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**PAYMENT IN LIEU
OF TAXES AGREEMENT**

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This PILOT AGREEMENT for payments in lieu of taxes (“**PILOT Payments**”) is made by and between Christ Church Milwaukee, Inc., a Wisconsin non-stock corporation, (“**PROSPECTIVE OWNER**”) and the City of Milwaukee, a Wisconsin municipal corporation (“**CITY**”), as of the _____ day of _____, 2021.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, PROSPECTIVE OWNER intends to acquire real property which is legally described on **Exhibit A** (the “**PROPERTY**”); and

WHEREAS, PROSPECTIVE OWNER recognizes that, notwithstanding the fact that portions of the PROPERTY may in the future qualify for tax exempt status, valuable government services and benefits will be provided to it and the PROPERTY, which services and benefits directly or indirectly relate to the public health, safety, and welfare, and which include, but are not limited to: fire and police protection; paved streets and streetlights; snow removal; benefits associated with living in an organized community; and

WHEREAS, PROSPECTIVE OWNER agrees, for itself and its successors and assigns, that, if the PROSPECTIVE OWNER does become the owner of the Property, and if the PROPERTY becomes exempt from payment of property taxes, then PROSPECTIVE OWNER will make PILOT Payments to CITY in recognition of the services and benefits referred to herein; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this PILOT AGREEMENT to have PROSPECTIVE OWNER (if PROSPECTIVE OWNER becomes the owner of the PROPERTY and if the Milwaukee Assessor determines the PROPERTY is exempt from property taxes) on behalf of itself and all future owners and tenants of the PROPERTY, any parcel or building which is within the PROPERTY or any portion thereof, make payments in lieu of taxes in the event that the PROPERTY becomes exempt from payment of property taxes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.

The parties hereby acknowledge that the above Recital clauses are part of this PILOT AGREEMENT.

2. CITY SERVICES.

A. Services Typically Covered by Property Tax.

CITY agrees to continue to furnish governmental services and benefits to the PROPERTY of the same type, and to the extent, as are furnished from time to time, without cost or charge (except by means of property tax and authorized fees and charges), to other similarly situated commercial buildings and projects in CITY. Nothing in this PILOT AGREEMENT shall be construed to give PROSPECTIVE OWNER or its successors and assigns a contractual right to specific governmental services, or to impose upon CITY any additional duties, it being the parties' intent that CITY provide public services to the PROPERTY subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to properties owned by citizens or the public generally. Such services and benefits include, but are not limited by specific enumeration herein, those typically covered by the property tax such as fire and police protection, and on public streets, snow removal, and street lighting. CITY shall not have breached its obligations hereunder if it is prevented from providing benefits and/or services to the PROPERTY because of typical *force majeure* reasons (e.g. war, flood, fire, labor dispute, supply shortage, act of God, natural disaster, etc.), because of budgetary constraints, or because any person or entity shall assert a right which prevents delivery of such benefits and/or services.

B. BID Assessments, Special Assessments, Special Charges and Fees.

Notwithstanding paragraph 2.A., or any future property tax exempt status of the PROPERTY, PROSPECTIVE OWNER understands that the PROPERTY will be subject to applicable business and/or neighborhood improvement district assessments, special assessments, special

charges, and special taxes as defined in §74.01, Wis. Stats. (and as also referred to in Ch. 66, Wis. Stats.) and fees charged by CITY in the same manner that such special assessments, special charges, special taxes, and fees are charged for similar services and/or undertakings to commercial buildings within CITY. This provision shall not affect CITY's powers, consistent with the law, to determine the services and benefits (other than those typically covered by the property tax) that shall be provided to the PROPERTY and/or similarly situated property pursuant to this paragraph 2.B. Nothing contained herein shall preclude PROSPECTIVE OWNER or its successors and assigns from appealing, as provided by law, the imposition of such special assessments, special charges, special taxes, or fees by CITY.

3. PILOT PAYMENTS.

A. Calculations.

In recognition of those services and benefits covered by paragraph 2.A. of this PILOT AGREEMENT, beginning in the year the PROSPECTIVE OWNER becomes the owner of the PROPERTY and the year in which the PROPERTY or any portion thereof becomes exempt from property tax, and so long as the PROPERTY or any portion thereof continues to be exempt, in whole or in part, under § 70.11, Wis. Stats., PROSPECTIVE OWNER or its successors and assigns shall pay CITY an annual PILOT Payment for the PROPERTY or the portion thereof which is exempt for each calendar year. The method to be used in determining the PILOT shall be the Value¹ for that tax year determined by CITY's Assessor multiplied by the City Property Tax Rate² for the tax year.

