

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 11

(Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan and Cost-Benefit Analysis –
Lex Lodging Redevelopment Project)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON,
NEBRASKA APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
REDEVELOPMENT AREA #1 IN THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA AND A COST-
BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR THE LEX LODGING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area #1 (the “Redevelopment Plan”), which covers certain portions of the City of Lexington, Nebraska that have been declared blighted and substandard and in need of redevelopment (the “Redevelopment Area”), was adopted by the City Council of the City of Lexington on April 8, 2003, pursuant to Resolution 03-03;

WHEREAS, an Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan (the “Amendment”) for the Lex Lodging, LLC Redevelopment Project (the “Project”) has been prepared pursuant to the Nebraska Community Development Law codified at Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 18-2101, et seq. (the “Act”) to identify specific property within the Redevelopment Area that is in need of redevelopment to cause the removal of blight and substandard conditions (the “Project Site”), which is attached as Exhibit “A” and incorporated by this reference;

WHEREAS, the Project will use tax increment financing pursuant to Section 18-2147 of the Act to assist in paying for the cost of certain public improvements on the Project Site, as more particularly described in the Amendment;

WHEREAS, the Community Development Agency of the City of Lexington, Nebraska, as required under Section 18-2113(2) of the Act, has conducted a Cost-Benefit Analysis for the Project, which is attached as Exhibit “C” to the Amendment;

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2019, a meeting of the City Council of the City of Lexington, Nebraska was held at the Lexington City Council Chambers, 406 E 7th Street in Lexington, Nebraska in order to conduct a public hearing to determine whether the Amendment and the Cost-Benefit Analysis should be approved;

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing was published for at least two (2) consecutive weeks, the last of which was at least ten (10) days prior to the time and date of the public hearing, which notice of public hearing described the time, date, place and purpose of the hearing;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lexington reviewed and discussed the recommendations received from the Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered all statements made and materials submitted related to the submitted questions;

WHEREAS, the Amendment clarifies the scope of the Redevelopment Plan and incorporates the Project into the Redevelopment Plan and into compliance with the Act;

WHEREAS, Statements of the proposed method and estimated cost of the acquisition and preparation for redevelopment of the redevelopment project area and the estimated proceeds or revenue from its disposal to redevelopers, the proposed method of financing the redevelopment project, and a feasible method proposed for the relocation of families to be displaced from the redevelopment project area, if applicable, are set forth in the Amendment and the Cost-Benefit Analysis;

WHEREAS, the Project Site is in need of redevelopment to remove blight and substandard conditions identified pursuant to Section 18-2109 of the Act;

WHEREAS, the amended Redevelopment Plan will, in accordance with the present and future needs of the City of Lexington, promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and the general welfare of the community in conformance with the legislative declarations and determinations set forth in the Act;

WHEREAS, the Amendment is feasible and is in conformance with the general plan for development of the City of Lexington as a whole, as set forth in the City of Lexington Comprehensive Plan, as amended;

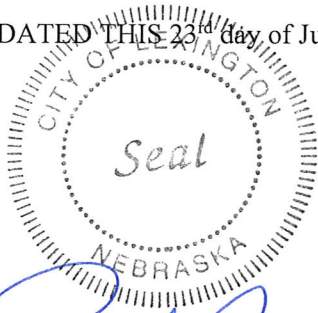
WHEREAS, the Project would not be economically feasible without the use of tax increment financing and would not occur in the Redevelopment Area without the use of tax increment financing;

WHEREAS, the costs and benefits of the Project, including the costs and benefits to other affected political subdivisions, the economy of the City of Lexington, and the demand for public and private services are in the long-term best interest of the City of Lexington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Act and in light of the foregoing findings and determinations, the City Council desires to approve the Amendment and the Cost-Benefit Analysis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Lexington, Nebraska, does hereby approve and adopt the Amendment and the Cost-Benefit Analysis.

DATED THIS 23rd day of July, 2019.



THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA

By: *Gene H. Fyfe*
Mayor

ATTEST: *Pamela Baruth*
Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"
Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan

(See Attached)

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Exhibit "A"

**AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA**

(HOTEL PROJECT)

The City of Lexington, Nebraska ("City") has undertaken a plan of redevelopment within the community pursuant to the adoption of the General Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area #1 (the "Redevelopment Plan"). The Redevelopment Plan serves as a guide for the implementation of redevelopment activities within the redevelopment area defined in the Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Area"). The Redevelopment Plan was approved by the City Council of Lexington, Nebraska on April 8, 2003, pursuant to Resolution 03-03, and has been amended from time to time.

