

City of Detroit

Janice M. Winfrey
City Clerk

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Deputy City Clerk

DEPARTMENT PETITION REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

Petition No.	2024-321 District
Name of Petitioner	Stafford House
Description of Petition	Petition request for the Establishment of a Commercial Facilities Exemption District at 9301 Oakland Ave., Detroit, MI 48211
Type of Petition	Tax Abatement for a Commercial Facilities Exemption District
Submission Date	09/12/2024
Concerned Departments	Finance Department, Planning and Development Department, Housing and Revitalization Department, Legislative Policy Division, City Planning Commission
Petitioner Contact	Stafford House Lendon Crosby P: (313)-443-5485 lcrosby@staffordhouseinc.org



9/3/2024

Detroit City Council
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Ave Suite 1340
Detroit, MI 48226

**RE: Request for the Establishment of a Commercial Facilities Exemption District
at 9301 Oakland Ave., Detroit, MI 48211**

Honorable City Council:

Please accept this letter as a request to establish Neighborhood Enterprise Zone District for the property located at **9301 Oakland Ave. Detroit, MI 48211** and described on Attachment A. The project does not entail a sale or transfer of property.

Stafford House Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization operating in the North End neighborhood of Detroit since 2007. Stafford House has been a valued community partner with local stakeholders and residents in the community for the past 17 years. Stafford House has a great reputation for uplifting youth and their families in North End. The organization's mission is to enrich the lives of underserved members of the community through safe-affordable housing, education, and job training.

The Oakland Ave project will be a mixed-use development, with 10 units of affordable rental housing on the second level of the building. The rents will range between 60-80% AMI. Each apartment will be approximately 500 sq. ft. There will also be four commercial spaces at about 1,000 sq. ft. per space. The commercial spaces will be leased as a coffee shop, a training center, a retail space, and an office space for an engineering firm. The NEZ request is for the 10 residential rental units on the second floor.

The project is eligible for the PA 255 commercial facilities tax incentive given the commercial component for the development.

The rehabilitation of the facility at 9301 Oakland Ave., Detroit, MI will not be undertaken without Stafford House's receipt of the tax exemption. The tax relief will allow for more debt to be serviced by the project, increasing its construction loan size. There are currently zero full-time employees (FTE) however the development will provide four new full-time positions at the company. The project includes the site

remediation and full gut rehab of the facility, creating 10 new rental apartment units on the second floor and 4 new ground floor commercial spaces. Please see the attached commitment letters from the lending institutions.

The PA 255 commercial tax exemption is requested for 12 years.

The Oakland Ave project needs this tax abatement to fill the funding gap needed to finance the rehab of the building. The project cannot be completed without the tax abatement because the project is unable to service the debt without an abatement. The abatement is essential for this project to proceed. The Oakland Ave project is also receiving public assistance from the MSHDA Missing Middle Program, Wayne County for an environmental grant, Motor City Match, and the City of Detroit HRD Accessibility Grant.

Thank you for your consideration of the creation of this Neighborhood Enterprise Zone. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact **Lendon Crosby, at 313-443-5485 or email lcrosby@staffordhouseinc.org**.

Respectfully submitted,

Lendon Crosby

Stafford House/President
313-443-5485/lcrosby@staffordhouseinc.org

Attachment A: Site Map that includes the parcel(s) of property / Legal Description
Attachment B: Paid Receipt of Current Taxes

cc: K. Bridges, DEGC
N. Marsh, DEGC
V. Farley, HRD

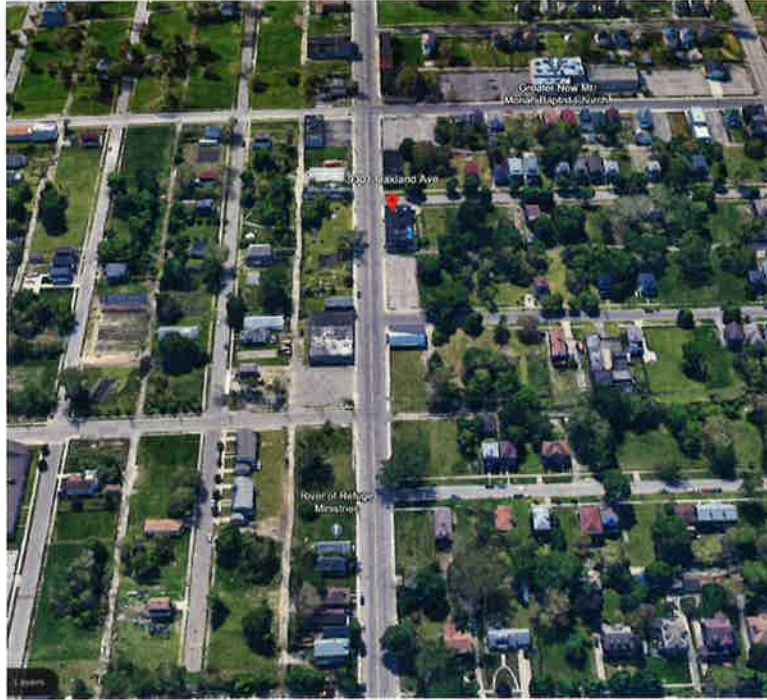
Attachment A should include:

- (a) General description of the facility (year built, original use, most recent use, number of stories, square footage);
The facility was built in 1925 as a two-story building. It was formerly used as a commercial building that housed four commercial businesses one of which was a restaurant. The second level of the building was used as housing units. The square footage is 10,300 square feet.
- (b) General description of the proposed use of the new/rehabilitated facility;
This facility will be the rehabilitation of a mixed-use building into 10 second floor rental units and four ground floor commercial spaces for lease.
- (c) Description of the general nature and extent of the new construction/rehabilitation to be undertaken;
This project is a full rehab including new HVAC systems, new electrical and plumbing systems, additional structural support on levels of the building, façade restoration, and rear demolition to support the additional 750 sq. ft. of residential space.
- (d) A descriptive list of the fixed building equipment that will be a part of the new/rehabilitated facility;
All units will have heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units. There will be all new plumbing throughout the building. Each apartment will feature full kitchens equipped with appliances and full bathrooms, as well as in-unit washer/dryer.
- (e) A time schedule for undertaking and completing the new construction/rehabilitation of the facility

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Preliminary underwriting completed (appraisal, Phase I ESA, market study)	Q2-3 2024
Zoning Approval and Site Plan Approval	6/6/2024
Permit drawings submitted	8/12/2024
Submit Tax Abatement*	9/3/2024
MEDC BMC Grant Submission*	9/4/2024
Stamped permit drawings received	9/12/2024
Final construction costs	9/27/2024
Execute GMP Construction Contract	10/1/2024
Financial Underwriting Complete	10/15/2024
Close on financing sources	11/18/2024
Commence Construction	11/19/2024
Construction Period	11 months

(f) The parcel ID(s) and Legal Description(s) of the property

Site Map that includes the parcel(s) of property / Legal Description



W OAKLAND 40-41 BLK 3-- THOMAS & WAGNERS L11 P80 PLATS, W C R 3/113
117X 75.84A

ERIC R. SABREE

WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER
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Detroit, MI 48202

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D U P L I C A T E

Tax Receipt

Receipt Number: 010-2024-118165  **Date:** 04/23/24
Bundle: 18458207  **Interest Effective Date:** 04/22/24

Receipt Details:

<u>Municipality - Parcel ID</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Paid Tax</u>	<u>Paid Int & Fees</u>	<u>Paid Total</u>	<u>Due Tax</u>	<u>Due Int & Fees</u>	<u>Due Total</u>
1 - 03002993. 301 OAKLAND	2023	\$1,456.53	\$87.39	\$1,543.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total:				\$1,543.92	Through 04/30/24		\$0.00
Receipt Total:				\$1,543.92			

Remarks:
THE MOST RECENT YEAR TAXES SHOWN ON THIS RECEIPT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Summary Information:	
Date Created: 04/23/24 06:58:41 AM	Issued By: 1
Date Printed: 04/28/24 09:00:30 PM	Type: Web

Dear Fellow Taxpayer:
Thank you for your payment of property taxes. This payment supports Wayne County, your local community, and other government agencies in providing essential government services. Your payment is greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,

ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer

Subject: City of Detroit - KIOSK Payment Receipt
Date: Friday, August 23, 2024 at 12:11:50 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: City of Detroit - Payment Services
To: lcrosby@staffordhouseinc.org



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PO Box 33193, Detroit MI 48232
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Date::	08/23/2024 12:11 PM
Payment Method::	MasterCard 1166
Payment Confirm ID::	17350060
Payment Auth No::	151712
Service Fee Confirm ID::	17350061
Service Fee Auth No::	171319
Location::	WEB

Parcel ID:	03002993.
Summer 2024:	\$265.08
Service Fee:	\$6.34
Total Payment:	\$271.42

The information below applies to customers that made a payment with a Credit Card or a Electronic Check (ACH Payment). This is a conditional payment based on The City Of Detroit being able to retrieve the funds from an authorized account. Payments typically process within 3-5 days. Please check with your financial institution to confirm the payment is successful. Rejected payments will result in interest and penalties being applied.