B. Payment Due Date.

PILOT Payments for the year in which the PROPERTY or a portion thereof becomes exempt and subsequent years shall be due and payable (i) in full on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year for which the PILOT Payment was calculated, or (ii) if PROSPECTIVE OWNER or its successor or assign elects to pay in installments, according to the following schedule: one-tenth of the PILOT Payment by the last day of each month for the first 10 months in the year following the calendar year for which the particular PILOT Payment was calculated. PROSPECTIVE OWNER or its successor or assign shall be deemed to have elected to pay the PILOT Payment in installments by making the first full installment payment on or before January 31 in the respective year in which the PILOT Payment is due.

C. Use.

CITY may use and expend PILOT Payments hereunder in such manner and for such purposes as CITY desires.

D. Mandatory Payment for Services to Offset PILOT Payment.

¹ "Value" herein means CITY Assessor's determination of the fair market value of the tax exempt portion(s) of the PROPERTY on January 1 of each tax year.

² "City Property Tax Rate" means the tax rate of the City of Milwaukee reflected on City of Milwaukee tax bills from time to time (in 2020 the applicable City Property Tax Rate was \$10.09 per \$1,000 of assessed value).

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if the State of Wisconsin enacts a mandatory payment for municipal services to be paid by owners of property exempt from general property tax or similarly situated owners of exempt property, PILOT Payments shall be reduced dollar for dollar by any such mandatory payment paid by PROSPECTIVE OWNER or its successors or assigns to CITY.

4. EXEMPT STATUS.

NOTHING IN THIS PILOT AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS GRANTING TAX-EXEMPT STATUS ON THE PROSPECTIVE OWNER OR THE PROPERTY. IF OWNER QUALIFIES FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS UNDER WISCONSIN LAW, IT IS THE OWNER'S OBLIGATION TO APPLY FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS. At such time that PROSPECTIVE OWNER is granted tax exempt status pursuant to §70.11, Wis. Stats., PROSPECTIVE OWNER shall then make PILOT Payments pursuant to this PILOT AGREEMENT. No PILOT Payment under this PILOT AGREEMENT is due from PROSPECTIVE OWNER until such time that the PROPERTY is deemed to be exempt from payment of property taxes pursuant to §70.11, Wis. Stats.

CITY Assessor's Office may review the PROPERTY's exempt status under §70.11, Wis. Stats. from time to time with the respective January 1 dates being the reference dates for those exemption reviews. If CITY, as a result of those reviews or otherwise, determines that all or any portion of the PROPERTY no longer qualifies (or does not qualify) for exemption from property tax, **(i)** CITY will provide notice of such determination to PROSPECTIVE OWNER or its successor or assign, **(ii)** this PILOT AGREEMENT shall be suspended with respect to any years and, if applicable, with respect to any portions of the PROPERTY for which exemption no longer applies, **(iii)** if PILOT Payments have been erroneously made for such tax years, CITY shall promptly refund such PILOT Payments, or, at the option of CITY, offset such PILOT Payments against any property taxes due, or to become due, from PROSPECTIVE OWNER or its successors or assigns, in which case CITY will treat such offset as having been made under protest, and **(iv)** the PROPERTY, or any portion thereof which does not qualify for exemption, shall be placed on the property tax rolls for all years for which whole or partial exemption has been determined not to apply. If PROSPECTIVE OWNER or its successors or assigns disagree with CITY's determination that the PROPERTY or any part thereof no longer qualifies for tax exemption, PROSPECTIVE OWNER or its successors or assigns may challenge such determination by following the procedure set forth in §74.35, Wis. Stats. or as otherwise provided by law.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, PROSPECTIVE OWNER acknowledges that it is or may be bound by the reporting requirement, in §70.11, Wis. Stats., preamble, and that under §70.109, Wis. Stats.: exemptions are strictly construed; it is presumed that property is taxable; and the burden is on the person claiming exemption.

PROSPECTIVE OWNER, on its behalf and that of its successors and assigns, also acknowledges that if it leases, or otherwise allows another person to use and/or occupy, all or a portion of the PROPERTY, such use may affect the PROPERTY's exempt status. See, e.g. the

preamble of §70.11, Wis. Stats., §70.1105, and *Deutsches Land v. City of Glendale*, (WI S.Ct. April 16, 1999). For example, if PROSPECTIVE OWNER is exempt but only uses and occupies 90% of the PROPERTY for exempt purposes and leases the other 10% of the PROPERTY to a for-profit, nonexempt entity, and if the assessor applies a square footage, taxed in part analysis, the PROPERTY is to be taxed on a 10% basis and exempt on a 90% basis and the PILOT Payment would have to be paid on the 90% portion.

5. TERM.

This PILOT AGREEMENT shall be permanent and shall run with the land.

6. APPEAL OF ASSESSED VALUE.

OWNER and its successors and assigns shall have the same rights to contest the assessed valuation of the PROPERTY as a taxpaying owner under Wisconsin law. CITY acknowledges OWNER's right to contest the assessed valuation of the PROPERTY under the procedures provided in §§70.07 and 70.47, Wis. Stats., and CITY expressly agrees not to dispute OWNER's right to contest the assessed valuation of the PROPERTY under said statutes.

