

**TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE #18/21**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FIVE (5) YEAR TAX EXEMPTION FOR A MULTIPLE DWELLING RENTAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTED BY RIGI MOUNTAIN, LLC, AT 6041 HIGHLAND PLACE, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF THE FIVE (5) YEAR EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 ET SEQ. AND SECTION 364-14 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS**, Rigi Mountain, LLC (the "Entity") owns certain property known as Block 36, Lot 30, on the Town's Official Tax map, (the "Property"), commonly known as 6041 Highland Place, West New York, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located in the Town of West New York, within an area declared to be in need of rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Entity has filed an application ("Application") for a tax exemption for a project involving the construction of 6 residential rental units ("the Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of West New York is authorized to adopt an ordinance to utilize tax exemptions/abatements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et. seq., the Five (5) Year Exemption and Abatement Law in an area declared to be in need of rehabilitation pursuant to the N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, and N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq., the Town of West New York adopted Ordinances 11/07 an Ordinance entitled Five Year Tax Abatement Ordinance amended by Ordinance 23/16 ("the Ordinance") to allow Five (5) Year Tax exemptions which permits the town to enter into a tax agreement with an applicant for the exemption and abatement of local real estate property taxes and the payment of an amount in lieu of full property taxes;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq., and Section 364-14 of the Ordinance as codified and as amended, a tax exemption for new construction of multiple dwellings is permissible; and

**WHEREAS**, under the five-year tax exemption, the Entity is required to pay the Town (in addition to the full taxes on the land and existing improvements, which shall continue to be conventionally assessed and taxed) a payment in lieu of taxes for the new improvements on the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the application for tax exemption was completed as required by the Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property in 2020 generated approximately **\$8,283.98** in taxes, approximately **\$8,283.98** of which represented taxes on the land and **\$0** of which represented taxes on the existing improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the application, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the proposed Project Improvements are eligible for tax exemption pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:21-9 and the Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, under the five-year tax exemption, the Entity would be required to pay the Town full taxes on the land and existing improvements, which shall continue to be conventionally assessed and taxed and which are estimated to be **\$8,283.98** per year; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, under the five-year tax exemption, the Entity would also pay the Town a payment in lieu of taxes for the new improvements on the Property, based on an approximate estimated tax otherwise due on the improvements on the completed Project of approximately **\$19,883.75 total for the 6 residential rental units**, as follows:

(a) In the first full year following substantial completion, no payment on the new improvements;

(b) In the second full year following completion, an amount equal to 20% of taxes otherwise due on the new improvements, estimated to be **\$3,977.00**;

(c) In the third full year following completion, an amount equal to 40% of taxes otherwise due on the new improvements, estimated to be **\$7,954.00**;

(d) In the fourth full year following completion, an amount equal to 60% of taxes otherwise due on the new improvements, estimated to be **\$11,930.25**;

(e) In the fifth full year following completion, an amount equal to 80% of taxes otherwise due on the new improvements, estimated to be **\$15,907.00**; and

**WHEREAS**, as the five-year tax exemption will begin in the first full year following substantial completion, the Project will be subject to an added assessment during the year of substantial completion, **to be determined by the tax assessor or other appropriate official**; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the expiration of the tax exemption, it is estimated that the Project Improvements in total will generate a tax payment of approximately **\$19,883.75 total for the 6 residential units**, including taxes on land and existing improvements, based upon the current tax rate; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated as if fully set forth at length herein.

2. The Application for a five (5) year tax exemption for the full and true value of the Project Improvements is hereby approved.

3. The Mayor or Municipal Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a five-year tax exemption agreement ("Tax Agreement") for the Project which shall contain, at a minimum, the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The Entity will continue to be responsible for full taxes on the land and existing improvements, which shall continue to be conventionally assessed and taxed.
- (b) The payment in lieu of taxes on the Project Improvements shall in total be:
  - (i) In the first full year following substantial completion, no payment on the new improvements;
  - (ii) In the second full year following completion, an amount equal to 20% of taxes otherwise due on the new improvements;
  - (iii) In the third full year following completion, an amount equal to 40% of taxes otherwise due on the new improvements;
  - (iv) In the fourth full year following completion, an amount equal to 60% of taxes otherwise due on the new improvements;
  - (v) In the fifth full year following completion, an amount equal to 80% of taxes otherwise due on the new improvements; and
- (c) The taxes otherwise due for the Project Improvements shall be determined as of the date of completion by the municipal Tax Assessor.
- (d) The Tax Agreement for the Project shall take effect on January 1 of the tax year immediately following the completion of the Project and shall have a duration of five years unless terminated prior thereto.
- (e) The Project shall be subject to an added assessment during the year of substantial completion as provided by State law and local ordinance.
- (f) With respect to the transfer of the property, where it is determined that the new owner of the property will continue to use the property pursuant to the conditions which qualified the property, no tax shall be due, the exemption shall continue, and the agreement shall remain in effect.
- (g) At the termination of the Tax Agreement, the new improvements shall be subject to all applicable real property taxes as provided by State law and regulation and local ordinance; but nothing herein shall prohibit the Project, at the termination of an

agreement, from qualifying for, and receiving the full benefits of, any other tax preferences provided by law.

(h) In the event the Project is converted to a condominium, then the Tax Agreement shall terminate, and the Project will be assessed conventionally as of the date of the recording of the master deed.

4. The Tax Agreement shall be subject to the provisions of Section 364-19 of the Ordinance as codified. This Section shall be incorporated in the Tax Agreement by reference as if fully set forth therein.

5. The Municipal Clerk shall forward a copy of the Tax Agreements to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs within thirty (30) days of the date of execution of the Tax Agreement.

6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, excepting the Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

7. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

**Introduced: August 4, 2021**

### Notice

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted for first reading by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of West New York, New Jersey, on **August 4, 2021** and ordered published, and will be further considered before final passage at a public hearing on **September 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** held remotely. Instructions regarding attendance and participation in the meeting will be posted on the Town's website: <http://www.westnewyorknj.org> . A copy of this Ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted on in the Town Hall of the Town of West New York, and a copy (at no charge) is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the public of the Town who shall request such copies, at the Office of the Town Clerk in said Town Hall in West New York, N.J.