The purpose of this Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan is to identify specific property within the Redevelopment Area that is in need of redevelopment to cause the removal of blight and substandard conditions, which property is identified and legally described on the attached and incorporated Exhibit "A" (the "Project Site"), and to identify a proposed redevelopment project on the Project Site.

Pursuant to the Nebraska Community Development Law codified at Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 18-2101 through 18-2154 (the "Act"), the City created the Community Development Agency of Lexington, Nebraska ("CDA"), which has administered the Redevelopment Plan for the City.

Project Site

The Project Site is located in the Redevelopment Area and is in need of redevelopment. In order to support private development, the Project Site is in need of site preparation and utility infrastructure improvements, among other necessary improvements. The CDA has considered whether redevelopment of the Project Site will conform to the general plan and the coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the City and its environs. In this consideration, the CDA finds that such a redevelopment of the Site will promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and the general welfare of the community including, among other things, the promotion of safety from fire, the promotion of the healthful and convenient distribution of population, the promotion of sound design and arrangement, the wise and efficient expenditure of public funds, and the prevention of the recurrence of unsanitary and unsafe dwelling accommodations or conditions of blight.

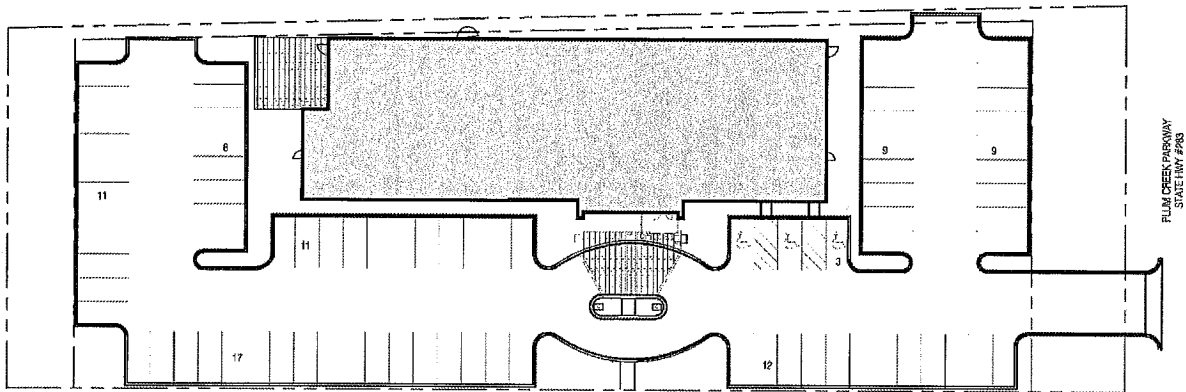
The Project Site is currently zoned for commercial use. The Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan generally designates the Project Site as Commercial Use.

The Redevelopment Project

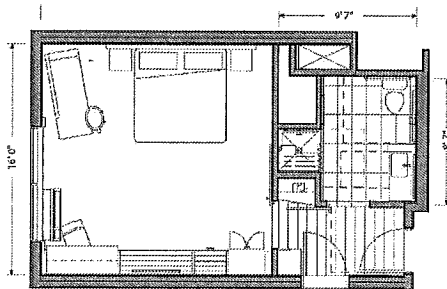
The project under consideration will consist of the construction of an

approximately four story, 80 room hotel, and associated improvements on the Project Site (the "Project"). The Project Site will require site preparation, grading, extension of water, sewer, and electrical utility improvements. A preliminary site plan and concept drawings for the hotel are set forth below:

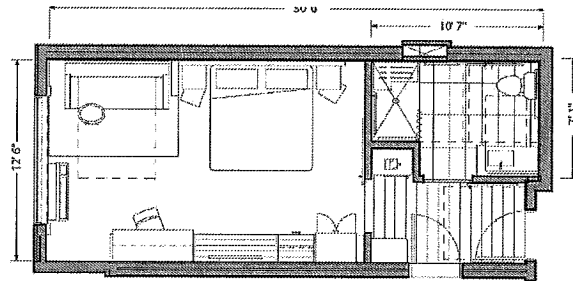
1st Floor:	05 Guestrooms
2nd Floor:	25 Guestrooms
3rd Floor:	25 Guestrooms
4th Floor:	25 Guestrooms
Total:	80 Guestrooms
	80 Parking Stalls



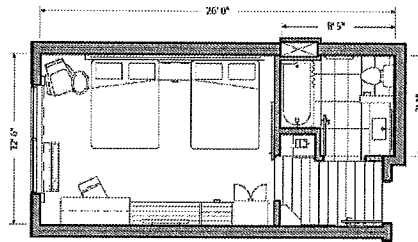
Guest room examples



King Accessible



King Suite Accessible



Double Queen

The TIF Application was filed by Lex Lodging, LLC (the "Redeveloper"). Pursuant to this Project, Redeveloper will pay the costs of the private improvements and the public improvements. As part of the Project, the CDA shall utilize tax increment financing ("TIF") on the Project Site to assist in payment of the public improvements, but Redeveloper shall pay all the costs of the public improvements not covered by TIF.

