Maximum Lawful Rate, without the necessity of execution of any amendment or new document. If the City shall ever receive anything of value which is characterized as interest under applicable law and which would apart from this provision be in excess of the Maximum Lawful Rate, an amount equal to the amount which would have been excessive interest shall at the option of the City be refunded to Company or applied to the reduction of the principal amount owing under this Agreement or such document in the inverse order of its maturity and not to the payment of interest. The right to accelerate any indebtedness does not include the right to accelerate any interest which has not otherwise accrued on the date of such acceleration, and City does not intend to charge or receive any unearned interest in the event of acceleration. All interest paid or agreed to be paid to the City shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be amortized, prorated, allocated and spread throughout the full stated term (including any renewal or extension) of such indebtedness so that the amount of interest on account of such indebtedness does not exceed the Maximum Lawful Rate.

10.20 Non-Collusion. The Company represents and warrants that neither Company nor anyone on the Company's behalf has given, made, promised or paid, nor offered to give, make, promise or pay any gift, bonus, commission, money or other consideration to any employee, agent, representative or official of the City as an inducement to or in order to obtain the benefits to be provided by the City under this Agreement.

10.21 Form 1295 Certificate. The Company agrees to comply with Texas Government Code, Section 2252.908 and in connection therewith, the Company agrees to go online with the Texas Ethics Commission to complete a Form 1295 Certificate and further agrees to print the completed certificate and execute the completed certificate in such form as is required by Texas Government Code, Section 2252.908 and the rules of the Texas Ethics Commission and provide to the City, at the time of delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement, a duly executed completed Form 1295 Certificate.

10.22 Reservation of Legislative Authority. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement, this Agreement does not control, waive, limit or supplant the City Council's legislative authority or discretion.

10.23 Development Standards. The Parties acknowledge that in the last legislative session, the Texas Legislature passed HB 2439, to be codified in V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code, Chapter 3000, Governmental Action Affecting Residential and Commercial Construction, regarding the regulation by municipalities of building products, materials, and aesthetic methods for residential and commercial buildings. The Company acknowledges and agrees that, notwithstanding V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code, Chapter 3000, to construct the Initial Improvements and any Subsequent Improvements in accordance with the standards provided herein and/or as may be

agreed upon in writing. The Parties acknowledge that such agreement is material to the City's agreement to grant the economic development incentives provided herein and is a bargained for consideration between the Parties. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that the terms, provisions, covenants, and agreements contained in this Agreement regarding construction of the Initial Improvements and any Subsequent Improvements are covenants that touch and concern the Land and that it is the intent of the Parties that such terms, provisions, covenants, and agreements shall run with the Land and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto, their successors and assigns, and all subsequent owners of the Property.

10.24 Time is of the Essence. The Parties agree that time is of the essence of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized agents, officers and/or officials on the dates set forth below.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Sonja Land
City Secretary
Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
David L. Paschall, City Attorney

By: _____
David L. Paschall, City Attorney

**CITY OF MESQUITE:
a Texas home rule municipality**

By: _____

Name: Cliff Keheley
Title: City Manager
Date: _____

COMPANY:

Matco Investments, a Texas general partnership

By: Cohen Special Trust, General Partner

By: _____

Name: Adam Bruckman

Title: Trustee

Date: _____

By: Morben Realty Co., Inc , General Partner

By: _____

Name: MARK E. COHEN

Title President

Date: _____

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF DALLAS §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 2023, by Adam Bruckman, as the Trustee of Cohen Special Trust, as a General Partner of Matco Investments, on behalf of said entities.

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Texas

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Seal

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF DALLAS §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 2023, by Mark E. Cohen, as the President of the Morben Realty Co., Inc., as a General Partner of Matco Investments, on behalf of said entities.

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Texas

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Seal

**EXHIBIT “A”
TO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

Legal Description of Land

- (i) That certain property commonly known located at 1835 N. Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, Texas 75149, and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 23 of Northridge Estates No. 2 Addition, known as a part of Northridge Center, in the City of Mesquite, Dallas County, Texas, according to the legal description thereof recorded under Document No. 202000068650 of the Real Property Records of Dallas County, Texas.