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**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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TO: AliReda Jaefar, City Clerk's Office
FROM: Greg Moots, Planning and Development
RE: Master Plan Interpretation for **Commercial Facilities Exemption district** (PA 255) at
9301 Oakland Ave. (Associated with Petition # 2024-321)
DATE: September 27, 2024

In order to ensure that the issuance of a **Commercial Facilities Exemption district** pursuant to State of Michigan, Public Act 255 of 1978 (Section 207.656) is consistent with the City's Master Plan of Policies and will have the reasonable likelihood to increase commercial activity through replacement, restoration, or new construction; create, retain or prevent a loss of employment; revitalize an urban area; or increase the number of residents in a community, the Planning and Development Department's Planning Division submits the following interpretation.

Petitioner:

Stafford House

Project Description:

The developer proposes the rehabilitation of the existing building into a mix of residential and commercial units. The commercial portion on the first floor consists of four commercial spaces at about 1,000 sq. ft. per space. The commercial spaces will be leased as a coffee shop, a training center, a retail space, and an office space for an engineering firm.

Project Location

9301 Oakland Ave.

Interpretation:

The Master Plan Future General Land Use designation is **Low/Medium density Residential**. Such "... areas should have an overall density of 8 to 16 dwelling units per net residential acre. The areas are often characterized by two or four family homes with small yards, on- street parking, or garages with alley access. The residential classifications allow for neighborhood-scale commercial development. For instance, in a Low/Medium Density Residential area, small scale commerce (e.g. convenience stores) should exist to serve residents' day-to-day needs."

The development generally conforms to the Future General Land Use designation and Master Plan Policies for the area.

CC: Antoine Bryant, Director
Karen Gage, Director of Design + Development Innovation

Justus Cook, HRD



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September 23, 2024

Mr. Antoine Bryant, Director
Planning & Development Department
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Ave, Suite 808
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: **Commercial Redevelopment District – Stafford House**
Property Address: 9301 Oakland
Parcel Number: 03002993.

Dear Mr. Bryant:

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Assessor, has reviewed the proposed Commercial Redevelopment District for the properties located at **9301 Oakland** in the **North End** area of the City of Detroit.

The rationale for creating Commercial Redevelopment Districts under PA 255 of 1978, as amended, is based on the anticipation of increased market value upon completion of new construction and/or significant restoration of commercial and former industrial property where the primary purpose and use of which is the operation of a commercial business enterprise and shall include office, engineering, research and development, warehousing parts distribution, retail sales, hotel or motel development, and other commercial facilities. Commercial business enterprise also includes a business that owns or operates a transit-oriented development or a transit-oriented facility. Normal repair and maintenance are not assessed and do not necessarily generate additional market value.

The district as proposed by Stafford House consists of a mixed use two story commercial property built in 1925 with approximately 9,978 square feet on 0.204 acres of land. The owner proposes to convert the property into a mix use development, with 10 units of affordable rental housing on the second level of the building. Each unit would be approximately 500 square feet. There will also be four 1,000 sqft commercial spaces that would be available for leasing. The restoration requires extensive reconfiguration and upgrades, including replacement of substantial portions of carpentry, roofing, windows, glass, drywall, flooring, plumbing, and HVAC. **This CFT request is solely for the commercial portion of the property.**

This area meets the criteria set forth under PA 255 of 1978, as amended. It applies to functionally obsolete properties requiring restoration meaning changes to obsolete commercial property other than replacement as may be required to restore the property, together with all appurtenances, to an economically efficient condition.

A review of the project details and applicable statutes indicates that the proposed Commercial Redevelopment District located at **9301 Oakland** is eligible as it pertains to the Commercial Redevelopment Act under P.A. 255 of 1978, as amended.

Sincerely,

Charles Ericson, MMAO
Assessor, Board of Assessors



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