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**PETITIONER(S):**
Department of Planning & Development
Mayor's Office of Economic Development

**SPONSOR(S):**
Council Member: Mark Kalwinski (District 1)
Council Member:

## RESOLUTION NO.: 26R- 23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. 26R.-19 THAT DESIGNATED AND ESTABLISHED A CERTAIN AREA OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA AS THE BELLE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA TO WHICH DEDUCTIONS OF ASSESSED VALUE MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN APPLICANT TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1**

**WHEREAS,** Deduction for Rehabilitated or Redevelopment of Real Property in Economic Revitalization Areas is authorized under Indiana Code ("IC") 6-1.1-12.1 *et seq.*, (the "Act") in the form of deductions of assessed value for qualified real property improvements and the installation of qualified personal property that results from development, redevelopment and rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS,** On October 26, 2026 the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana ("Common Council") adopted and approved Resolution No. 26R.-19 (the "Declaratory Resolution") that designated and established a certain area of the City as the **Belle Economic Revitalization Area** (the "Belle ERA") assessed valuation deductions to the gross assessment of qualified tangible (real and personal) property in a certain area of the City of Hammond, Indiana (the "City") to stimulate private investment of new construction, development, redevelopment and rehabilitation and including the installation of depreciable personal property in order to: (i) attract, retain and expand existing manufacturing and commercial enterprises, (ii) increase and/or diversify the City's primary manufacturing and commercial assessed valuation base, and (iii) provide employment opportunities for residents of the City, northwest Indiana and the State of Indiana; and

**WHEREAS,** A boundary description and map identifying the Belle ERA describing the location in relation to public ways, streams, or otherwise, including a list of the permanent identification numbers ("PIN") of each individual component real property key number is attached to the Declaratory Resolution under EXHIBIT A; and

**WHEREAS,** On or before Friday, October 30, 2026 the Declaratory Resolution, including all exhibits attached thereto, was filed with the Office of the Lake County, Indiana Assessor in accordance with Section 2.5(b) of the Act; and

**WHEREAS,** On or before Friday, October 30, 2026 in accordance Section 2.5(c)(2) of the Act, the City of Hammond filed the following information with each taxing unit that has authority to levy property taxes in the geographic area where the Belle ERA is located: (i) a copy of the notice published in accordance with IC 5-3-1; and (ii) a statement containing substantially the same information as a statement of benefits filed with the Common Council prior to the public hearing required by Sections 2.5 of the Act under Sections 3, 4.5 and 4.8 of the Act; and

**WHEREAS,** In accordance with Section 2.5(c)(1) of the Act, the Mayor's Office of Economic Development as directed and authorized by the Declaratory Resolution in cooperation with the City Clerk caused to be published on or before Friday, October 30, 2026 in The Times, a newspaper of general

circulation in the City of Hammond, notice of the adoption and substance of the Declaratory Resolution in accordance with IC 5-3-1 for a public hearing of the City Council scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2026 at 6:00pm (CST) in the City Hall Council Chamber located at 5925 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, Indiana 46320 and/or virtually via the Zoom platform meeting application; and

**WHEREAS,** The Common Council as scheduled and as duly published held a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2026 during its regular meeting to receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons as it related the Declaratory Resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** The Common Council after conducting and upon conclusion of the public hearing on the matter gave consideration to all, if any, comments and views expressed before and written comments submitted in a timely manner to the Common Council as the designating body; and

**WHEREAS,** The Common Council has met the statutory requirements of the Act to designate and establish the Belle ERA as an economic revitalization area (an "ERA");

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, that Resolution No. 26 R.-19 as the Declaratory Resolution is hereby confirmed in its entirety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall have full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Common Council, signing by the President thereof and approval by the Mayor.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY** the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana on this 9th day of November 2026.

Janet Venecz, President
Common Council

**ATTEST:**

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

**PRESENTED BY ME**, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 10th day of November, 2026.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Resolution No. R23 consisting of (3) typewritten pages, including this page, was Approved and signed by me, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 15th day of November 2026.

Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana

**PASSED** by the Common Council on this 9th day of November, 2026 and approved by the Mayor on the 15th day of November 2026.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana