



**Asbury Park, New Jersey  
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-15**

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF  
MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL  
ASSESSMENT OF THE COST OF CERTAIN WASTEWATER, STORMWATER,  
ROADWAY, STREETScape, UTILITY AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPROVEMENTS ON BLOCK 4205, LOTS 2 AND 3 WITHIN THE ASBURY PARK  
WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM  
FOR PAYMENT OF THE COST THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A1 et seq. (the “Redevelopment Law” or the “Act”) and that certain redevelopment plan dated as of June 5, 2002 (as amended and supplemented from time to time, the “Redevelopment Plan”), the City of Asbury Park (the “City”), in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, and Asbury Partners, LLC (the “Master Developer”) entered into that certain “Amended and Restated Redeveloper and Land Disposition Agreement” dated October 28, 2002 (as the same may be amended and supplemented in accordance with its terms, the “Redeveloper Agreement”) with respect to the Waterfront Redevelopment Area, as defined therein; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to finance the cost of the infrastructure improvements contemplated by the Redeveloper Agreement, the City has determined that the cost of the infrastructure improvements should be assessed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-1 et seq. (the “Local Improvements Law”) and/or pursuant to an assessment agreement under the Redevelopment Area Bond Financing Law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-64 et seq. (the “RAB Law”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Redeveloper Agreement, the Master Developer is responsible for the costs of certain wastewater, stormwater, roadway, streetscape, utility and other infrastructure improvements (the “Infrastructure Improvements”) within the Waterfront Redevelopment Area, including with respect to Block 4205, Lots 2 and 3 (the “Property”), which Infrastructure Improvements, in whole or in part, constitute:

- (i) redevelopment projects (collectively, the “Infrastructure Redevelopment Project”) to be undertaken pursuant to the Redevelopment Plan in the Waterfront Redevelopment Area, all as contemplated by the Redevelopment Law and RAB Law, and
- (ii) local improvements within the meaning, and for the purposes set forth in the Local Improvement Law for which a special assessment may be imposed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Developer has with entered into a Subsequent Developer

Agreement with PHM Sunset Square Urban Renewal LLC (the “Subsequent Developer”) and the City, dated August 28, 2023, pursuant to which the Subsequent Developer assumed certain rights and obligations of the Master Developer; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the RAB Law, a municipality may issue bonds (as issued in connection with this Ordinance, the “RABs”) to finance redevelopment projects pursuant to a redevelopment plan within an area in need of redevelopment, which RABs may be secured by, among other things, a special assessment on certain property located within an area in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to enter into a Special Assessment Agreement with the Subsequent Developer for the special assessment of certain Infrastructure Improvements, as listed in Exhibit A of the Special Assessment Agreement, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The defined terms set forth in the recitals contained in this Ordinance are incorporated by reference as it is set forth at length herein.

**Section 2.** The purpose of this special assessment ordinance is to establish a mechanism for imposing special assessments of all or a portion the cost of the Infrastructure Improvements to be developed, financed and constructed on or benefiting the Property in accordance with the requirements of the Redevelopment Agreement. to be developed financed and constructed on or benefiting the Property in accordance with the requirements of the Redevelopment Agreement. The Infrastructure Improvements will consist of the design, financing, construction and installation of various infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to, wastewater, stormwater, streetscape and utility improvements, including all work necessary therefor and incidental thereto with respect to the Property.

**Section 3.** Notice is hereby given to the owners of the Property that the City intends to make and levy special assessments against all such Property in the amount and at the time that such Infrastructure Improvements have been completed or at such later time as the City may determine. The actual costs of such Infrastructure Improvements shall be established at the time of installation as certified to the City Engineer, provided that the special assessments for any Property affected by this ordinance shall be made and levied in the manner provided by law and shall be as nearly as possible in proportion to and not in excess of the peculiar benefit, advantage or increase in value that the Property shall be deemed to receive by reason of the Infrastructure Improvements.

**Section 4.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The amount of any special assessment (“Special Assessment”) levied against the

Property shall be determined, at the option of the owner of the Property, in accordance with:

- (i) the procedure set forth in the Local Improvements Law; or
- (ii) pursuant to a special assessment agreement entered into by and between the City and the affected property owner under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-66 of the RAB Law (“Special Assessment Agreement”).