7. DOCUMENTS, INSPECTION, COOPERATION.

PROSPECTIVE OWNER and its successors and assigns shall cooperate with CITY (including, but not limited to, the City Assessor's Office, the City Attorney's Office, and the City Comptroller's Office) with respect to this PILOT AGREEMENT by allowing inspections of the PROPERTY upon reasonable written request of CITY and by allowing inspection of any leases applicable to the PROPERTY and such other documents that CITY may, from time to time, request concerning exemption and assessment determinations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CITY expressly reserves all its rights in law and equity to inspect and to obtain disclosure, documents, inspection, and information.

8. AMENDMENT.

This PILOT AGREEMENT may be modified and amended from time to time as CITY and PROSPECTIVE OWNER shall mutually agree in writing. However, if an amendment or modification applies to only a portion of the PROPERTY, it is only the CITY and the current owner(s) of that portion of the PROPERTY that must agree in writing to the amendment or modification rather than all parties defined as PROSPECTIVE OWNER in this PILOT AGREEMENT.

9. SEVERABILITY; GOVERNING LAW.

If any provision hereof is duly held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid with respect to any circumstance or otherwise, the remainder of this PILOT AGREEMENT and/or the application of the PILOT AGREEMENT to any other circumstance, shall not be affected thereby. The parties intend that the laws of the State of Wisconsin and ordinances and

regulations of the City of Milwaukee shall be the governing law with respect to this PILOT AGREEMENT.

10. BINDING EFFECT/NOTICE.

This PILOT AGREEMENT shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of that parties hereto and their successors and assigns. Successors and assigns referred to in this PILOT AGREEMENT include any owner or tenant of any portion of the PROPERTY or improvements thereon. PROSPECTIVE OWNER and its successors and assigns shall include a reference to this PILOT AGREEMENT in each future conveyance of all or any portion of the PROPERTY in order to give express notice of this PILOT AGREEMENT. Neither PROSPECTIVE OWNER nor its successors or assigns shall have any liability for obligations accruing under this PILOT AGREEMENT with respect to any portions of the PROPERTY for any period of time other than during their ownership and/or occupancy. PROSPECTIVE OWNER AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS MAY WISH TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE TERMS OF THIS PILOT AGREEMENT TO FUTURE TENANTS UNDER LEASES FOR PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY AND ALLOCATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENTS UNDER THIS PILOT AGREEMENT IN ANY LEASES FOR PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY.

11. AUTHORITY.

PROSPECTIVE OWNER represents and warrants to CITY that its agents executing this PILOT AGREEMENT have been duly authorized to so execute and to cause PROSPECTIVE OWNER to enter this PILOT AGREEMENT, and that PROSPECTIVE OWNER has obtained all requisite consents and approvals concerning the same.

12. RECORDING; CONTINGENCY.

CITY shall cause this PILOT AGREEMENT or a memorandum of this PILOT AGREEMENT to be recorded with the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds and deliver a copy of the recorded PILOT AGREEMENT to PROSPECTIVE OWNER.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the parties hereto agree that: **(A)** this PILOT AGREEMENT is subject to the contingency of PROSPECTIVE OWNER acquiring ownership of the PROPERTY (or any interest therein, whether by deed, land contract, life estate, estate for period of time, etc.); **(B)** CITY shall not record this document (or any memorandum thereof) in the Register of Deeds Office until PROSPECTIVE OWNER does become the owner of the PROPERTY (or an interest therein); **(C)** PROSPECTIVE OWNER shall, within 5 days of PROSPECTIVE OWNER acquiring ownership of the PROPERTY (or any interest therein), provide email notice of such including a copy of the conveyance instrument and the Register of Deeds recorded document number to the City's Assessment Commissioner, Steven Miner, at sminer@milwaukee.gov.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this PILOT AGREEMENT to be executed by duly authorized representatives as of the date and year first written above.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

Tom Barrett, Mayor

James R. Owczarski, City Clerk

COUNTERSIGNED:

Aycha Sawa, Comptroller

AUTHENTICATION. Signatures of the City representatives above are authenticated this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Gregg Hagopian, Assistant City Attorney
State Bar No. 1007373

**PROSPECTIVE OWNER:
CHRIST CHURCH MILWAUKEE, INC.**

By: Rev Jon Talley

Name Printed: Jon Talley

Title: Trustee

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

) ss:

MILWAUKEE COUNTY)

Personally came before me this 6th day of September, 2021, Jon Talley, the Trustee of the above-named entity, to me known to be the person and officer who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of the entity, and acknowledged that he/she executed the foregoing instrument as such officer.



BRIAN ROGGA
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission expires 8/16/25

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description of the Property

Original plat of the Town of Milwaukee west of the river in sections 20 and 29, T7N, R22E, Lot 10, Block 29, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Also in BID No. 08.

Address: 1422 N. Vel R. Phillips Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53212

TIN: 361-0291-111