Construction on the Project is anticipated to commence in the first quarter of 2020, and construction is anticipated to be completed approximately fourteen months after construction commencement. The base year for the Project would be 2020. The Project is anticipated to yield a final valuation of approximately \$10,350,000 upon completion. Based on this valuation, the Redeveloper has requested \$1,800,000 in TIF Indebtedness. The Redeveloper estimates that the total Project costs shall be approximately \$12,701,373. The TIF-eligible expenditures included in these costs are anticipated to exceed \$2,300,000, and at least \$1,800,000.00 be identified in more detail pursuant to the terms of the Redevelopment Agreement for the Project.

The use of TIF to assist with the costs of the public improvements will make the Project as designed feasible. The private improvements cannot be constructed without the site work and utility public improvements, and the public improvements require the use of TIF to assist with the costs. The redevelopment of the Project Site pursuant to the Project identified in this Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan will eliminate the current blight and substandard conditions of the Project Site and will further the purposes of the Act in conformity with the Redevelopment Plan. As described above, the project envisions the capture of the incremental taxes created by the Project on the Site to assist with payment for those eligible expenditures as set forth in the Act. The additional costs of the public improvements and all the costs of the private improvements shall be paid by Redeveloper; the City and/or CDA shall not be required to incur any costs or expenses with respect to this Project other than the issuance of the TIF Indebtedness. Redeveloper shall arrange all financing necessary for the Project, including any financing relating to the TIF Indebtedness.

The Project envisions the capture of the incremental taxes created by the Project on the Site to pay for those eligible expenditures as set forth in the Act. Attached as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference is a consideration of the statutory elements under the Nebraska Community Development Law. The use of TIF to assist with the costs of the eligible public improvements will make the Project as designed feasible. The Redeveloper shall be responsible for all other costs and expenses associated with the Project.

Pursuant to section 18-2113 of the Act, the CDA must conduct a cost-benefit analysis for any redevelopment project that will utilize TIF. The Cost-Benefit Analysis for the Project is attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated by this reference.

Additional Project Information from the Redeveloper

Redeveloper has represented that: (i) without the use of TIF, this Project would not be feasible and the Redeveloper could not develop this Project on the Project Site; (ii) no families will be displaced or relocated from the Project Site based upon this Project, and (iii) Redeveloper does not intend to file an application with the Department of Revenue to receive tax incentives under the Nebraska Advantage Act.

EXHIBIT "A"
Legal Description of the Project Site

The Project Site is legally described as follows:

Lot 2 of Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska, Inc. Subdivision, as amended and changed by the Administrative Lot Split of Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska, Inc. Subdivision, an Addition to the City of Lexington, Dawson County, Nebraska.

EXHIBIT "B"
Statutory Elements

A. Property Acquisition, Demolition and Disposal

No public acquisition of private property, relocation of families or businesses, or the sale of property is necessary to accomplish the Project.

B. Population Density

The proposed development at the project site is the construction of an approximately 80 room hotel. The Project will not materially increase the population density in the project area.

C. Land Coverage

The Project will meet the applicable land-coverage ratios and zoning requirements as required by the City of Lexington. The proposed site consists of approximately 1.3 acres. The hotel shall consist of an approximately 12,000 square foot footprint.

D. Traffic Flow, Street Layouts, and Street Grades

The Project is not anticipated to affect traffic flow, street layouts, and street grades in a material way. The Project is located along Plum Creek Parkway, which will adequately serve and handle the increased traffic. No further street improvement should be required based on the Project.

E. Parking

The Project will be required to meet or exceed the parking requirements set forth in the applicable zoning district and the Redeveloper will construct additional parking, if any is required.

F. Zoning, Building Code, and Ordinances

The Project Site is currently zoned C3 Commercial District and the Project is a permitted use in the applicable zoning district. No other subdivision or zoning change is anticipated, but Redeveloper shall be responsible for compliance with the City of Lexington Subdivision Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance and all other applicable laws and codes.

Exhibit "C"
Cost Benefit Analysis
(Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 18-2113)

The cost-benefit analysis for the Hotel Project, as described in the Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan to which this cost-benefit analysis is attached, is presented below. The above-referenced project will utilize Tax Increment Financing funds authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-2147.

