# City of Detroit

Janice M. Winfrey City Clerk

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Andre P. Gilbert II 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.            | 1743 - A (Certificate)  |   |
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| Name of Petitioner      | Monroe Phase I LLC  |   |
| Description of Petition | Petition request for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption<br>Certificate at 25 Cadillac Square, Detroit MI 48226.  |   |
| Type of Petition        | Tax Abatement for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption<br>Certificate  | l |
| Submission Date         | 03/10/2025  |   |
| Concerned Departments   | Finance Department, Planning and Development Department,<br>Housing and Revitalization Department, Legislative Policy<br>Division, City Planning Commission |   |
| Petitioner Contact      | Kofi S. Bonner<br>630 Woodward Ave<br>Detroit, MI 48226<br>P: (313) 545-4513<br>jaredfleisher@rock.com  |   |
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| 2 Woodward Ave. C       | oleman A. Young Municipal Center Rm. 200, Depoit, MI 48226  |   |
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Michigan Department of Treasury 4507 (Rev. 12-20)

## Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate

Issued under authority of Public Act 210 of 2005, as amended.

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Read the instructions page before completing the form. This application should be filed after the commercial rehabilitation district is established. The applicant must complete Parts 1, 2 and 3 and file the application form (with required attachments) with the clerk of the local governmental unit (LGU). Attach the legal description of property on a separate sheet. This project will not receive tax benefits until approved by the State Tax Commission (STC). Applications received after October 31 may not be acted upon in the current year. This application is subject to audit by the STC.

| PART 1: OWNER / APPLICANT IN   | FORMATION (applica                    | nt must complete a   | all fields)                                    |   |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| Applicant (Company) Name (applicant must be the or   |                                       |  | NAICS or SIC                                   | Code                                      |  |  |
| Monroe Phase I LLC   |                                       |  |  |   |  |  |
| Facility's Street Address  |                                       | City   |  | State                                     | ZIP Code   |  |
| 25 Cadillac Square   |                                       | Detroit  |  | MI  | 48226  |  |
| Name of City, Township or Village (taxing authority)   |                                       | County   |  | School District Where Facility is Located |  |  |
| City of Detroit  |                                       | Mayne County   |  | DPS-CD                                    |  |  |
| City Township  | Village                               | Wayne County   |  | DF3-0D                                    |  |  |
| Date of Rehabilitation Commencement (mm/dd/yyyy)<br>05/01/2025   |                                       | Planned Date of Rehabilitation Completion (mm/dd/yyyy)<br>05/01/2027 |  |   |  |  |
| Estimated Cost of Rehabilitation<br>\$81,300,000   |                                       | Number of Years Exer   | nption Requested (1-10<br>10                   | -   |  |  |
| Expected Project Outcomes (check all that apply)   |                                       |  |  |   |  |  |
| Increase Commercial Activity   | Retain Employment                     |  | Revitalize Urban A                             | Areas                                     |  |  |
| Create Employment  | Prevent Loss of Empl                  | pyment   | Increase Number                                | of Residents In                           | Facility's Community                                   |  |
| No. of jobs to be created due to facility's rehabilitation 125   | No. of jobs to be retained due<br>O   | to facility's rehabilitation   | No. of construction job                        | s to be created<br>500                    | during rehabilitation                                  |  |
| PART 2: APPLICATION DOCUME   | NTS                                   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Prepare and attach the following items:<br>General description of the facility (year built, or<br>number of stories, square footage)   | ginal use, most recent use,           | X Stateme  | nt of the economic adva                        | antages expecte                           | ed from the exemption                                  |  |
| Description of the qualifed facility's proposed us   | Se                                    | K Legal de   | scription                                      |   |  |  |
| Description of the general nature and extent of  | the rehabilitation to be underta      |  | ion of the "underserved<br>hments only)        | area" (Qualified                          | l Retall Food  |  |
| Descriptive list of the fixed building equipment the   | at will be a part of the qualified fa |  |  |   | e for Qualified Retail Food<br>od Establishments only) |  |
| Time schedule for undertaking and completing   | the facility's rehabilitation         |  |  |   |  |  |
| PART 3: APPLICANT CERTIFICA  | TION                                  |  |  |   |  |  |
| Name of Authorized Company Officer (no authorized  | agents)                               | Telephone Number   |  |   |  |  |
| Kofi S. Bonner   |                                       | (313) 545-4513   |  |   |  |  |
| Fax Number<br>(877) 380-5961   |                                       | E-mail Address<br>jaredfleisher@rock.com                             |  |   | I  |  |
| Street Address   |                                       | City   |  | State                                     | ZIP Code   |  |
| 630 Woodward Avenue  |                                       | Detroit  |  | MI  | 48226  |  |
| I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein and in the attachments is truly descriptive of the property for which this application is being submitted. Further, I am familiar with the provisions of Public Act 210 of 2005, as amended, and to the best of my knowledge the company has complied or will be able to comply with all of the requirements thereof which are prerequisite to the approval of the application by the local governmental unit and the issuance of a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate by the State Tax Commission. |                                       |  |  |   |  |  |
| I further certify that this rehabilitation program,<br>and that the rehabilitation of this facility would  | not have been undertaken              | without my receipt of  | acility, as defined by a fine exemption certif | icate.                                    | ) of 2005, as amended,                                 |  |
| Signature of Authorized Company Officer (no authori  | zed agents)                           | Title  |  | Date                                      |  |  |
| K/2B   |                                       | Authorized Representative 3/6/2025                                   |  |   |  |  |

