Tax Increment Revenue Agreement (St. Vrain Valley School District RE 1J) (Erie Town Center Urban Renewal Plan)

Recitals

The following recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement, as noted in <u>Section 1</u> herein. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined are defined in Section 2 herein.

- A. <u>Redevelopment</u>. The Parties understand that the real property described in <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Property</u>") lying within the corporate limits of the Town of Erie (the "<u>Town</u>"), is proposed to be within the area of the Erie Town Center Urban Renewal Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>"), to be redeveloped by one or more developers and/or property owner(s) as a mixed-use development(s) that will eliminate existing blighted conditions which constitute threats to the health, safety and welfare of the community and barriers to development.
- B. <u>Urban Renewal and Tax Increment Financing</u>. To accomplish the redevelopment and to provide certain required improvements, the Authority has recommended that the Property be included within the Erie Town Center Urban Renewal Plan, which Plan will authorize the utilization of tax increment financing in accordance with the Colorado Urban Renewal Law, Part 1 of Article 25 of Title 31, C.R.S. (the "Act"), to pay Eligible Costs of the Improvements. The Plan that includes the Property has been provided to the School District under separate cover. The final version of the Plan as approved by the Town Council of the Town shall be the "Plan" for purposes of this Agreement. The Parties hereto hereby approve the Plan in all respects, including any and all amendments thereto.
- C. Nature of Urban Renewal Project and Purpose of Agreement. The proposed Urban Renewal Project consists of designing, developing and constructing the Improvements (which includes paying the Eligible Costs of public improvements) necessary to serve the proposed Urban Renewal Area and, in compliance with § 31-25-107(4)(g) of the Act, the Plan affords maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the Town as a whole, for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the Urban Renewal Area by private enterprise. Approval of the Plan is subject to the Act, including

requirements imposed by HB 15-1348, as amended to date (the "Amended 1348 Requirements") for new urban renewal plans adopted after January 1, 2016.

- D. <u>Taxing Entities</u>. The School District levies ad valorem property taxes on the Property included within the proposed Urban Renewal Area.
- E. <u>Equitable Deal Structure</u>. The School District and the Authority, along with other taxing School Districts, have undertaken to prepare an equitable deal structure including a significant contribution of incremental property tax revenues from certain applicable taxing School Districts.
- F. <u>Colorado Urban Renewal Law</u>. In accordance with the Act as amended to the date of this Agreement (including the Amended 1348 Requirements), the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to facilitate adoption of the Plan and redevelopment of the proposed Urban Renewal Area described therein. The Agreement addresses, among other things, the estimated impacts of the Plan on the School District services associated solely with the Plan.

Agreement

Now, therefore, in consideration of the covenants, promises and agreements of each of the Parties hereto, to be kept and performed by each of them, it is agreed by and between the Parties hereto as set forth herein.

- 1. <u>Incorporation of Recitals</u>. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement.
 - 2. <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Agreement:
 - 2.1 "Act" means the Colorado Urban Renewal Law, Part 1 of Article 25 of Title 31, C.R.S.
 - 2.2 "<u>Agreement</u>" means this Agreement, as it may be amended or supplemented in writing. References to sections or exhibits are to this Agreement unless otherwise qualified.
 - 2.3 "Agricultural Land" has the meaning set forth in Section 7 hereof.
 - 2.4 "Authority" means the Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority, a body corporate and politic of the State of Colorado.
 - 2.5 "Bonds" shall have the same meaning as defined in § 31-25-103 of the Act.
 - 2.6 "<u>Duration</u>" means the 25-year period that the tax increment or tax allocation provisions will be in effect as specified in § 31-25-107(9)(a) of the Act,

the Plan, and the Impact Report. Pursuant to the Act, the base year for calculating Property Tax Increment Revenues is 2025. The last year the assessment roll will be divided for purposes of TIF is 2050, and the last year the Authority is eligible to receive Property Tax Increment Revenues from the Plan area is 2051.