1. Tax shifts resulting from the approval of the use of funds pursuant to Section 18-2147:

There are no negative tax shifts resulting from this Project. The taxes generated by the current value of the property shall continue to be allocated between taxing jurisdictions pursuant to standard statutory requirements. Only the incremental taxes created by the Project will be captured to pay eligible public expenditures. Since the incremental taxes would not exist without the use of TIF to support the Project, the true tax shift of this Project is a positive shift in taxes in the first year and a more substantial positive shift in taxes after 15 years. However, for the purposes of illustrating the incremental taxes used for TIF, the 15 year tax shift is as follows:

a. Redevelopment Project Valuation:	\$77,232
b. Projected Completed Project Assessed Valuation:	\$10,350,000
c. Projected Incremental Valuation:	\$10,272,768
d. Estimated Tax Levy:	1.893785
e. Annual Projected Tax Shift:	\$194,544

Note: The Projected Tax Increment is based on assumed values and levy rates; actual amounts and rates will vary from those assumptions, and it is understood that the actual tax shift may vary materially from the projected amount. The levy rate is assumed to be the 2018 levy rate. There has been no accounting for incremental growth or change in the tax levy over the 15 year TIF period.

2. Public infrastructure and community public service needs impacts and local tax impacts arising from the approval of the redevelopment project:

a. Public infrastructure improvements and impacts:

No substantial adverse effects are anticipated on the public infrastructure and community public service needs. The Redeveloper anticipates expenditures of approximately \$12,701,373 for construction and installation of the Project and related and ancillary improvements. Of these costs, approximately \$2,335,775 are TIF-eligible uses under the Community Development Law. TIF will be utilized to assist with the payment of approximately \$1,800,000 of these TIF-eligible costs and Redeveloper shall be responsible for the excess costs. Infrastructure improvements are included in the TIF uses for this Project, and said improvements shall positively impact the City. Redeveloper shall pay for all other Project costs, utilizing TIF to finance the eligible site-specific expenditures. No other public infrastructure improvements are anticipated to be necessary based on this Project, and the Project will not have a material adverse

effect on any community public services. The list of anticipated TIF uses has been set forth in the Redevelopment Plan Amendment for this Project, and shall be detailed in the redevelopment agreement for this Project.

b. Local Tax impacts (in addition to impacts of Tax Shifts described above):

The Project will create material tax and other public revenue for the City and other local taxing jurisdictions. While the use of tax increment financing will defer receipt of a majority of new ad valorem real property taxes generated by the Project, the Project should generate immediate tax growth for the City. The Project will include an amount of personal property that will be on the property tax rolls upon its acquisition and installation. Additionally, the City should realize revenue from sales and occupancy taxes paid by the visitors to the hotel on the Project Site. The Project will also require and pay for City services. It is not anticipated that the Project will have any material adverse impact on such City services, and the City will generate revenue providing support for those services.

3. Impacts on employers and employees of firms locating or expanding within the boundaries of the area of the redevelopment project:

It is not anticipated that the Project will have a material adverse impact on employers and employees of firms locating or expanding within the boundaries of the area of the redevelopment project. The additional hotel option for business travel should be a positive impact on the recruitment of new employers in the area, as there appears to be room in the market for the additional hotel.

4. Impacts on other employers and employees within the City and the immediate area that is located outside of the boundaries of the area of the redevelopment project:

The Project should have a material positive impact on private sector businesses in and around the area outside the boundaries of the redevelopment project. The Project is not anticipated to impose a burden or have a negative impact on other local area employers. In addition to the general benefits of the Project enhancements already mentioned, the Project should also generally increase the need for services and products from existing businesses as the new business will require typical goods and services, such as office supplies, janitorial services, etc. Additionally, the Project is anticipated to attract out of town visitors and customers that will purchase additional goods and services from local businesses for peripheral needs.

5. Impacts on the student populations of school districts within the City:

It is not anticipated that the Project will have a material impact on the student populations of the school district within the City.

6. Other impacts determined by the agency to be relevant to the consideration of costs and benefits arising from the redevelopment project:

The Project is anticipated to create 15 full time and 10 part time jobs in the City. Wages and salaries will be competitive in the industry. When secondary employment effects in other employment sectors are added, the total employment effects are expected to be even higher.

7. Summary of Findings:

The Project will increase the City's tax base, without material adverse effect on either public or private entities. The Project will increase property tax revenue in the long-term. The Project will facilitate the development of a blighted and substandard area of the City without the incurrence of significant public cost. The benefits outweigh the costs of the proposed Project.

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