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| Provide the Taxable value and State Equalization<br>immediately preceding the effective date of the  | ed Value of Commercial Prop<br>he certificate (December 31 c            | erty, as provided in Pu<br>if the year approved by         | blic Act 210 of 20<br>the STC).           | 05, as amend                         | ed, for the tax year                             |
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|  | Таха  | ble Value  | S   | tate Equalize                        | d Value (SEV)                                    |
| Land   |   |  |   | 4)<br>                               |  |
| Building(s)  |   |  |   |                                      |  |
| The property to be covered by this exemption may<br>property on the Eligible Tax Reverted Property (Lar<br>on the Commercial Rehabilitation specific tax roll. | not be included on any other spe<br>ad Bank) specific tax roll cannot b | cific tax roll while receiving<br>e granted a Commercial F | the Commercial Re<br>Rehabilitation Exemp | ehabilitation Ex<br>ption that would | emption. For example,<br>also put the same prope |
| By checking this box I certify that, if app<br>and not on any other specific tax roll.   | proved, the property to be covered                                      | d by this exemption will be                                | on the Commercial                         | Rehabilitation                       | Exemption specific tax ro                        |
| Name of Local Government Body  |   |  |   |                                      |  |
| Name of Assessor (first and last name)   |   | Telephone Number   |   |                                      |  |
| Fax Number   |   | E-mall Address   |   |                                      |  |
| certify that, to the best of my knowledge, th  | e information contained in Pa   | nt 4 of this application                                   | is complete and a                         | ccurate.                             |  |
| Assessor's Signature   |   |  |   | Date                                 |  |
|  |   |  |   |                                      |  |
| PART 5: LOCAL GOVERNMENT   |   | must complete Part   | 5)  |                                      |  |
| Action Taken By LGU (attach a certified copy of the  |   | (not to exceed 10 ye                                       | ars)                                      |                                      |  |
| Exemption Denied   |   |  |   |                                      |  |
| Date District Established (attach resolution for distric   | t) Local Unit Classification Iden                                       | lification (LUCI) Code                                     | School Code                               |                                      |  |
| PART 6: LOCAL GOVERNMENT   | CLERK CERTIFICAT  | 101102 11 240 244  | must complete l                           | Part 6)                              |  |
| Clerk's Name (first and last)  |   | Telephone Number   |   |                                      |  |
| Fax Number   |   | E-mail Address   |   |                                      |  |
| Malling Address  |   | City   |   | State                                | ZIP Code   |
| GU Contact Person for Additional Information   |   | LGU Contact Person Te                                      | ephone Number                             | Fax Number                           |  |
|  |   |  | hments is comple                          | te and accura                        | te and hereby reques                             |
| l certify that, to the best of my knowledge, th<br>the State Tax Commission issue a Commerc  | e information contained in thi<br>ial Rehabilitation Exemption          | s application and attac<br>Certificate, as provided        | by Public Act 21                          | 0 of 2005. as                        | amended.   |

For faster service, the LGU should email the completed application and required documents to PTE@michigan.gov.

An additional submission option is to mail the completed application and required documents to:

Michigan Department of Treasury, State Tax Commission P.O. Box 30471 Lansing, Mi 48909

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## Monroe Phase I LLC an affiliate of Bedrock Management Services LLC

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March 7, 2025

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

# RE: Request for Issuance of Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificates (CREC) under PA210 of 2005 for 25 Cadillac Square and 1 Cadillac Square, Detroit, Michigan

Honorable City Council:

Please accept this letter as a request for the issuance of two Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificates for two adjoining parcels under common ownership that will be developed concurrently: 25 Cadillac Square, which will be home to a new, state-of-the-art entertainment venue; and 1 Cadillac Square, which will be home to a new large-format food and retail marketplace. The underlying parcels are more particularly described in Attachment A.

#### **Prior Establishment of Commercial Rehabilitation District**

The Detroit City Council approved the establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District under Public Act 210 of 2005 ("PA210") for the underlying parcels on November 14, 2017. The resolution approving the Commercial Rehabilitation District is attached hereto as Attachment B.

