NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Wichita.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after August 2, 2022, the City of Wichita will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program authorized under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, to undertake the following proposed project:

Project Title: Timbers Preservation Project – Phase I, 2021 N. Old Manor Wichita KS 67208.

Purpose: The proposed development will be the first phase in the revitalization of the existing Timbers campus at 2021 North Old Manor Road. The existing buildings on the campus were constructed in 1979 and after a needs assessment was performed it was determined that demolishing and replacing the existing apartment buildings would be a more cost-effective approach. This conclusion was reached after taking into account the deteriorating condition of the buildings along with the difficulty in modifying them to meet current handicap accessibility and energy efficiency requirements. This phase of the proposed development will involve demolishing and replacing three six-plexes and will be comprised of eighteen one-bedroom units, each approx. 790 sf in size. Since the development will involve replacing housing on an existing campus for existing tenants, the new apartments will relate perfectly to their surroundings.

Project Location: 2021 N. Old Manor, Wichita KS 67208.

Duration/Time: Developers propose construction will start in December 2022 and be completed in December 2023.

Estimated Cost: It is estimated this project will utilize $190,000.00 of HUD HOME Program funds. The total project estimated cost is $4,182,900.
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Wichita has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Records (ERR) on file at the City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department. The ERR is available for viewing online at https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/default.aspx and may be examined or printed. Due to existing COVID-19 safety protocols, City of Wichita offices are not open to the public except on the first floor of City Hall, located at 455 N. Main Street in Wichita Kansas. City staff encourage interested parties to view the ERR online.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Wichita. Those comments should be addressed to Lance Dixon, Wichita Housing and Community Services Department; 455 N. Main Street – 10th Floor, Wichita, KS 67202, or via email to: ldixon@wichita.gov. All comments received by August 1, 2022, will be considered by the City of Wichita prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. The ERR will be available for viewing and copying online at https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/default.aspx.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Wichita certifies to HUD that Robert Layton in his capacity as the Wichita City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act, and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Wichita to use HUD program funds.

OBLIGATIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Wichita’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Wichita; (b) the City of Wichita has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of
environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to: CPD_COVID-19OEE-KC@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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