- 2.7 "Eligible Costs" means those costs eligible to be paid or reimbursed from the Property Tax Increment Revenues pursuant to the Act.
- 2.8 "Impact Report" means the impact report dated as of November 24, 2024, and prepared by Pioneer Development Company analyzing and projecting the financial burdens and benefits of the Urban Renewal Project pursuant to § 31-25-107(3.5) of the Act.
- 2.9 "Improvements" means the public improvements and private improvements to be constructed on the Property pursuant to the Plan.
- 2.10 "Party" or "Parties" means the Authority and the School District, or each and their lawful successors and assigns.
- 2.11 "Plan" means the urban renewal plan defined in Recital A herein.
- 2.12 "Project" shall have the same meaning as Urban Renewal Project.
- 2.13 "Property Tax Increment Revenues" means the incremental property tax revenues derived from ad valorem property tax levies described in § 31-25-107(9)(a)(II) of the Act allocated to the Special Fund for the Urban Renewal Project. Provided however, any property tax increment generated by new oil and gas well sites developed within the boundaries of the Project after the adoption of the Plan shall not be included or otherwise captured as increment and shall instead be subject to all taxes levied by taxing districts at the then current mill levy rate.
- 2.14 "Remitted School District Increment" means the portion of the School District Increment generated by all mill levies imposed by the School District, except the mills levied by the School District pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-54-106, to fund the School District's share of its Total Program, which must be remitted to the School District by the Authority in accordance with Section 5.1 hereof.
- 2.15 "Retained School District Increment" means the School District Increment which may be retained and expended by the Authority in accordance with Section 5.1 hereof.
- 2.16 "School District Increment" means the portion of Property Tax Increment Revenues generated by the School District mill levy, received by the Authority from the Boulder County Treasurer.

- 2.17 "Special Fund" means that certain special fund of the Authority into which Property Tax Increment Revenues shall be allocated to and paid into, as more particularly described in the Act.
- 2.18 " \overline{IIF} " means the property tax increment portion of the property tax assessment roll described in § 31-25-107(9)(a)(II) of the Act.
- 2.19 "Town" means the Town of Erie, Colorado.
- 2.20 "<u>Urban Renewal Area</u>" means the area included in the boundaries of the Plan.
- 2.21 "<u>Urban Renewal Project</u>" means all undertakings and activities, or any combination thereof, required to carry out the Plan pursuant to the Act.
- 3. <u>Impact Report</u>. The Parties acknowledge receipt of, and the opportunity to review, the Impact Report, submitted in accordance with C.R.S. § 31-25-107(3.5)(a). The Impact Report describes the benefits and burdens of the Plan. Having received the Impact Report prior to the commencement of negotiations for the purposes of entering into this Agreement, the School District hereby waives any other statutory requirements related to receipt of the Impact Report.
- 4. <u>Property Tax Increment Revenues</u>. In compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the Amended 1348 Requirements, the Parties have negotiated and agreed to the sharing of School District Increment Revenues as set forth herein.
 - School District Increment Revenues. The School District and the Authority agree that the Authority shall remit the Remitted School District Increment on or before the 20th day of each month, for the previous month, commencing on the date of approval by the Town of the Plan and ending upon the earlier of: 1) the occurrence of the Duration; or 2) the payment in full of all bonds, loans, advances and indebtedness, if any, incurred by the Authority to pay for the Improvements, including interest thereon and any premiums due in connection therewith in accordance with § 31-25-107(9)(a)(II) of the Act. The School District and the Authority agree that the Authority may retain and expend, in furtherance of the Urban Renewal Project, the Retained School District Increment, commencing on the date of approval by the Town of the Plan and ending upon the earlier of: 1) the occurrence of the Duration; 2) the payment in full of all bonds, loans, advances and indebtedness, if any, incurred by the Authority to pay for the Improvements, including interest thereon and any premiums due in connection therewith in accordance with § 31-25-107(9)(a)(II) of the Act; or 3) revisions to the Public School Finance Act of 1994, §§ 22-54-101, et seq., C.R.S, that result in the discontinuation of state funding to the School District of amounts defined herein as the Retained School District Increment, in which case Section 9.2 herein shall

apply. Upon the earlier of: 1) the occurrence of the Duration; or 2) the payment in full of all bonds, loans, advances and indebtedness, if any, incurred by the Authority to pay for the Improvements, including interest thereon and any premiums due in connection therewith in accordance with § 31-25-107(9)(a)(II) of the Act, the entire School District Increment shall be paid by the Boulder County Treasurer to the School District, and not to the Authority. The Authority shall annually provide a written report to the School District on progress towards completion of the Improvements. The report shall include information related to any significant changes in project scope or cost.