### General Description of the Facility and Proposed Use

Petitioner is seeking two Certificates for adjoining parcels that will be developed concurrently. The parcels are currently vacant. Prior to acquisition by Monroe Phase I LLC, and until 2019, the parcels were used for commercial parking. Historically, these parcels were developed with multiple buildings and dwellings that were demolished, and replaced with surface parking lots, at various times between 1957 and 1997.

### 25 Cadillac Square

The property at 25 Cadillac Square will be approximately 70,000 sq. feet and purpose-built for, and leased by, COSM Downtown Detroit LLC ("COSM"). COSM is a revolutionary entertainment venue that delivers fully immersive experiences for sports, entertainment, and education. Images of the exterior, and "shared reality" interior experience, at COSM are provided below. In 2024, COSM opened its first two locations in Los Angeles, California and Dallas, Texas. A third COSM location is currently under construction in Atlanta, Georgia. The Detroit location will be COSM's fourth nationally, bringing one of the nation's most exciting entertainment offerings to Detroit and demonstrating how Detroit's resurgence has caught the attention of cutting-edge national brands. In addition to exclusive licenses to provide immersive experiences for major sports leagues, COSM provides state-of-the-art educational and cultural content on its revolutionary immersive dome.

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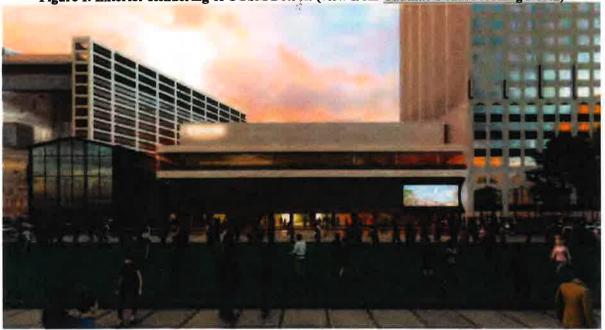


Figure 1. Exterior Rendering of COSM Detroit (view from Cadillac Square looking North)

Figure 2. Actual Image of COSM's "Shared Reality" Experience





Figure 3. Actual Image of COSM's "Shared Reality" Experience

### **One Cadillac Square**

The property at One Cadillac Square will be approximately 34,000 sq. feet and be purpose-built for, and leased to, TVG Entertainment Group for a new food, retail, and entertainment marketplace. The market hall will feature a diverse array of local restaurant concepts, local retail brands, and space for live music. With its distinctive local flavor and live music component, the market hall will provide a new amenity for residents, office workers, and visitors alike and continue to make Detroit one of the most exciting places in the nation to live, work, and play. A rendering of the exterior of the market hall is below.

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Figure 4. Exterior Rendering of the Market Hall (view from Campus Martius looking North-East)

#### Nature and Extent of the Rehabilitation

Under the Commercial Rehabilitation Act (the "Act"), 25 Cadillac Square and 1 Cadillac Square are each a "qualified facility." Under the Act, a "qualified facility" includes "vacant property which, within the immediately preceding 15 years, was commercial property." Both properties are vacant. Both are also commercial property, having been used for commercial surface parking within the immediately preceding 15 years.

The development on 25 Cadillac Square and 1 Cadillac Square will be new construction. The Act defines "rehabilitation" to include "new construction on vacant property from which a previous structure has been demolished and if the new construction is an economic benefit to the local community as determined by the qualified local governmental unit." As noted above, these parcels were developed with multiple buildings and dwellings that were previously demolished. The economic benefit to the local community is outlined below.

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#### Economic Benefits and Anticipated Job Creation

The combined projects are anticipated to result in approximately \$130 million in new investment into the City of Detroit. The two projects together are anticipated to create 750 construction jobs. The development at 25 Cadillac Square (COSM) is anticipated to create 125 new permanent FTE jobs and the development at One Cadillac Square (the market hall) is anticipated to create 60 new permanent FTE jobs. In addition to creating new employment opportunities, these new positions will support the City's income tax base. Both projects are also expected to draw, over the course of each year, hundreds of thousands of visitors to Detroit to support the local economy. Finally, the presence of such attractive amenities should help support the downtown office and residential markets.

#### Descriptive List of Fixed Building Equipment

The new construction developments will include new building foundations and superstructures; a full buildout of core and shell; interior and exterior finishes; mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems; and exterior hardscape and landscaping improvements. The Market Hall will include furniture, fixtures, and equipment typical of a commercial kitchen and restaurant in addition to the seating and audio-visual equipment to accommodate live music. COSM will include, in addition to all the above-mentioned building elements, proprietary technology to power the immersive dome experience.

#### **Timeline for Rehabilitation**

Construction on 25 Cadillac Square is anticipated to commence by May 2025 and conclude within 24 months. Construction on 1 Cadillac Square is anticipated to commence prior to the end of 2025 and conclude within 30 months thereafter.

