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**Title:** Support of Class L tax incentive for property at 312 N Carpenter St  
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**Indexes:** Class L  
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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/22/2016	1	City Council	Signed by Mayor	
9/14/2016	1	City Council	Passed	Pass
9/9/2016	1	Committee on Finance	Recommended to Pass	Pass
7/20/2016	1	City Council	Referred	

### ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (the "City") is a home rule unit of government under Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois authorized to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has enacted the Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance, as amended (the "Classification Ordinance"), which establishes the Class L property tax classification to encourage the preservation and rehabilitation of certain historically and architecturally significant buildings, which will enhance the general character of real estate in the county and contribute to the economic well-being of the county by increasing the level of economic activity, increasing employment opportunities and contributing to the long-term growth of the real property tax base; and

WHEREAS, MC ASB 312 Carpenter, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Owner"), is the owner of the historic building (the "Building") located at 312 North Carpenter Street in Chicago, Illinois, as more precisely described in Exhibit 1 attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof (the land and improvements thereon being herein referred to as the "Project Real Estate"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (the "City Council") adopted an ordinance on July 29, 2015, designating the area encompassing the Building, otherwise known as the Fulton-Randolph Market District, as a Chicago Landmark pursuant to the criteria established in Section 2-120-580 et seq. of the Municipal Code of Chicago, identifies the Building as a Contributing Building within the Fulton-Randolph Market District, and such designation as a Chicago landmark meets the definition of landmark pursuant to Section 1 of the Classification Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Owner proposes to rehabilitate the Building thereby preserving the historic building, increasing employment opportunities in the area and contributing to the long-term growth of the real property tax base (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Project may require a transfer of a beneficial interest in the Owner to one or

more entities who will receive an allocation of federal historic rehabilitation tax credits ("Tax Credit Investors"); and

WHEREAS, the Owner anticipates using the Building for commercial purposes after the Project is completed (the "Use"); and

WHEREAS, the Owner has applied to the Office of the Assessor of Cook County, Illinois (the "Assessor"), for designation of the Project Real Estate as a Class L classification eligible for certain real estate tax incentives pursuant to the Classification Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Classification Ordinance, the Class L classification is available to real estate which is to be used for commercial or industrial purposes and which (1) is a Landmark (as defined in the Classification Ordinance); and (2) has undergone Substantial Rehabilitation (as defined in the Classification Ordinance), which constitutes an investment by the owner of at least 50 percent of the building's full market value as determined by the Assessor in the assessment year prior to the commencement of the Substantial Rehabilitation; and the Class L incentive shall apply to

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•the building only, except that if the entire building has been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months prior to the filing of the eligibility application with the Assessor, the land upon which the building is situated shall be eligible for the incentive; and

WHEREAS, the Classification Ordinance requires that, in connection with the filing of a Class L eligibility application with the Assessor, an applicant must obtain from the unit of local government in which the real estate is located, an ordinance or resolution which expressly states that the local government: 1) has determined that the incentive provided by Class L is necessary for the Substantial Rehabilitation of the property; 2) supports and consents to the granting of the incentive; and 3) has reviewed and accepted its Preservation Commission's (as defined in the Classification Ordinance) written recommendation of the project for the Class L incentive, specifying the project budget and proposed scope of the work, which meets or exceeds the Standards of the United States Department of the Interior for Rehabilitation, Preservation, Restoration, and Reconstruction of historic properties; and

WHEREAS, the City is a Certified Local Government as defined in the Classification Ordinance and has established the City of Chicago Commission on Chicago Landmarks (the "Landmarks Commission"), and such Landmarks Commission is a Preservation Commission (as defined in the Classification Ordinance); and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2016, the Landmarks Commission issued a written recommendation of the Project to the City Council recommending that the Project be approved by the Assessor for the Class L incentive, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and hereby made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Project Real Estate shall have been occupied and used for the 24-month period prior to the filing of the Class L eligibility application with the Assessor, making the Class L incentive applicable to the Building only; and

**WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development of the City ("DPD") has reviewed the proposed Project, has determined that it meets the necessary eligibility requirements for Class L designation, and hereby recommends to City Council that the City expressly determine by ordinance that: 1) the incentive provided by Class L is necessary for the Substantial Rehabilitation of the Project Real Estate; 2) the City supports and consents to the granting of the incentive; and 3) the City has reviewed and accepted the Landmarks Commission's written recommendation of the Project for the Class L incentive, specifying the Project budget and proposed scope of the work, and specifying that the Project meets or exceeds the Standards of the United States Department of the Interior for Rehabilitation, Preservation, Restoration, and Reconstruction of historic properties; now, therefore,**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

SECTION 1. The above recitals are hereby expressly incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The City hereby determines that the incentive provided by Class L is necessary for the Substantial Rehabilitation of the Project Real Estate.

SECTION 3. The City hereby expressly supports and consents to the granting of the Class L

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incentive. The City's support and consent to the grant of certification for the Class L incentive for the Project Real Estate is expressly conditioned upon the substantial completion of the Project as proposed by the Owner and approved by the City, both upon completion of the Substantial Rehabilitation of the Project Real Estate and during the term of the Class L incentive.

SECTION 4. The Project is anticipated to be completed by March 31, 2017. The Commissioner of DPD (the "Commissioner") or a designee of the Commissioner (together with the Commissioner, an "Authorized Officer") shall have discretion to extend the construction completion date by issuing a written extension letter in response to a written request from the Owner. To the extent that the Project Real Estate is not rehabilitated, used or maintained during the term of the Class L incentive in a manner which is substantially consistent with the approved Project or Use, as determined by the Authorized Officer, the Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to take such steps as may be necessary and appropriate to withdraw the City's support and consent to the Class L incentive, which may cause the Class L certification to be terminated or revoked.

SECTION 5. The City has reviewed and hereby accepts the Landmarks Commission's written recommendation of the Project for the Class L incentive, which specifies the Project budget and proposed scope of the work, and which specifies that the Project meets or exceeds the Standards of the United States Department of the Interior for Rehabilitation, Preservation, Restoration, and Reconstruction of historic properties, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and made a part hereof.

SECTION 6. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this ordinance to the Assessor and to furnish such additional information as may be required in connection with the filing of the application by the Owner with the Assessor for Class L designation of the Project Real Estate.

SECTION 7. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to enter into and execute such instruments and agreements, and perform any and all acts as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the Project which reflect the terms described in Exhibit 2 hereto, or such other terms and conditions as may be imposed or approved in connection with the Project by the Authorized Officer.

SECTION 8. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to approve minor changes in the scope of work and budget delineated on (Sub) Exhibits A and B to Exhibit 2 hereof, provided that changes in the Building conditions warrant such changes and will not change the suitability of the Project Real Estate for the Use (all as determined in the sole discretion of the Authorized Officer). Changes to the Project budget delineated on (Sub) Exhibit A to Exhibit 2 shall not require prior City approval provided that the Project is substantially completed in accordance with the scope of work defined in (Sub) Exhibit B to Exhibit 2 and achieves the minimum investment required for Class L eligibility.

SECTION 9. Upon request by the Owner for a final determination of the eligibility of the Project Real Estate for the Class L incentive by the Landmarks Commission pursuant to the Classification Ordinance upon completion of the Substantial Rehabilitation of the Project Real Estate, the Authorized Officer shall verify that the work performed substantially conforms to the Project approved by the City and that the Project Real Estate is eligible for the Class L

incentive (the "Final Determination").

SECTION 10. Any conveyance of all or a portion of the Project Real Estate by the Owner before the Final Determination shall render the support and consent of the City for the Class L incentive set forth hereunder in connection with the Project null and void. Any renewed support and consent of the City for the Class L incentive contemplated in connection with the Project undertaken by a successor in interest to the Owner of the Project Real Estate prior to the Final Determination shall require additional authorization by the City Council. Any change prior to the Final Determination in the direct owners in excess of 7.5% of the Owner or who constitute the direct or indirect controlling parties of the Owner, as determined by the Corporation Counsel (an "Ownership Change"), shall render the support and consent of the City for the Class L incentive set forth hereunder in connection with the Project null and void, unless such Ownership Change is approved by the Authorized Officer in his or her discretion. This Section 10 shall not apply to the transfer of a beneficial interest in the Owner to Tax Credit Investors with respect to the Project, or to the transfer of a leasehold interest in the Project Real Estate to a master tenant entity owned in whole or in part by one or more Tax Credit Investors, provided that such transfers do not involve a change to the direct or indirect controlling parties of the Owner.

