CHARTERED CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION
APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY

WHEREAS, under Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, cities and counties are authorized to enter into interlocal cooperation undertakings with other local governments for the joint exercise of any power, function, public enterprise, right, privilege, or immunity of local governments in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte (City) has the authority to provide assistance for the preservation of older neighborhoods and buildings, including making grants or (G.S. 160A-456), the City and Mecklenburg County (County) have the authority to jointly exercise powers pursuant to G.S. 160A-460 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the City will enter into a Façade Restoration Loan Agreement ("Loan Agreement") with Kenwood Investments or a related entity (the "Redeveloper") pursuant to which the City will make a loan of $50,000.00 to the Redeveloper for the preservation, restoration or replication of the historic Excelsior Club façade; and

WHEREAS, the County is willing to contribute an additional $50,000.00 to the preservation, restoration or replication of the Excelsior Club façade as set forth in the Interlocal Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Charlotte City Council that the attached Interlocal Agreement is hereby approved, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute such Interlocal Agreement in substantially the form attached to this Resolution and to negotiate and execute any further ancillary documents, including the Loan Agreement, or non-material changes to the Interlocal Agreement as may be necessary, and that this Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes.

Approved the 16th day of December, 2019

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 16th day of December, 2019, the reference having been made in Minute Book 149 and recorded in full in Resolution Book 50, Page(s) 346-351.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this 16th day of December 2019.

[Signature]
Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC
EXCELSIOR CLUB PRESERVATION
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

This Interlocal Agreement, made December 17, 2019 ("Agreement"), by and between the CITY OF CHARLOTTE, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina (the "City") and THE COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina (the "County").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, under Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, cities and counties are authorized to enter into interlocal cooperation undertakings with other local governments for the joint exercise of any power, function, public enterprise, right, privilege, or immunity of local governments in North Carolina; (G.S. 160A-461); and

WHEREAS, the City has statutory authority to provide assistance for the restoration or preservation of older neighborhoods or properties, including direct repair, the making of grants or loans, the subsidization of interest payments on loans, and the guaranty of loan G.S. 160A-456); and

WHEREAS, the County and the City have established a joint historic preservation committee (the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Committee, or "HLC"), which committee has jurisdiction within the corporate limits of the City as well as within other areas of Mecklenburg County, and the City and County have designated the County as the local government responsible for funding and overseeing the activities of the HLC; and

WHEREAS, the Excelsior Club on Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte (the "Excelsior Club" or the "Property"), an historic landmark designated by the City and of immeasurable historic value to the City and the County, has fallen into disrepair and is for sale; and

WHEREAS, the City and County understand that Kenwood Investments or a related entity, a California based investment group (the "Buyer"), intends to purchase the Excelsior Club and surrounding parcels for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City and County, along with two other community partners: the Knight Foundation and Foundation for the Carolinas (collectively the "Community Partners"), desire to facilitate the preservation, restoration or replication of the Excelsior Club's historic façade so as not to lose all the character of the historically significant building as a result of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Club is located in a designated and certified Opportunity Zone as authorized by the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of December 22, 2017; and
WHEREAS, in consideration of the Buyer’s commitment to maintain the character of the Excelsior Club façade and in order to provide assistance for the restoration, preservation or replication of the Excelsior Club façade, the City and the County each desire to offer financial assistance, the City in the form of a loan of $50,000.00 to the Buyer (a “Loan”), and the County, as authorized by Part 3C of Chapter 160A (Historic Districts and Landmarks) financial assistance for the preservation of the façade of an historically designated structure $50,000.00 from the Historic Landmark Commission revolving fund, for a total amount of $100,000.00 (collectively “Financial Assistance”) following the closing of purchase of the Excelsior Club by the Buyer which the parties anticipate will occur before the end of December 2019; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to set forth their agreement herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The City and the County are entering into this Agreement under the Interlocal Cooperation Article of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to cooperate in the preservation, restoration or replication of an historic property by making Financial Assistance available to the Buyer upon the terms and conditions contained in the City’s Excelsior Club Agreement with the Buyer.

ARTICLE II
PAYMENT

The City will be responsible for making its Loan to the Buyer pursuant to the terms of an Excelsior Club Façade Restoration Agreement and providing the County’s financial assistance to the Buyer, which the City may make in the form of a loan from the City (the “Excelsior Club Agreement”). Other than as provided in this Interlocal Agreement, the County will have no obligation to pay for the restoration or preservation of the Excelsior Club. The County shall make its Financial Assistance payment pursuant to this Agreement directly to the City and such payment shall not be made in whole or in part as a set off to other obligations of the City to the County or the County to the City.

ARTICLE III
CITY LOAN AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.1 Historic Landmark Commission Approval. Buyer’s plan for the preservation, restoration or replication of the Excelsior Club façade must be approved by the HLC and such plan shall be enforceable by such reasonable measures as determined by the HLC and Buyer.
3.2 **Completion Date.** In the event the Buyer does not complete the preservation, restoration or replication of the Excelsior Club façade by December 31, 2024, such completion to be evidenced by the receipt of a certificate of occupancy for the overall redevelopment of the Property, Buyer shall be deemed in breach of the Excelsior Club Agreement and must immediately repay the City Loan and the County’s Financial Assistance.

3.3 **Security.** As security for the Loan and the County’s Financial Assistance, the City shall have and record a Deed of Trust on the Property containing the conditions set forth in the Excelsior Club Agreement and this Agreement.

**ARTICLE IV**
**LOAN CONTINGENCIES**

4.1 **Closing Occurs.** The City shall have no obligation to enter into the Excelsior Club Agreement, and the County shall have no obligation to make its Financial Assistance payment to the City, if the Buyer does not purchase the Excelsior Club by February 28, 2020.

4.2 **Community Partner Contribution.** The City and the County shall have no obligation to make the payments in the event that the Community Partners do not provide the Buyer grants in the total amount of at least $150,000.00 for the preservation, restoration or replication of the Excelsior Club façade.

**ARTICLE V**
**DURATION**

This Agreement will terminate when the City’s and County’s obligations under the Excelsior Club Agreement are satisfied or said Excelsior Club Agreement is earlier terminated.

**ARTICLE VI**
**MISCELLANEOUS**

6.1. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended through a supplement approved in writing by the City and the County.

6.2. **Severability.** If any section of this Agreement is deemed to be illegal or otherwise unenforceable, it is the intent of the parties hereto that all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

6.3. **Governing Law.** This Agreement is to be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

6.4. **Time is of the essence.** Time is of the essence in this Agreement.
6.5. *Execution in Multiple Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which constitutes a completed document.

6.6. *Effective Date.* This Agreement takes effect on its execution by the City and the County.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Manager of the City and the County Manager of the County have each executed this Interlocal Agreement to evidence the agreement of the parties hereto and the City Clerk and the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners have affixed the seal of the City and the County, as applicable to this Interlocal Agreement.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE

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Attest:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

City Finance Director

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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Attest:

Clerk to Board of County Commissioners

(SEAL)

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the "Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act."

County Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney

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