- 4.2 All School District Increment upon receipt by the Authority will be deposited into the Special Fund to be utilized in accordance with Section 5.1 hereof. No School District Increment will be deposited or transferred into any other Authority fund or into the general fund or any other fund.
- Pledge of Property Tax Increment Revenues. The School District recognizes and agrees that in reliance on this Agreement and in accordance with the provisions of § 31-25-109(2)(b) of the Act, the Authority has the right to pledge the Retained School District Increment to the payment of the Authority's Bonds (if any are or have been issued) and other financial obligations incurred in connection with the Urban Renewal Project. The School District and the Authority also recognize and agree that this Agreement is an indebtedness of the Authority under § 31-25-107(9)(a)(II) of the Act. The Retained School District Increment, when and as received by the Authority is and shall be subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery, filing, or further act. The lien of such pledge on the Retained School District Increment shall have priority over any and all other obligations and liabilities of the Authority with respect to the Retained School District Increment. The lien of such pledge shall be valid, binding and enforceable as against all persons having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the Authority irrespective of whether such persons have notice of such lien. Provided however, the Parties agree that the Retained School District Increment pledged hereunder shall be capped at a total amount of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) for the term of this Agreement.
- 6. Agricultural Land. The Urban Renewal Area will include property that has been classified within the previous five years as agricultural land by the Boulder County Assessor ("Agricultural Land") for the purposes of levying ad valorem property taxes. The Act requires that such Agricultural Land included within an urban renewal plan area be valued at fair market value for purposes of establishing the base and calculating the increment. Accordingly, as demonstrated in the Impact Report for the Plan previously submitted to the School District, among others, the Agricultural Land base value has been established at fair market rates. In addition, the School District specifically and irrevocably consents to the inclusion of such Agricultural Land in the Plan pursuant to § 31-25-107(1)(c)(II)(D) of the Act.

- 7. <u>Waiver</u>. The School District acknowledges and agrees that the execution of this Agreement satisfies the requirements of the Act regarding all applicable Amended 1348 Requirements for the adoption of the Plan, TIF financing in accordance with the Plan, and notices related thereto, except those that may apply to future modifications of the Plan as required by Sections 31-25-107(3.5) and (7) of the Act. Subject to such right to receive notice of any proposed future modification of the Plan, the School District hereby waives any provision of the Act that provides for notice to, requires any filing with or by, requires or permits consent from, or provides any enforcement right to the School District. The School District agrees that it has received information equivalent to the information otherwise required to be provided to it by Section 31-25-107(3.5) of the Act in the form of the Impact Report, and therefore hereby deem that requirement satisfied.
- 8. <u>Limitation of Agreement</u>. This Agreement applies only to the School District Increment, as calculated, produced, collected and paid to the Authority from the Urban Renewal Area by the Boulder County Treasurer in accordance with § 31-25-107(9)(a)(II) of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Property Tax Administrator of the State of Colorado, and does not include any other revenues of the School District, Town or the Authority.

9. Miscellaneous.

- 9.1 <u>Delays</u>. Any delays in or failure of performance by any Party of its obligations under this Agreement shall be excused if such delays or failure are a result of acts of God; fires; floods; earthquake; abnormal weather; strikes; labor disputes; accidents; regulation or order of civil or military authorities; shortages of labor or materials; or other causes, similar or dissimilar, including economic downturns, which are beyond the control of such Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where any of the events herein occur which temporarily interrupt the ability of a Party to abide by its obligations as provided in this Agreement, as soon as the event causing such interruption shall no longer prevail, the applicable Party shall fulfill all of its obligations as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 9.2 <u>Termination and Subsequent Legislation or Litigation</u>. In the event of termination of the Plan, including its TIF financing component, the Authority may terminate this Agreement by delivering written notice to the School District. The Parties further agree that in the event legislation is adopted or a decision by a court of competent jurisdiction is rendered after the effective date of this Agreement that invalidates or materially effects any provisions hereof, the Parties will in good faith negotiate for an amendment to this Agreement that most fully implements the original intent, purpose and provisions of this Agreement, but does not impair any otherwise valid contracts in effect at such time.
- 9.3 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This instrument embodies the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. There are no promises, terms,

conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written, between the Parties hereto. No modification to this Agreement shall be valid unless agreed to in writing by the Parties.