SECTION 11. No permit fee waiver(s) pursuant to Section 2-120-815 of the Municipal Code of Chicago from the City related to the Project Real Estate shall be granted to the Owner during the rehabilitation of the Project and prior to the expiration of the Class L incentive related to the Project Real Estate.

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SECTION 12. To the extent that any ordinance, resolution, order or provision of the Municipal Code of Chicago, or part thereof, is in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be controlling. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage and approval.

### EXHIBIT 1

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

(Subject to final title and survey)

THAT PART OF LOTS 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13 AND 16 IN SUB BLOCK 13, IN CARPENTERS ADDITION TO CHICAGO, TAKEN AS A TRACT AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE SOUTH 00°09'38" WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 127.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89°38'06" WEST 72.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°02'09" WEST 1.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°58'32" WEST 48.53 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 00°10'25" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 61.53 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 89°38'06" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 120.54 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT; THENCE NORTH 00°09'38" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 62.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

CONTAINING 7,523 SQUARE FEET OR 0.17 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

The above legal description is a portion of the current PIN 17-08-410-004, which PIN may be subdivided hereafter

Commonly known as: 312 North Carpenter Street, Chicago, IL  
EXHIBIT 2

Commission on Chicago Landmarks Recommendation to the City Council

- see attached

**CITY OF CHICAGO COMMISSION ON CHICAGO LANDMARKS**  
**March 3, 2016**

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT A CLASS L REAL ESTATE TAX  
REDUCTION BE APPROVED FOR**

**312 N. Carpenter (Fulton-Randolph Market District)**

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago:**

Whereas, the Commission on Chicago Landmarks (the "Commission") has reviewed an application for the proposed exterior and interior rehabilitation of the building at 312 N. Carpenter (the "Building," and its rehabilitation, the "Project"), pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance, as amended (the "County Ordinance"), and its requirements governing the Class L real estate tax incentive (the "Class L"); and

Whereas, the Building is within the Fulton-Randolph Market District, designated as a Chicago Landmark by the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "City Council") on July 29, 2015; now, therefore

**THE COMMISSION ON CHICAGO LANDMARKS HEREBY:**

1. Incorporates the above recitals; and
2. Finds, based on the Project's budget and proposed scope of work, incorporated herein and attached as Exhibits A and B respectively, that the Project meets or exceeds the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings; and
3. Finds that the Project meets the eligibility criteria for the Class L incentive specified in the County Ordinance;
4. Finds that 312 N. Carpenter is a contributing building to the historic character of the Fulton-Randolph Market District; and,