EXHIBIT “A-1”
MAP IDENTIFYING BUILDING OWNED BY COMPANY

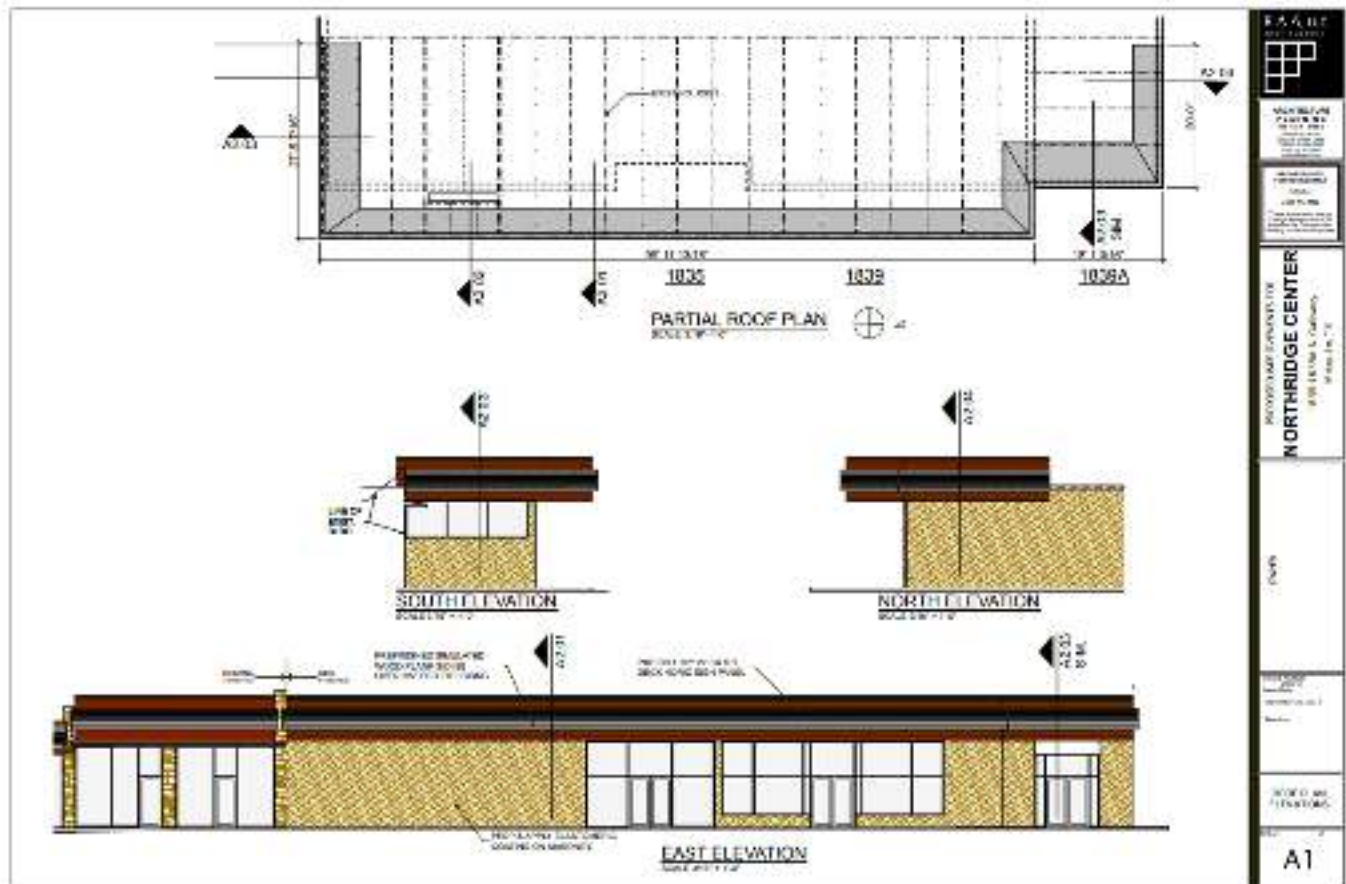


**EXHIBIT “B”
TO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

Capital Improvements

1. *Façade Improvements.* Company shall redevelop the Property materially in accordance with the attached renderings attached to the Agreement as Exhibit “B-1”, which at a minimum include the following improvements: replace or repair the parking lot lights, new sign fascia, new screen wall and sign band, new roof, updated lighting package, update storefronts where necessary (store specific), and update signage criteria. All improvements shall enhance the Property in substantially the same as renderings in Exhibit “B-1.”
2. The Capital Improvements may also include other improvements approved in advance by the City Manager and agreed to by the Parties in writing.

Façade Improvements Renderings



**EXHIBIT “C”
TO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

List of Company’s Existing Tenants of the Property

- 1). Victoria Beauty Supply**
- 2). Anguluz Hair Salon**