- 9.4 <u>Binding Effect</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties and their successors in interest.
- 9.5 No Third-Party Enforcement. It is expressly understood and agreed that the enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, shall be strictly reserved to the undersigned Parties and nothing in this Agreement shall give or allow any claim or right of action whatsoever by any other person not included in this Agreement. It is the express intention of the undersigned Parties that any person or entity other than the undersigned Parties receiving services or benefits under this Agreement shall be an incidental beneficiary only.
- 9.6 <u>No Waiver of Immunities</u>. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of the rights and privileges of the Parties pursuant to the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, § 24-10-101, et seq., C.R.S., as the same may be amended from time to time. No portion of this Agreement shall be deemed to have created a duty of care which did not previously exist with respect to any person not a party to this Agreement.
- 9.7 <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by the Parties.
- 9.8 <u>Parties not Partners</u>. Notwithstanding any language in this Agreement or any other agreement, representation, or warranty to the contrary, the Parties shall not be deemed to be partners or joint venturers, and no Party shall be responsible for any debt or liability of any other Party.
- 9.9 <u>Interpretation</u>. All references herein to Bonds shall be interpreted to include the incurrence of debt by the Authority in any form consistent with the definition of "Bonds" in the Act, including payment of Eligible Costs or any other lawful financing obligation.
- 9.10 <u>Incorporation of Recitals and Exhibits</u>. The provisions of the Recitals and the Exhibits attached to this Agreement are incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement.
- 9.11 <u>No Assignment</u>. No Party may assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement. Any attempted assignment in violation of this provision shall be null and void and of no force and effect.

- 9.12 <u>Section Captions</u>. The captions of the sections are set forth only for the convenience and reference of the Parties and are not intended in any way to define, limit, or describe the scope or intent of this Agreement.
- 9.13 <u>Execution in Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- 9.14 <u>Electronic Transactions</u>. The Parties agree that any individual or individuals who are authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Authority or the School District are hereby authorized to execute this Agreement electronically via facsimile or email signature. This agreement by the Parties to use electronic signatures is made pursuant to Article 71.3 of Title 24, C.R.S., also known as the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. Any electronic signature so affixed to this Agreement shall carry the full legal force and effect of any original, handwritten signature. The Parties hereto agree that the transactions described herein may be conducted and related documents may be stored by electronic means. Copies, telecopies, facsimiles, electronic files, and other reproductions of original executed documents shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such original documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action, or suit in the appropriate court of law.
- 9.15 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement and the provisions hereof shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado.
- 9.16 <u>No Presumption</u>. The Parties to this Agreement and their attorneys have had a full opportunity to review and participate in the drafting of the final form of this Agreement. Accordingly, this Agreement shall be construed without regard to any presumption or other rule of construction against the Party causing the Agreement to be drafted.
- 9.17 Notices. Any notice required by this Agreement shall be in writing. All notices, demands, requests and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing, and shall be: (a) personally delivered with a written receipt of delivery; (b) sent by a nationally-recognized overnight delivery service requiring a written acknowledgement of receipt or providing a certification of delivery or attempted delivery; (c) sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested; or (d) sent by confirmed facsimile transmission or electronic delivery with an original copy thereof transmitted to the recipient by one of the means described in subsections (a) through (c) no later than five business days thereafter. All notices shall be deemed effective when actually delivered as documented in a delivery receipt; provided, however, that if the notice was sent by overnight courier or mail as aforesaid and is affirmatively refused or cannot be delivered during customary business hours by reason of the absence of a signatory

to acknowledge receipt, or by reason of a change of address with respect to which the addressor did not have either knowledge or written notice delivered in accordance with this paragraph, then the first attempted delivery shall be deemed to constitute delivery. Each Party shall be entitled to change its address for notices from time to time by delivering to the other Party notice thereof in the manner herein provided for the delivery of notices. All notices shall be sent to the addressee at its address set forth in the Preamble to this Agreement.

- 9.18 Days. If the day for any performance or event provided for herein is a Saturday, a Sunday, a day on which national banks are not open for the regular transactions of business, or a legal holiday pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-11-101(1), such day shall be extended until the next day on which such banks and State offices are open for the transaction of business.
- 9.19 Precedent. The Parties agree that this Agreement is entered into for the specific Plan described herein. All other future urban renewal projects will be evaluated on their specific attributes and merits and agreements for those projects may include additional or different terms from this Agreement. This Agreement is not deemed to set precedent for such future agreements.
- 9.20 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.
- 9.21 Authority. The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the Parties covenant and warrant that each is fully authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of such Party. The Parties further covenant and warrant that they are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to law, including without limitation C.R.S. § 31-25-107(9.5).

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In Witness Whereof, the Authority and the School District have caused their duly authorized officials to execute this Agreement effective as of the Effective Date.

St. Vrain Valley School District RE 1J District, a Colorado public school district and political subdivision of the State

Attest: Light Jonahr
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By: Jasen H. Carland
Title: Board President

Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority, a body corporate and politic of the State of Colorado

Attest: Con Clerk

tle: Mayor

Exhibit A The Property

Legal Description:

Tract A, Ranchwood Minor Subdivision. Located in the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 69 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Town of Erie, County of Boulder, State of Colorado.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: Boulder County Assessor Parcel No. R0511537 / 146524110001