



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus City Council (“**COUNCIL**”), by Ordinance No. 1789-2015, passed July 27, 2015, authorized the City of Columbus (CITY) to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement (the “**AGREEMENT**”) with AirSide Two LLC (the “**ENTERPRISE**”) for a tax abatement of seventy-five percent (75%) for a period of ten (10) years in consideration of a proposed \$6.0 million investment in real property improvements and the creation of 10 full-time jobs with an associated annual payroll of approximately \$350,000 related to the construction of a new 100,000-square-foot speculative office and distribution center on parcel number 520-164556, within the City of Columbus Enterprise Zone. The **AGREEMENT** was made and entered into effective October 8, 2015 (EZA #023-15-102) with no real property exemption commencing after 2017 nor extend beyond 2026. Following execution of the **AGREEMENT**, the parcel was split and the abatement now applies to parcel number 520-295609 at 4520 Bridgeway Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219.

Following discussions, a letter to the **CITY** from The Daimler Group, Inc. dated February 6, 2018 was received on February 9, 2018, confirming that BVK US II Columbus, LLC had acquired ownership of parcel number 520-295609 from AirSide Two LLC on February 2, 2018. Due diligence has been undertaken by the **CITY** in that BVK US II Columbus, LLC has agreed to fully assume the terms and commitments of the **ENTERPRISE** pursuant to the **AGREEMENT**, has submitted an updated Economic Development Incentive Application and that this application and all other pertinent information has been reviewed and vetted.

This legislation is to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to amend the **AGREEMENT** for the first time to remove AirSide Two LLC as **ENTERPRISE** and party to the **AGREEMENT** and to be replaced with BVK US II Columbus, LLC as **ENTERPRISE** and party to the **AGREEMENT**, whereby BVK US II Columbus, LLC will assume the terms and commitments of the **AGREEMENT**.

This legislation is being presented as an emergency measure in order for this amendment to be legislated in as expedient a manner as possible so that this amendment to the **AGREEMENT** might be fully executed prior to the 2018 Tax Incentive Review Council (the “**TIRC**”) so that the **TIRC** might be advised of this amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to amend the Enterprise Zone Agreement for with AirSide Two LLC, to remove AirSide Two LLC as the party to the agreement and to be replaced with BVK US II Columbus, LLC; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus (CITY) entered into an Enterprise Zone Agreement (the “**AGREEMENT**”) with AirSide Two LLC approved by Columbus City Council (COUNCIL) on July 27, 2015 by Ordinance No. 1789-2015 with this **AGREEMENT** made and entered into effective October 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the **AGREEMENT** granted a 75%/10-Year abatement on real property improvements; and

WHEREAS, the incentive was granted in consideration of a \$6.0 million investment in real property improvements and the creation of 10 full-time jobs with an annual payroll of approximately \$350,000 related to the construction of a new 100,000-square-foot speculative office and distribution center at 4520 Bridgeway Avenue, Columbus Ohio 43219, and within the City of Columbus Enterprise Zone with no real property exemption commencing after 2017 nor extend beyond 2026. Following execution of the **AGREEMENT**, the parcel was split and the abatement now applies to parcel number 520-295609.

WHEREAS, a letter to the **CITY** from The Daimler Group, Inc., dated February 6, 2018 and received February 9, 2014 confirmed that AirSide Two LLC has sold its real estate ownership interest in the project to BVK US II Columbus, LLC with the sale having occurred on February 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, due diligence has been undertaken by the **CITY** in that BVK US II Columbus, LLC has agreed to fully assume the terms and commitments of the **ENTERPRISE** pursuant to the **AGREEMENT**, has submitted an updated Economic Development Incentive Application and that this application and all other pertinent information has been reviewed and vetted; and

WHEREAS, an amendment for assignment and assumption is needed to remove AirSide Two LLC as **ENTERPRISE** and party to the **AGREEMENT** and to be replaced with BVK US II Columbus, LLC as **ENTERPRISE** and party to the **AGREEMENT**; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Columbus Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to seek an amendment to the **AGREEMENT** with AirSide Two LLC for the purpose of removing AirSide Two LLC as **ENTERPRISE** and party to the **AGREEMENT** to be replaced by BVK US II Columbus, LLC as **ENTERPRISE** and party to the **AGREEMENT** so that this amendment to the **AGREEMENT** might be fully executed prior to the 2018 Tax Incentive Review Council (the "TIRC") so that the TIRC might be advised of this amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS

Section 1. That the Director of the Department of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to amend the Enterprise Zone Agreement for assignment and assumption with AirSide Two LLC, to remove AirSide Two LLC as **ENTERPRISE** and party to the **AGREEMENT** to be replaced by BVK US II Columbus, LLC as **ENTERPRISE** and party to the **AGREEMENT**, whereby BVK US II Columbus, LLC will assume the terms and commitments of the **AGREEMENT**.

Section 2. That this **FIRST AMENDMENT** for assignment and assumption to the City of Columbus Enterprise Zone Agreement be signed by BVK US II Columbus, LLC within ninety (90) days of passage of this ordinance, or this ordinance and the incentive authorized herein shall be null and void.

Section 3. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, the ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after the passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.