SECTION 1: PURPOSE

A district plan is required for inclusion in the establishment of a redevelopment district under K.S.A. 12-1771. The district plan is a preliminary plan that identifies proposed redevelopment project areas within the district, and describes in a general manner the buildings, facilities and improvements to be constructed or improved.

SECTION 2: DESCRIPTION OF TAX INCREMENT INCOME

Projects financed through tax increment financing typically involve the creation of an “increment” in real estate property tax income. The increment is generated by segregating the assessed values of real property located within a defined geographic area such that a portion of the resulting property taxes flow to the City to fund projects in the redevelopment district, and the remaining portion flows to all remaining taxing jurisdictions. The portion of property taxes flowing to the City is determined by the increase in the assessed value of the properties within the redevelopment district as a result of the new development occurring within the same area. When the current aggregate property tax rates of all taxing jurisdictions are applied to this increase in assessed property value from new development, increment income is generated. Public improvements within the district and other qualified expenditures are funded by the City and repaid over a specified period of time with this increment income. The property taxes attributable to the assessed value existing prior to redevelopment, the “original valuation,” continue to flow to all taxing jurisdictions just as they did prior to redevelopment. This condition continues for the duration of the established district, as defined by statute, or until all eligible project costs are funded, whichever is of shorter duration.

SECTION 3: DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

All property located between the center line of 13th Street North on the south, the north right of way line of 14th Street North on the north, the center line of Oliver Avenue on the east and the west right of way line of Pershing Avenue on the west, in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas; and including all street rights of way within such described areas.

SECTION 4: BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

The district is located within the Central Northeast Area Plan, a plan for the redevelopment of existing older areas of Wichita. The buildings in the area were built in the 1950’s and along with the parking lot, are showing signs of deterioration due to deferred maintenance. The current property use is retail including a strip center, Dollar General, and payday loan company on the corner. The center currently includes a wide variety of businesses including a bank, hair care center, and pharmacy.

The proposed redevelopment district is an area that meets the criteria for designation as a
“conservation area” as defined by state law governing the establishment and financing of redevelopment districts. Property located within a conservation area is legally eligible for establishment of a redevelopment district.

SECTION 5: REDEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT AREAS

It is anticipated that all property within district will be designated as the “project area” under the redevelopment project plan, which must be adopted by the City Council by a 2/3 majority vote before the expenditure of any tax increment financing funds. The plans for redevelopment of the project area generally call for a full remodel and update of the two larger retail structures, new facades and the development of up to four out-parcels for additional commercial space. The existing parking surface and lighting will be replaced and additional lighting installed.

Tax increment financing may be used to pay for the purchase of real estate and site preparation including the demolition of structures and utility relocations, as well as public infrastructure improvements, such as streetscape, public parking, utility extensions, landscaping and public plazas. Tax increment financing may not be used for construction of any buildings owned by or leased to a private, nongovernmental entity.

SECTION 6: CONCLUSION

After the establishment of the redevelopment district, any redevelopment projects to be funded with tax increment financing will be presented to the Governing Body for approval through the adoption of a Redevelopment Project Plan. The Project Plan will identify the specific project area located within the established tax increment financing district and will include detailed descriptions of the project(s) as well as a financial feasibility study showing that the economic benefits outweigh the costs. The Project Plan must be reviewed by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and submitted to a public hearing following further notification of property owners and occupants, before it can be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the Governing Body. Only then can tax increment income be spent on the redevelopment projects.

Tax increment financing does not impose any additional taxes on property located within the redevelopment district. All property within the district is appraised and taxed the same as any other property. However, if property within the district increases in value as a result of redevelopment, the resulting increment of additional tax revenue is diverted to pay for a portion of the redevelopment costs.