Based on the foregoing, Monroe Phase I LLC respectfully requests that the Honorable City Council approve Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificates for the developments at 25 Cadillac Square and at 1 Cadillac Square. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kofi S. Bonner Authorized Representative Monroe Phase I LLC

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| Parcel Tax<br>ID Number | Address            | Current Owner      | Legal Description  |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| 01000180-6              | 25 Cadillac Square | Monroe Phase I LLC | Part of Lots 1 and 3 in the Plat of Lots 45 and<br>46 in Section 6 of the Plat of Governor and<br>Judges plan as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats,<br>Page 68, Wayne County Records, and all of<br>Lots 43 and 44, part of Lots 42, 47, 48, 78 and<br>80 in Section 6 of the Plat of the City of Detroit<br>as laid out by the Governor and Judges, as<br>recorded in Liber 34 of Deeds, Page 545,<br>Wayne County Records, and part of vacated<br>Cadillac Square and adjacent vacated Alley<br>Right-of-Ways, in the City of Detroit, Wayne<br>County, Michigan. |
| 01000170-9              | 1 Cadillac Square  | Monroe Phase I LLC | Being all of Lot 2 and part of Lots 1 and 3 in<br>the Plat of Lots 45 and 46 in Section 6 of the<br>Plat of Governor and Judges plan as recorded<br>in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 68, Wayne County<br>Records, part of Lots 47 and 48 in Section 6 of<br>the Plat of the City of Detroit as laid out by the<br>Governor and Judges, as recorded in Liber 34<br>of Deeds, Page 545, Wayne County Records,<br>part of vacated Cadillac Square, Woodward<br>Avenue and Monroe Street, in the City of<br>Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.                              |

## ATTACHMENT A: PARCEL ID AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION\*

\*Please note that the pre-existing parcels making up this site are being slightly modified (in terms of their lot lines) to correspond precisely to each new development. Monroe Phase I LLC is currently petitioning the City of Detroit – Office of the Assessor to make this update to the lot lines and legal descriptions. The update will be complete before any formal action is taken on this CREC petition. The legal descriptions and Parcel IDs provided above are what Monroe Phase I LLC has requested be approved. If there is any discrepancy with the City's actual approval of the parcel reconfiguration, Monroe Phase I LLC will ensure this Attachment A is updated accordingly.

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## ATTACHMENT B: CITY COUNCIL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION APPROVING PA210 DISTRICT

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| Form C of D-16-C | TRUE COPY CE                              | RTIFICATE                             | 4<br>                      |
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| STATE OF I       | AICHIGAN,                                 |                                       |                            |
| City of 1        | Detroit                                   |                                       |                            |
|                  | CITY CLERK'S OFFI                         | ce, detroit                           |                            |
| I,               | Janice M. Winfrey                         | , City Clerk of the City of I<br>RESO | Detroit, in said<br>LUTION |
| State, do here   | by certify that the annexed paper is a TR | UE COPY OF                            |                            |
| adopted (pass    | ed) by the City Council at session of     | November 14, 20                       | 17                         |
| and approved     | by Mayor                                  | November 21.                          | 17                         |

as appears from the Journal of said City Council in the office of the City Clerk of Detroit, aforesaid; that I have compared the same with the original, and the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original.

> In Witness Whereof, I have become set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said City, at

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15<sup>th</sup> Detroit, this Decembor 17 day of D. 20 CITY CLERK



CITY OF DETROIT HOUSING AND REVITALIZATION DEPARTMENT



COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER 2 WOODWARD AVENUE, SUITE 908 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226 (313) 224-6380 • 'TT'Y:711 (313) 224-1629 www.defroitmi.gov

September 18, 2017

Detroit City Council 1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Detroit, MI 48226

RE: Resolution Approving a Commercial Rehabilitation District, on behalf of 1000 Farmer Street, LLC in the area bounded by Monroe Avenue, Randolph Street, Bates Street, Cadillac Square, and Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, in Accordance with Public Act 210 of 2005 (Petition #1743)

Honorable City Council:

On November 9, 2017, a public hearing in connection with establishing a Commercial Rehabilitation District was held before your Honorable Body's Planning and Economic Development Committee. No impediments to the establishment of the District were presented at the public hearing

Please find attached, a resolution and legal description, which will establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District in the Area bounded by **32 Monroe**, Detroit, Michigan in accordance with Public Act 210 of 2005 ("the Act"). Such establishment will materially assist in the development of the site in accordance with the plans of the proprietor of the property.

