

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
APPROVING
AMENDMENT #3 TO THE
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND PLAN FOR THE
CANAL/CONGRESS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (the "City"), by an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City (the "City Council") on November 12, 1998, approved a redevelopment project and plan (the "Original Plan") for a portion of the City known as the Canal/Congress Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area (the "Original Project Area") for the purpose of implementing tax increment allocation financing ("Tax Increment Allocation Financing") pursuant to the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et. seq., as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted an ordinance on November 12, 1998 designating the Original Project Area as a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted an ordinance on November 12, 1998 adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Original Project Area pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Original Plan was previously amended on June 19, 2002 ("Amendment #1") and on July 20, 2022 ("Amendment #2"). The Original Plan, as amended by Amendment #1 and Amendment #2, is hereby referred to herein as the "Prior Amended Plan"; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #1 (i) extended the termination date of the Original Project Area and the date of completion of the Original Plan in accordance with recent amendments to the Act, (ii) added redevelopment project costs to the itemized list of redevelopment project costs set forth in the Original Plan, and (iii) corrected an error in the legal description of the Original Project Area; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #2 extended the term of the Original Plan by twelve (12) years for a completion date of December 31, 2034 and amended the estimated redevelopment project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interests of the citizens of the City for the City to encourage development of areas located adjacent to the Original Project Area by expanding the boundaries of the Original Project Area and designating such expanded project area as a redevelopment project area under the Act to be known as the Canal/Congress Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area Amendment #3 (the "Expanded Area"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires further to supplement and amend the Prior Amended Plan for the Original Project Area to provide for the redevelopment of the Expanded Area; and

WHEREAS, the City has caused to be prepared an eligibility study entitled "Canal/Congress Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project and Plan Amendment No. 3 – Canal/Congress Added Area Tax Increment Financing Eligibility Study" (the "Eligibility Study") of the proposed additional portions ("Added Area") of the Expanded Area, which Eligibility Study

confirms the existence within the Added Area of various eligibility factors as set forth in the Act and supports a finding of eligibility of the Added Area for designation as a redevelopment area under the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interest of the citizens of the City for the City to implement Tax Increment Allocation Financing pursuant to the Act for the Expanded Area described in Section 2 of this ordinance, to be redeveloped pursuant to a proposed amendment to the Prior Amended Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A ("Amendment #3"); and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Commission (the "Commission") of the City has heretofore been appointed by the Mayor of the City with the approval of its City Council (the City Council, referred to herein collectively with the Mayor as the "Corporate Authorities") (as codified in Section 2-124 of the City's Municipal Code) pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-4(k) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered by the Corporate Authorities to exercise certain powers enumerated in Section 5/11-74.4-4(k) of the Act, including the holding of certain public hearings required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 5/11-74.4-4 and 5/11-74.4-5 of the Act, the Commission, by authority of the Corporate Authorities, called a public hearing (the "Hearing") on April 14, 2026, concerning approval of Amendment #3, designation of the Expanded Area as a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Act and adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing within the Expanded Area pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #3 (including the Eligibility Study attached thereto as an exhibit) was made available for public inspection and review pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-5(a) of the Act beginning January 30, 2026, being a date not less than 10 days prior to the adoption by the Commission of Resolution 26-CDC-03 on February 10, 2026, fixing the time and place for the Hearing, at the offices of the City Clerk and the City's Department of Planning and Development; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-5(a) of the Act, notice of the availability of Amendment #3 (including the Eligibility Study attached thereto as an exhibit) and of how to obtain the same was sent by mail on February 13, 2026, which is within a reasonable time after the adoption by the Commission of Resolution 26-CDC-03, to: (a) all residential addresses that, after a good faith effort, were determined to be (i) located within the Expanded Area, and (ii) located within 750 feet of the boundaries of the Expanded Area (or, if applicable, were determined to be the 750 residential addresses that were closest to the boundaries of the Expanded Area); and (b) organizations and residents that were registered interested parties for such Expanded Area; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the Hearing was given pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-6 of the Act, said notice being given to all taxing districts having taxable property within the Expanded Area and to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity of the State of Illinois by certified mail on February 13, 2026, by publication in the Chicago Tribune on March 17, 2026 and March 24, 2026, and by certified mail to taxpayers within the Expanded Area on March 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a meeting of the joint review board established pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-5(b) of the Act (the "Board") was convened upon the provision of due notice on March 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., to review the matters properly coming before the Board and to allow it to provide its advisory recommendation regarding the approval of the Amended Plan, designation of the Expanded Area as a redevelopment project area pursuant to the Act and adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing within the Expanded Area, and other matters, if any, properly before it; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has forwarded to the City Council a copy of its Resolution 26-CDC-05, attached hereto as Exhibit B, adopted on April 14, 2026, recommending to the City Council approval of Amendment #3, among other related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have reviewed Amendment #3 (including the Eligibility Study attached thereto as an exhibit), testimony from the Hearing, if any, the recommendation of the Board, if any, the recommendation of the Commission and such other matters or studies as the Corporate Authorities have deemed necessary or appropriate to make the findings set forth herein, and are generally informed of the conditions existing in the Expanded Area; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Section 2. The Expanded Area. The Expanded Area is legally described in Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein. The street location (as near as practicable) for the Expanded Area is described in Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein. The map of the Expanded Area is depicted on Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 3. Findings. The Corporate Authorities hereby make the following findings as required pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-3(n) of the Act:

- a. The Expanded Area on the whole has not been subject to growth and development through investment by private enterprise and would not reasonably be expected to be developed without the adoption of Amendment #3;
- b. The Prior Amended Plan, as amended by Amendment #3 (the "Amended Plan"):
 - (i) conforms to the comprehensive plan for the development of the City as a whole; or
 - (ii) either (A) conforms to the strategic economic development or redevelopment plan issued by the Chicago Plan Commission, or (B) includes land uses that have been approved by the Chicago Plan Commission;
- c. The Amended Plan meets all of the requirements of a redevelopment plan as defined in the Act and, as set forth in the Amended Plan, the estimated date of completion of the projects described therein and retirement of all obligations issued to finance redevelopment project costs is not later than December 31 of the year in which

the payment to the municipal treasurer as provided in subsection (b) of Section 11-74.4-8 of the Act is to be made with respect to ad valorem taxes levied in the twenty-third calendar year after the year in which the ordinance approving the redevelopment project area is adopted, and, as required pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-7 of the Act, no such obligation shall have a maturity date greater than 20 years;

d. Within the Amended Plan:

(i) as provided in Section 5/11-74.4-3(n)(5) of the Act, the housing impact study: a) includes data on residential unit type, room type, unit occupancy, and racial and ethnic composition of the residents; and b) identifies the number and location of inhabited residential units in the Area that are to be or may be removed, if any, the City's plans for relocation assistance for those residents in the Area whose residences are to be removed, the availability of replacement housing for such residents and the type, location, and cost of the replacement housing, and the type and extent of relocation assistance to be provided;

(ii) as provided in Section 5/11-74.4-3(n)(7) of the Act, there is a statement that households of low-income and very low-income persons living in residential units that are to be removed from the Area shall be provided affordable housing and relocation assistance not less than that which would be provided under the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and the regulations under that Act, including the eligibility criteria.

Section 4. Approval of the Amended Plan. The City hereby approves the Amended Plan pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-4 of the Act.

Section 5. Powers of Eminent Domain. In compliance with Section 5/11-74.4-4(c) of the Act and with the Amended Plan, the Corporation Counsel is authorized to negotiate for the acquisition by the City of parcels contained within the Expanded Area. In the event the Corporation Counsel is unable to acquire any of said parcels through negotiation, the Corporation Counsel is authorized to institute eminent domain proceedings to acquire such parcels. Nothing herein shall be in derogation of any proper authority.

Section 6. Invalidity of Any Section. If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 7. Superseder. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

List of Attachments

- Exhibit A: Amendment #3
- Exhibit B: CDC Resolution recommending to City Council approval of the Amended Plan, designation of the Expanded Area and adoption of tax increment allocation financing
- Exhibit C: Legal description of the Expanded Area
- Exhibit D: Street location of the Expanded Area
- Exhibit E: Map of the Expanded Area