

TOWN OF ROCK HALL, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03

Approval of Enterprize Zone Tax Credit

A Resolution of the Council of the Town of Rock Hall approving an Enterprise Zone Tax Credit against the increase in Town and County taxes resulting from certain capital improvements to certain real property within the corporate limits of the Town of Rock Hall.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2021-05, adopted and effective on October 4, 2021, the Council of the Town of Rock Hall (the "Council") requested that the Maryland Department of Commerce designate a "Rock Hall Enterprise Zone," which designation became effective December 14, 2021 (the "Enterprise Zone"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Tax-Property § 9-103, the Council agreed to make available real property tax credits for properties within the Enterprise Zone to facilitate capital investment therein and to certify the creation of new employment opportunities by qualified businesses located therein for those businesses being eligible for certain State income tax credits; and

WHEREAS, Gaels N Dons, LLC (the "Owner") is the owner of all real property located at 20658 Wilkins Avenue in the Town of Rock Hall (the "Town"), previously known as "The Wheelhouse," Tax Identification No. 05-002192 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is located within the Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has made capital improvements in the Property totaling approximately \$295,000 (the "Capital Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvements include approximately \$295,000 in renovations, including a new roof, repairs to structural deficiencies, new efficient HVAC systems, new ADA compliant bathrooms, upgraded lighting, plumbing and electrical services. These renovations and the opening of this establishment will immediately create 15 jobs and 10 additional seasonal jobs in Rock Hall. The lessee has committed to taking on a Mentorship role in partnership with the Kent County Public Schools CTE Program. This establishment will work with local vendors which will aid in Rock Hall's economy. These renovations and the opening of this establishment will attract more tourism and consumer activity at nearby shops which is an essential part of the Town's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Property will have fifteen full-time employees and approximately ten seasonal employees, thus providing local jobs in the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ROCK HALL:

1. The Recitals to this Resolution are deemed a substantive part of this Resolution and incorporated by reference herein.

2. The Owner of the Property shall receive a real property tax credit against the increase in Town and County taxes resulting from the Capital Improvements, which credit shall be eighty percent (80%) of the assessment for the first five (5) taxable years and then decreasing by ten percent (10%) each year thereafter to thirty (30%) percent in the tenth (10th) year.

3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 12th day of May, 2022.

VOTE


YEAS 5

NAYS 0

ABSTAINING 0


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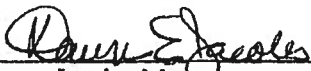
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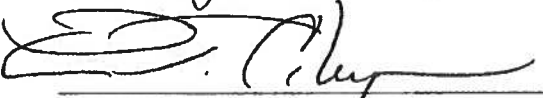
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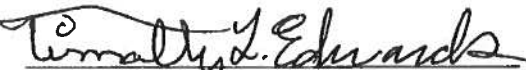
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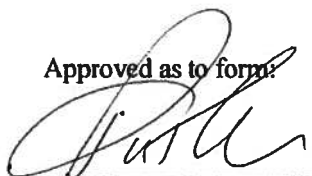

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