We request your Honorable Body's approval of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur Jemiso Director

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| BY COUNCIL MEMBER | Leland             |

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Act No. 210 of Public Acts of 2005 ("Act 210"), this City Council has the authority to establish "Commercial Rehabilitation Districts" within the boundaries of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, 1000 Farmer Street, LLC has requested that this City Council establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District in the Area bounded by Monroe Avenue, Randolph Street, Bates Street, Cadillac Square, and Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, the area being more particularly described in the map and legal description attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid property is in a duly designated business area, and is contiguous commercial property or commercial housing property; and

WHEREAS, Act 210 requires that, prior to establishing a Commercial Rehabilitation District, the City Council shall provide an opportunity for a hearing on the establishment of the District, at which a representative of any jurisdiction levying *ad valorem taxes*, or any owner of real property within the proposed District, or any other resident or taxpayer of the City of Detroit may appear and be heard on the matter; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted before City Council on November 9, 2017 for the purpose of considering the establishment of the proposed Commercial Rehabilitation District described in the map and legal description attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, no impediments to the establishment of the proposed District were presented at the public hearing.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, that the Commercial Rehabilitation District, more particularly described in the map and legal description attached hereto, is hereby approved and established by this City Council in accordance with Public Act 210 of 2005.

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# ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS COUNCIL MEMBERS

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|---------------------------|--------------|------|
| Janee AYERS               | ~            |      |
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| Raquel CASTANEDA-LOPEZ    | ~            |      |
| *George CUSHINGBERRY, JR. | ~            |      |
| Gabe LELAND               | $\checkmark$ |      |
| Mary SHEFFIELD            | V            |      |
| Andre SPIVEY              | $\checkmark$ |      |
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COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER 2 WOODWARD AVE., SUITE 824 DETROIT, MI 48226 PHONE: 313•224•3011 FAX: 313•224•9400

March 11, 2025

Alexa Bush, Deputy Director Planning & Development Department Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Ave, Suite 808 Detroit, MI 48226

### RE: Commercial Rehabilitation Certificate – Monroe Phase I LLC Property Address: 25 Cadillac Square Parcel Number: 01000180-6

Dear Ms. Bush:

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Assessor, has reviewed the Commercial Rehabilitation certificate application for the properties located at **25 Cadillac Square** in the **Commercial Business District Prime** area in the City of Detroit.

The rationale for issuing Commercial Rehabilitation certificates under PA 210 of 2005, as amended, is based on the anticipation of increased market value upon completion of new construction and /or significant rehabilitation of existing commercial property and commercial housing property. Normal repair and maintenance are not assessed and do not necessarily generate additional market value.

The property consists of a vacant commercial lot with 0.819 acres of land. This lot has been used for commercial parking within the past 15 years. The developer plans to construct a 70,000 Sqft entertainment venue that delivers fully immersive experiences for sports, entertainment and education. The development is expected to increase commercial activity in the area, prevent loss of employment, revitalize the urban area and increase the number of residents in the city.

#### The 2024 values are as follows:

| Parcel #   |                    | Building Assessed<br>Value (SEV) |     | Land Assessed Value<br>(SEV) | Land<br>Taxable Value |
|------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 01000180-6 | 25 Cadillac Square | \$ -                             | \$- | \$ 1,404,100                 | \$ 1,404,100          |

This property meets the criteria set forth under PA 210 of 2005, as amended. It applies to a building or a group of contiguous buildings, a portion of a building or group of contiguous buildings previously used for commercial or industrial purposes, obsolete industrial property, and vacant property which, within the immediately preceding 15 years, was operating as a commercial business enterprise.

A review of the general plans, along with the criteria set forth under the Commercial Rehabilitation Act, indicated that the proposed project located at **25 Cadillac Square** is eligible as it pertains to the Commercial Rehabilitation certificate criteria under P.A. 210 of 2005, as amended.

Sincerely,

Charles Ericson, MMAO Assessor



COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER 2 WOODWARD AVE., SUITE 824 DETROIT, MI 48226 PHONE: 313•224•3011 FAX: 313•224•9400

Commercial Rehabilitation Certificate Monroe Phase I LLC Page 2

Property Owner: Monroe Phase I LLC Property Address: 25 Cadillac Square

Parcel Number: 01000180-6

Legal Description: W CADILLAC SQUARE PT OF 1 & 3 PLAT OF LOTS 45 & 46 SEC 6 GOVERNOR & JUDGES PLAN L1 P68 PLATS, W C R 1/17 PT OF 42, 43-44, PT OF 47-48 PT OF 78 PT OF 80 PLAT OF SEC 6 GOVERNOR & JUDGES PLAN L34 P545 DEEDS, W C R 1/5 ALSO PT OF VAC CADILLAC SQUARE, MONROE AND BATES AND ALLEYS ADJ, ALL DESC AS COMM AT SW COR LOT 2 SD PLAT OF LOTS 45 & 46 SEC 6 GOVERNOR & JUDGES PLAN L1 P68 PLATS, W C R 1/17





PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808 Detroit, Michigan 48226 Phone 313•224•1339 www.detroitmi.gov

| TO:   | Justus Cook, Housing and Revitalization  |
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| FROM: | Gregory Moots, Planning and Development  |
| RE:   | Master Plan Interpretation for Commercial Rehabilitation Certificate (PA 210) for 25 |
|       | Cadillac Sq. (Associated to Petition # 1743-A)                                       |
| DATE: | March 21, 2025   |

In order to ensure consistency with the City's Master Plan of Policies, pursuant to State of Michigan, Public Act 210 of 2005 (section 207.853), the Planning and Development Department submits the following interpretation for the proposed establishment of a Commercial Redevelopment Certificate. The petitioner is Monroe Phase I LLC.

