

**A RESOLUTION determining SUBSTANTIAL
COMPLIANCE with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form
filing for 2014 for Ward Corporation for property at 642
Growth Avenue under Confirming Resolution R-33-11
with an "Economic Revitalization Area" approved under
I.C. 6-1.1-12.1**

WHEREAS, Common Council has previously designated and declared by Declaratory Resolution and Confirming Resolution with approved Statement of Benefits (SB-1) forms property for Ward Corporation as an "Economic Revitalization Area" under Sections 153.13-153.24 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and I.C. 6-1.1-12.1; and

WHEREAS, property owners whose Statement of Benefits (SB-1) form was approved after July 1, 1991 who file a deduction application under Sections 3 and 4.5 of I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 and Section 153.21 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, must file a Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form (CF-1) with the Allen County Auditor, the Allen County Assessor and the City of Fort Wayne showing information on the extent to which there has been compliance with the approved Statement of Benefits for the project; and

WHEREAS, Ward Corporation has filed Compliance with Statement of Benefit Forms with the Allen County Assessor's Office and the City of Fort Wayne; and

WHEREAS, Ward Corporation's approved Statement of Benefits (SB-1) form stated that one part-time and 233 full-time jobs would be retained and three jobs would be created by December 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ward Corporation's approved Statement of Benefits (SB-1) form stated \$8,309,251 in annual payroll for retained jobs and \$74,880 in annual payroll would be generated by the created jobs; and

WHEREAS, Ward Corporation's 2014 Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing stated that 184 jobs were retained; and

WHEREAS, Ward Corporation's 2014 Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing stated that \$6,785,817 in annual payroll for the 184 jobs retained; and

WHEREAS, Common Council designated the City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division as the entity for the administration, application, processing and monitoring of Economic Revitalization Areas under Section 153.13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Wayne; and

WHEREAS, Common Council has defined substantial compliance under Section 153.21 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Wayne as:

1. Meeting 75% or more of the numbers of full-time and/or part-time jobs stated to be created or retained as delineated in the original Statement of Benefits Form (SB-1) approved by Common Council; and
2. Meeting 75% or more of the total payroll stated to be created or retained as delineated in the original Statement of Benefits Form (SB-1) approved by Common Council; and

WHEREAS, meeting 75% of the 234 retained jobs means retaining 176 jobs; and

WHEREAS, meeting 75% of the three jobs to be created means creating three jobs; and

WHEREAS, meeting 75% of the \$8,309,251 in retained annual payroll means \$6,231,938 in annual payroll retained; and

WHEREAS, meeting 75% of the \$74,880 in annual payroll to be created means \$56,160 in annual payroll created; and

WHEREAS, Common Council shall determine not later than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the Compliance of Statement of Benefits Form (CF-1) that Ward Corporation has substantially complied with the original Statement of Benefits Form (SB-1) approved by Common Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. That, Common Council finds that Ward Corporation's Compliance with Statement of Benefits information evidenced that Ward Corporation failed to comply in that it did not create 75% of the three full-time jobs that were stated that would be created and it did not retain 75% of the \$8,309,251 in payroll that was stated that would be retained.

SECTION 2. Further, Common Council finds Ward Corporation's failure to substantially comply was caused by factors beyond the control of the applicant for the following reasons: (specific information from the company)

SECTION 3. In light of the fact that failure to substantially comply was determined to be outside Ward Corporation's control, Common Council finds that Ward Corporation is in substantial compliance pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 and Section 153.21 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Wayne on their 2014 filing.

SECTION 4. That, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

Member of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM A LEGALITY

Carol Helton, City Attorney