(b) Whether levied under the Local Improvements Law or a Special Assessment Agreement under Section 66 of the RAB Law, the Special Assessments shall be paid over a 30 year period in quarterly installments payable at the time and in the manner that generally applicable property taxes are required to be paid in the City, with legal interest:

- (i) charged on the portion of the Special Assessments allocable to the RABs from the date of issuance through the date that all of the RABs are no longer outstanding, with such legal interest meaning the interest rate on the RABs;
- (ii) charged on the portion of the Special Assessments allocable to the RABs with respect to any installment not paid when due, with such legal interest meaning the highest rate of interest permitted under New Jersey law in the case of unpaid taxes or tax liens until paid; and
- (iii) charged on the portion of the Special Assessments not allocable to the RABs with respect to any installment not paid when due, with such legal interest meaning the highest rate of interest permitted under New Jersey law in the case of unpaid taxes or tax liens until paid, or such lesser portion as may be determined by the City. The first such installment shall commence on the first business day of the quarter immediately following:
  - a. the determination of the peculiar benefit, advantage or increase in value which particular lot or Property shall be deemed to have received as a result of the infrastructure improvements, as required to under N.J.S.A. 40:56-27; or
  - b. with respect to the Property, at the time set forth in a Special Assessment Agreement under the RAB Law provided that any owner of land so assessed shall, with respect to the portion of the Special Assessments allocable to the RABs, have the privilege of paying the whole of such allocable portion of any Special Assessment or any balance of installments with accrued interest thereon at any time. Such Special Assessment shall remain a lien upon the affected Property described herein until the Special Assessment, with all installments and accrued interest thereon, applicable the particular Property shall be paid and satisfied.

(c) No portion of the cost of the Infrastructure Improvements shall be paid from funds raised from the municipal tax levy or other available funds of the City.

(d) Any Special Assessment levied pursuant to Section 4(a)(ii) of this ordinance shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in a Special Assessment Agreement to be entered into by the City and the affected property owner substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, together with such additions, deletions, modifications or revisions as may be required in consultation with counsel to the City to facilitate the transaction contemplated hereby. Any Special Assessment Agreement executed from time to time, and pursuant to which Special Assessment payments are securing bonds issued under the RAB Law, shall be recorded in accordance with the requirements of the RAB Law. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Special Assessment Agreement and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature, and to affix the corporate seal of the City upon the Special Assessment Agreement.

(e) The City hereby determines that:

- (i) it shall have the right to charge Owner(s) of the Property legal interest (a) charged on the portion of the Special Assessments allocable to the RABs from the date of issuance through the date that all of the RABs are no longer outstanding, with such legal interest meaning the interest rate on the RABs;
  - a. charged on the portion of the Special Assessments allocable to the RABs with respect to any installment not paid when due, with such legal interest meaning the highest rate of interest permitted under New Jersey law in the case of unpaid taxes or tax liens until paid; and
  - b. charged on the portion of the Special Assessments not allocable to the RABs with respect to any installment not paid when due, with such legal interest meaning the highest rate of interest permitted under New Jersey law in the case of unpaid taxes or tax liens until paid, or such lesser portion as may be determined by the City; and
- (ii) in lieu of the levy of the special assessment described herein pursuant to the Local Improvements Law, the special assessment may be charged, collected and otherwise applied in the manner set forth in the Special Assessment Agreement.

**Section 5.** The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters and terms in connection with the Special Assessment or the Special Assessment Agreement, all in consultation with the counsel to the City, and the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor upon any documents shall be conclusive as to all such determinations. The Mayor, the City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, the City Clerk and any other City official, officer or professional, including but not limited to, redevelopment counsel, bond counsel, the financial advisor and the auditor to the City, are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such documents as are necessary to facilitate the transactions contemplated hereby, and to take such actions or refrain from such actions as are necessary to facilitate the transactions contemplated hereby, in consultation with, as applicable, redevelopment counsel, bond counsel, the financial advisor and the auditor to the City, and any and all actions taken heretofore with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Section 6.** Nothing in this ordinance is intended to abrogate or in any way limit the general application of that certain ordinance adopted by the City on February 20, 2013 and entitled “An Ordinance of the City of Asbury Park, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, Providing for the Special Assessment of the Cost of Certain Wastewater, Stormwater, Roadway, Streetscape, Utility and Other Infrastructure Improvements in Portions of the Prime Renewal Area and the Boardwalk Area within the Asbury Park Waterfront Redevelopment Area and Establishment of a Mechanism for Payment of the Cost Thereof”.

**Section 7.** This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

I, LISA ESPOSITO, City Clerk of the City of Asbury Park, Monmouth County, New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of ORDINANCE NO. 2024-15 which was finally adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on the 8th day of May, 2024



LISA ESPOSITO  
CITY CLERK

✓ Vote Record - Ordinance 2024-15						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted						
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	Angela Ahbez-Anderson	Mover	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Eileen Chapman	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Yvonne Clayton	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Amy Quinn	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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