**Location and Project Proposal:** 25 Cadillac Square. The proposed project will be an entertainment venue leased by COSM.

**Current Master Plan (MP) & Zoning:** <u>MP Classification</u> – Major Commercial (CM) Zoning – Major Business District (B5)

## **Master Plan Interpretation**

The subject site area is designated Major Commercial (CM). Such areas "... are generally distinguished by high-density office buildings with ground floor retail. Included within these areas may be department stores, specialized shops and services catering to area office or residential land uses. Areas should be accessible to mass transit routes and automobile parking on the street or in structures. Ground level activity should be pedestrian oriented."

The following policies of the Central Business District neighborhood describe the following policy:

• Policy 4.1: Re-establish Woodward as a major shopping street by attracting national and local retailers to mixed-use structures at vacant sites near Woodward and Monroe.

The proposed development conforms to the Future General Land Use characteristics of the area.

## COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AGREEMENT

THIS COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made this <u>21st</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2025, by and between the City of Detroit, a Michigan municipal corporation ("City"), acting by and through its Planning & Development Department, with an office at 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808, Detroit, Michigan 48226 and <u>Monroe Phase I LLC</u> ("Applicant") with an office at <u>630 Woodward</u> <u>Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226</u>.

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Public Act 210 of 2005 as amended, also known as the Commercial Rehabilitation Act ("Act"), (1) provides for the establishment of commercial rehabilitation districts by local governmental units, (2) provides for the abatement or exemption from certain taxes for qualified facility owners, and (3) allows local governmental units to levy and collect a specific tax from the owners of certain qualified facilities, among other provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted an Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate ("Application") for the property located at: <u>25 Cadillac Square</u> ("Property"). A copy of the Application is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously approved a commercial rehabilitation district pursuant to the Act and the Property is located in such district; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has committed to complete a Rehabilitation of the Property, as defined in the Act, and to hire or retain a certain amount of full-time employees at the Property during the Term (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, the City has approved the Application by adopting a resolution granting the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate ("CREC"), contingent upon the covenants and representations contained herein and pending approval by the Michigan State Tax Commission. A copy of the City resolution granting the CREC is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and made a part hereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. General.

a. Unless earlier revoked as provided for in Section 12 of the Act, being MCL 207.852, or as provided for in this Agreement, the CREC term and the term of this Agreement (collectively, the "Term") will be for a period of <u>Ten (10) years</u>, beginning on the certificate beginning date stated in the CREC issued by the Michigan State Tax Commission.

b. The Applicant will complete the Rehabilitation of the Property (the "Project"), as defined in the Act and as set forth in the Application, no later than <u>May 1, 2027</u>.

c. The Applicant shall create, or cause to be created, at least One(1) (the "Employee Commitment Number") full-time employees at the Property within one (1) year of the effective date of this Agreement.

d. The Applicant will recruit and hire City of Detroit residents in accordance with specified targets as set forth in the City of Detroit Resident Employment Plan ("Employment Plan") submitted by the Applicant to the City as part of the Application and approved by the City of Detroit Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department ("CRIO"). Throughout the Term, the Employment Plan may not be modified without CRIO's prior written approval, which approval may be granted or withheld in CRIO's sole discretion. CRIO will monitor the Applicant's compliance with the Employment Plan on an annual basis throughout the Term. Upon notice from CRIO of a discrepancy between the Applicant's commitment in the Employment Plan and the actual number of City of Detroit residents employed at the Property, Applicant shall submit a correction plan setting forth the Applicant's plan to bring the number of City of Detroit residents employed at the Property back up to the specified targets as set forth in the Employment Plan. Applicant's correction plan must be approved by CRIO. Applicant shall be required to fulfill the terms of such correction plan in the timeline set forth in the correction plan.

e. For purposes of this Agreement, a "full-time employee" is defined as a person: (i) who is employed by the Applicant or its affiliates on a salary, wage, commission, or other basis, for a minimum period of forty (40) hours a week and (ii) from whose compensation the Applicant or its affiliates, including a staffing agency, are required by law to withhold City of Detroit income taxes. Affiliates may include Applicant's tenant(s) that lease space at the Property.