Rafael M. Lt< Chairman

5. *Recommends that the Project be approved for the Class L incentive.*

*The above recommendation was passed m< \*\*>~>>--\*\_~^^*

EXHIBIT A

312 N. CARPENTER  
PROJECT BUDGET

	Non-Eligible Costs*		Total Costs
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1. BUILDING ACQUISITION & CLOSING COSTS	\$3,500,245		\$3,500,245
2. HARD COSTS			
Abatement	\$60,000	<i>mmmmm</i>	\$71,000
		<i>m</i>	
Masonry and Cleaning	\$195,000		\$478,000
New Storefronts and Windows	\$0		\$206,700
Interior Doors, Frames & Hardware	\$89,367		\$146,076
Specialties	\$5,000		\$6,250
Elevator	\$0	<i>i^ttBWWP^5f</i>	\$105,000
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Electrical	\$109,314		\$273,285
Fireproofing/Waterproofing	\$158,850		\$288,600
Dry wall	\$196,389		\$375,012
Roofing and Green Roof	\$45,700	<i>mmmam</i>	\$175,700
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Carpentry & Millwork	\$11,720		\$41,800
Concrete	\$119,500		\$195,500
Fire Sprinkler	\$34,000		\$85,000
Plumbing	\$157,500		\$225,000 •
Structural	\$501,200		\$967,400
HVAC	\$154,770		\$515,900
Demolition	\$20,000		\$170,000
Site Work	\$46,125		\$136,800
Utilities	\$30,779		\$51,298
General Conditions	\$122,500	<i>mmmmm</i>	\$245,000
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Insurance	\$22,767		\$45,534
Overheard & Fees	\$68,300		\$136,600
SUBTOTAL	\$2,148,781	<i>mmmmm</i>	\$4,941,455
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3. SOFT COSTS			
Permit Fees	\$23,618	"^i\$5-iaS3-i	\$75,001
A&E	\$46,637		\$148,100
Consulting	\$49,046		\$155,750
Legal	\$31,096		\$98,750
Insurance	\$10,392		\$33,000
Development Management	\$60,819		\$193,137
Other Marketing	\$21,250		\$21,250
Contingency	\$22,830		\$72,499
SUBTOTAL	\$265,688	?M3iM^53ji!;7S!?	\$797,487
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PROJECT TOTAL COSTS	\$5,914,714		\$9,239,187

\*Non-eligible costs include all work for the rear addition.

**EXHIBIT B**

**312 N. CARPENTER SCOPE OF THE WORK**

General. All work affecting the significant historical and architectural features shall be done in accordance with the following:  
 The City of Chicago's building permit review procedures and the Landmarks Ordinance, 2-120-580 et seq. of the Municipal Code of Chicago.  
 The review and approval of the Commission.  
 The U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings (the "Standards") and the Guidelines for Alterations to Historic Buildings and New Construction, adopted by the Commission on March 4, 1992.  
 Historic photographs, architectural drawings, and any other available archival documentation of the building, to be investigated and assembled by the property owner. Drawings prepared by Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture dated March 3, 2016, and any Commission/PRC conditions of approval.

Required Approvals. All work must be submitted to the Commission staff for prior review and approval. The Commission staff may require as part of its review, as appropriate, material samples, paint colors and finishes, shop drawings, specifications, mock-ups, test patches, and control samples.

**Required Work.**

***Exterior:***

Work shall include:

- Masonry work to include: rebuilding of front cornice and parapets; repair/replacement of deteriorated masonry to match original; pointing of mortar joints as needed on all elevations; chemical cleaning of Carpenter elevation
- Repair/replacement of historic cast iron at storefronts and restoration of missing pieces to match historic

Installation of new storefronts and entrances Installation of new lintels at storefront Installation of new upper-floor windows

***Installation of vegetative 'green' roof for a minimum of 50% of net usable area Interior:***

Work shall include:

Demolition of all interior non-load bearing walls and finishes  
Structural work to include: reinforcing existing beams throughout; underpinning column and exterior wall foundations; anchoring front masonry wall to interior structure; restructuring first floor entries for accessibility; replacement of roof joists  
Installation of a new elevator Construction of new fire stairs Upper floor entry lobby  
New concrete floor topping ready for tenants finish  
New service rooms for water and switch gear; new utility room for water service and equipment; new incoming water service and distribution New electrical room for main electrical service and metering New gas service

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All new sprinkler system and fire protection system New mechanical system

Work shall occur in accordance with permit drawings for the Project, to be reviewed and approved by the staff of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks. Upon completion of the above scope of work, the project shall exceed ASHRAE 90.1-2004 by at least 14%.

Additional work not required by the Class L, but to be undertaken by the owner, includes construction of a rear addition. Any signage and exterior illumination shall be reviewed and approved by the Commission. The project is designed to follow Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certified guidelines.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

July 20, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Commissioner of Planning and Development, I transmit herewith ordinance authorizing a Class L tax status for property located at 312 North Carpenter.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

**CHICAGO September 14, 2016 To the President and**

**Members of the City Council: Your Committee on Finance having had under consideration**

An ordinance authorizing the approval of a Class L Real Estate Tax Incentive Classification for property located at 312 North Carpenter owned by MC ASB 312 Carpenter, LLC.

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Having had the same under advisement, begs leave to report and recommend that your Honorable Body pass the proposed Ordinance Transmitted Herewith

**This recommendation was concurred in by  
of members of the committee with**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Chairman**