

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF DISTRESSED PROPERTIES LOCATED IN DESIGNATED AREAS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock (“the City”) is committed to maintaining vibrant, healthy, well-maintained and secure neighborhoods as part of its ongoing development strategies; and

WHEREAS, clean, orderly and safe neighborhoods enhance property values in the City, promote new residential and commercial development and improve the overall aesthetic appearance and safe environment of the City; and

WHEREAS, there are currently areas in the City with concentrations of properties that are distressed by clouded title or neglect, such that the properties have become unsafe, vacant, run down, dilapidated, dangerous, unsightly and detrimental to the public welfare of North Little Rock citizens and residents; and

WHEREAS, the City has sought to remedy the problems associated with distressed properties through the enforcement of the City’s Nuisance Abatement and Property Maintenance Ordinance (Ord. No. 8001, as amended), by exercising its common law and statutory authority to abate nuisances, including the razing and removing of nuisance structures; and

WHEREAS, by acquiring distressed properties within defined areas, the City intends to restore the aesthetic appeal and facilitate the proper future development of the designated area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to acquire distressed properties within an area bordered on the north by West 23rd Street, on the south by West 22nd Street, on the east by Railroad Avenue and the west by Pike Avenue. (See map attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.) In furtherance of this objective, the Mayor may contract with such person and professionals as may be reasonable necessary or advisable to fulfill the purposes of this resolution. The price of acquisition shall not exceed five hundred dollars per lot.

SECTION 2: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute agreements with the State of Arkansas for the donation of tax delinquent property within the area indicated on Exhibit A, including those agreements containing provisions that mandate the repayment of delinquent taxes.

SECTION 3: That \$10,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund for the purposes of this resolution

SECTION 4: That the City Attorney will approve all contracts prior to execution.

SECTION 5: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:



Mayor Joe A. Smith

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

FILED 11:33 A.M. _____ P.M.

By City Atty Carter

DATE 9-6-14

**Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas**

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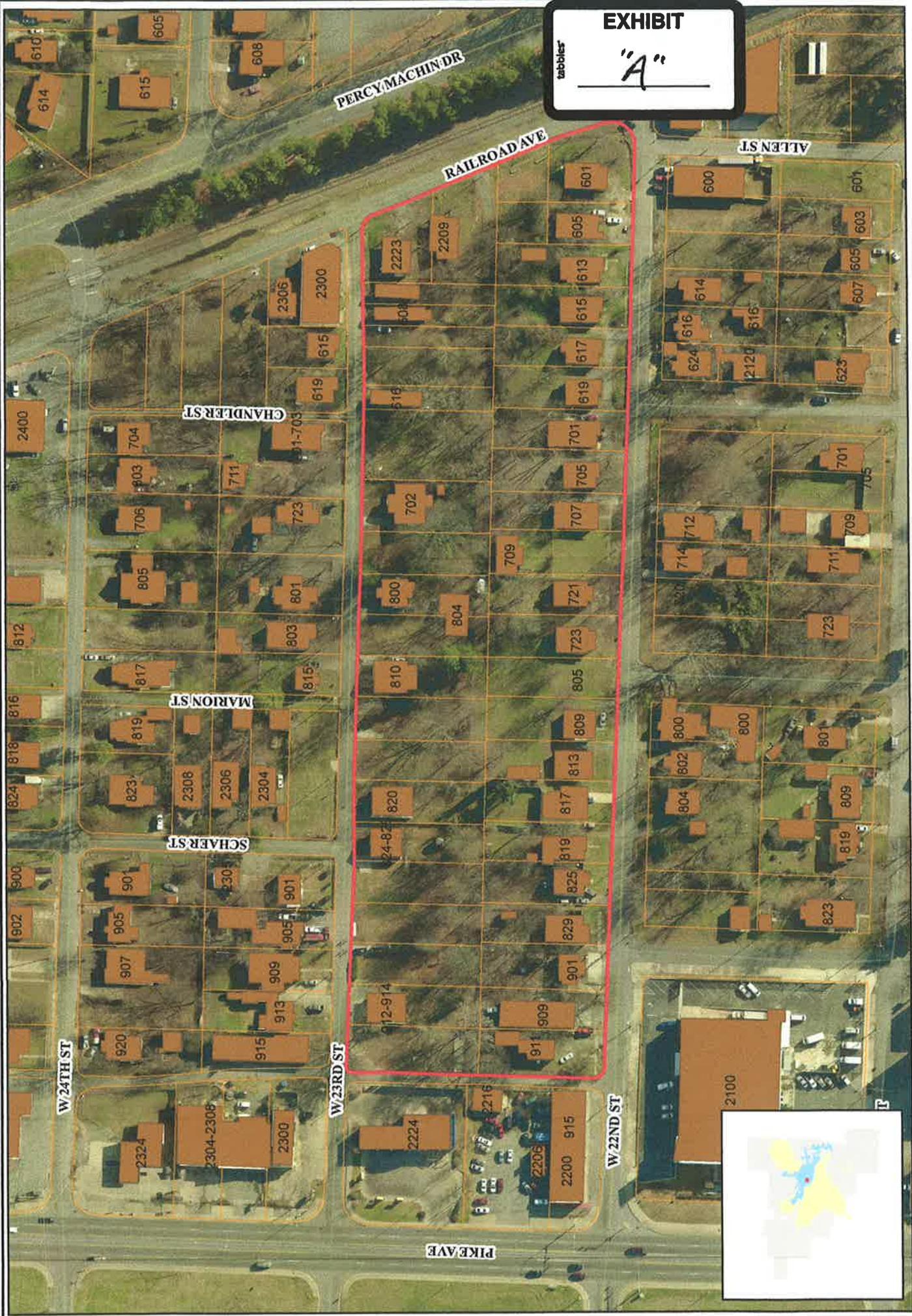


EXHIBIT
"A"



Date: 8/29/2016