2. Applicant Representations and Warranties.

In compliance with the Act and in order to induce the City to grant a CREC to the Applicant, the Applicant represents and warrants that:

a. The Applicant was the owner of the Property at the time of Applicant's submission of the Application and is the owner of the Property as of the date of this Agreement.

b. The Property is a "Qualified Facility" as defined under the Act.

c. During the Term, no portion of the Property will be used as a professional sports stadium.

d. During the Term, no portion of the Property will be used, owned or operated by a casino or affiliated company as defined in the Act.

e. Applicant would not have considered undertaking the Project without a CREC.

f. The Project did not start earlier than six (6) months before the Applicant filed the Application.

g. There are no delinquent taxes owed on the Property.

h. The Applicant will pay any applicable taxes on the Property as they become due.

i. The Project and the Applicant's current and planned future operation of the Property are in compliance with the City of Detroit Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan.

j. If the Project will include the provision of housing at the Property, the Applicant agrees: (i) to comply with Fair Housing Practices that meet the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 through 3619); and (ii) to comply with the Affordability Requirements set forth on Addendum 2, attached hereto.

3. Community Benefits Requirements.

Pursuant to City of Detroit Ordinance 35-16 (the "Ordinance"), also known as the Community Benefits Ordinance, if the Property involves a Tier 2 Development Project (as defined by the Ordinance), then the Applicant will:

a. Partner with the City, and, when appropriate, a workforce development agency to promote the hiring, training and employability of Detroit residents consistent with State and Federal Law.

b. Partner with the Director of the Planning & Development Department to address and mitigate negative impacts that the Tier 2 Development Project may have on the community and local residents. The Applicant will adhere to the mitigation requirements, if any, stated in the attached Addendum 1 – Requirements, which is incorporated herein by reference.

4. Reporting to the City by the Applicant.

Applicant agrees to provide the City with sufficient information, subject to review and audit by the City, in order to determine compliance with this Agreement. At a minimum, the Applicant shall comply with the following covenants during the Term:

a. Upon request, the Applicant shall provide the Planning & Development Department copies of all construction plans, building permits and certificates of occupancy related to the Rehabilitation of the Property.

b. Applicant shall permit the City to perform periodic site visits to the Property by the City to establish whether the Applicant is completing the Rehabilitation to the Property as required by the Act and this Agreement.

c. Annually, within two (2) weeks after each anniversary of the commencement of the Term, Applicant shall submit to the Planning & Development Department a certified status report ("Status Report") signed by an authorized officer of the Applicant. The Status Report shall set

forth for the previous year: (i) the Rehabilitation work completed at the Property and the Applicant's financial investment in the Property for that year and (ii) the number of full-time employees at the Property for that year.

d. Annually, within two (2) weeks after each anniversary of the commencement of the Term, the Applicant shall submit to CRIO the Annual Employment Report for Tax Abatements (the "Status Report"), including copies of proofs of residency that have been accepted by CRIO.

e. Applicant shall use and participate in the City of Detroit's central affordable housing portal (the "Housing Portal") to advertise available rental units at the Property, so long as the Housing Portal exists. Applicants shall work with City staff to create a property listing for the Property within the Housing Portal and shall coordinate marketing efforts for available units at the Property with the City. Applicant shall review its listing on the Housing Portal and shall make updates to any listings, if necessary, on at least an annual basis. When the Property has immediate vacancies and the Applicant has exhausted its waitlist (if any) for the Property, Applicant shall use the Housing Portal to market those vacancies. Applicant shall update its listing within the Housing Portal when Applicants waitlists (if any) for the Property opens or closes. Applicant shall provide the City with such information as the City may reasonably request to maintain accurate information about the Property on the Housing Portal. Communications to the City regarding the property listing for the Property, vacancies, waitlist openings, or other information required to be provided pursuant to this <u>Section 4.e</u> may be sent to <u>detroithomeconnect@detroitmi.gov</u>.

5. Revocation of CREC and Termination of this Agreement.

The City may, in its sole discretion and by resolution of Detroit City Council, revoke the CREC if the City finds that: (a) the completion of Rehabilitation of the Property has not occurred in the time or manner authorized by this Agreement; or (b) that the Applicant has not proceeded in good faith with the Rehabilitation of the Property in a manner consistent with the purposes of the Act, taking into account any circumstances that are beyond the control of the Applicant.

As used in this <u>Section 5</u>, "good faith" includes, but is not limited to, the following: (i) Applicant is actively working with an agency or City Department to hire and ascertain methods of recruiting and employing Detroit residents at the Property, and (ii) Applicant is actively working with the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, the City's Planning & Development Department, and CRIO to ascertain methods of obtaining resources to improve Applicant's business in a manner that will allow for compliance with this Agreement.

6. Payment of Exempted Taxes for Shortfall of Employment.

If the average number of full-time employees at the Property for any given year of the Term is less than the Employee Commitment Number, the Applicant agrees to pay to the City, in addition to the Commercial Rehabilitation Tax due under the CREC, an amount equal to the difference between the amount of ad valorem tax that would be due on the Property without the CREC, and the amount of Commercial Rehabilitation Tax due on the Property under the CREC, for that given year, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the shortfall in the number of full-time employees indicated in the Status Report, and the denominator of which is the Employee Commitment Number. Prior to taking any action to require the Applicant to pay an amount to the City pursuant to this Section, the City must afford the Applicant an opportunity to present reasons for the employment shortfall at a public hearing.

In the event that the Applicant fails to report in the Status Report the number of full-time employees at the Property for a given year of the Term, the number of full-time employees at the Property for purposes of this Section shall be deemed to be zero (0).

7. Notice to City of Discontinuance of Operations.

If during the Term the Applicant intends to discontinue operations at the Property, the Applicant will provide thirty (30) days' prior written notice of such shutdown of operations to the Director of the Planning & Development Department.

8. Reservation of Remedies.

The City and the Applicant agree that each of the rights and remedies provided by this Agreement may be exercised separately or cumulatively, and shall not be exclusive of any other rights and remedies provided by law. Invalidation of any of the provisions contained in this Agreement by operation of law, judgment, court order or otherwise shall not invalidate any of the other provisions of this Agreement.

9. Transfer.

Neither the CREC nor this Agreement may be transferred or assigned by the Applicant to a new owner of the Property unless the City, in its sole discretion, approves such transfer or assignment upon application by the new owner.

## 10. Headings.

The headings contained in this Agreement are for descriptive purposes only, and do not alter or govern the substantive content of the provisions of the Agreement.

11. Capitalized Terms.

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Act.

## 12. Governing Law; Venue.

This Agreement and all actions arising under it shall be governed by, subject to, and construed according to the law of the State of Michigan. Applicant agrees, consents and submits to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of any state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in Wayne County, Michigan, for any action arising out of this Agreement. Applicant also agrees that it shall not commence any action against the City because of any matter whatsoever arising out of or relating to the validity, construction, interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement in any state or federal court of competent jurisdiction other than one in Wayne County, Michigan.

## 13. Amendment.

This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by a written instrument executed by each of the parties hereto.

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## **[SIGNATURE PAGE TO COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AGREEMENT**]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Applicant, by and through their authorized officers and representatives, have executed this Agreement as follows:

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# **CITY OF DETROIT**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

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THE CITY COUNCIL ON:

THIS AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED BY APPROVED BY LAW DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO § 7.5-206 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DETROIT

Date

Corporation Counsel

Date

## THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT EFFECTIVE OR VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES HERETO, AND** A COMMERICAL REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE IS APPROVED BY THE MICHIGAN STATE TAX COMMISSION

## ADDENDUM 1 Requirements

# <u>EXHIBIT A</u> Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate

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COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER 2 WOODWARD AVENUE, SUITE 1240 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226 PHONE: 313.224.4950 FAX: 313.224.3434

## Decision Regarding Employment Clearance for Tax Abatement Employment Commitment <5 Full-time Employees

Date: March 18, 2025

Tax Abatement Type: Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption PA 210 of 2005

New X Renewal

**Duration of Abatement: 10 Years** 

Development: Monroe Phase I LLC – COSM. Monroe Phase I LLC will develop, for a third party tenant, the currently vacant land at 25 Cadillac Square into a state-of-the-art entertainment concept, including approximately 70,000 square feet of venue and food and beverage space spread across three levels. The development work includes ground up construction of a building with an interior LED dome, hall, and outdoor lounge. COSM is a revolutionary entertainment venue that delivers fully immersive experiences for sports, entertainment, and education.

Parcel/Facility Address: 25 Cadillac Square Detroit, Mi 48226

**Applicant/Recipient: Monroe Phase I LLC** 

## Applicant Contact: Brian Watkins, brianwatkins@rock.com

## Post-Construction Employment Commitments

If Developer Occupied is selected, the Developer will be responsible for both Developer and Tenant requirements listed below.

Developer Occupied 🗌 Tenant Occupied X

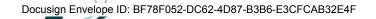
## **Total Developer Employment: 1**

### **Developer commits to**

- 1) Report to CRIO annually;
  - a. Developer's efforts regarding tenants
  - b. Tenant's compliance with commitments stated below (3)
  - c. Total number of employees at the facility
  - d. Number of employees at the facility who are Detroit residents
- 2) Provide Detroit at Work (DAW) information to any/all tenant(s) for life of abatement
- 3) Work with Commercial Tenant(s) to do the following;
  - a. Post all Detroit job openings through the DAW website;
  - b. Report to Developer annually;
    - i. Tenant's compliance with requirements
    - ii. The number of individuals employed by Tenant
    - iii. The number of employees who are Detroit residents

The Applicant/Recipient has provided the Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department (CRIO) required information in accordance with specific current and future employment data and commitments as part of a tax abatement agreement with the City of Detroit.

Therefore, my signature below grants Approval of the above tax abatement application/renewal based





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upon annual reports to and appraisals by this agency of the recipient's employment measures projected and achieved for the duration of the abatement.

Tenika Griggs

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DocuSigned by: Tenika Griggs

4/3/2025

**CRIO Deputy Director Name** 

**CRIO Deputy Director Signature** 

Date