

A RESOLUTION determining SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE OR NON-COMPLIANCE with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) form filing for 2017 for JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC for property at 6030 Huguenard Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818 under Confirming Resolution R-53-09 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 JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC 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, JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC has filed its Compliance with Statement of Benefit Forms with the Allen County Assessor's office and the City of Fort Wayne for 2017; 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

1. **WHEREAS**, JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC **appeared/failed to appear** before
2 council to provide additional information on its compliance with the approved Statement of
3 Benefits.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** That, Common Council finds that the Compliance with Statement of
7 Benefits Form (CF-1) filed by JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC for an approved economic
8 revitalization area for 2017 is not in substantial compliance pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 and
9 Section 153.21 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Wayne for failure to create 75% of
the jobs that were stated to be created and/or 75% of the annual payroll stated to be
generated by the created jobs on the approved Statement of Benefits form.

10 **SECTION 2a.** JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC appeared before council and
11 provided additional information on its compliance with the approved Statement of Benefits
12 and from this information it was determined that notwithstanding JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans,
13 LLC's failure to substantially comply with its approved Statement of Benefits form, JH
14 Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC did make reasonable efforts to substantially comply with the
15 approved Statement of Benefits and JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC's failure to substantially
16 comply was caused by factors beyond the control of JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC.
Therefore, the continuation of JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC's deduction/abatement under
R-53-09 is hereby approved.

17 **SECTION 2b.** That JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC appeared and provided
18 additional information on its compliance with the approved Statement of Benefits and from
19 this information it was determined that notwithstanding JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC's
20 failure to substantially comply by its failure to create the requisite number of jobs and/or the
21 amount of annual payroll stated to be created from those jobs, that JH Specialty,
22 Inc./Hilltrans, LLC did not make reasonable efforts to substantially comply with the statement
23 of benefits and JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC's failure to substantially comply was not
24 caused by factors beyond the control of JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC. Council therefore
25 directs the Community Development Division to mail written notice to JH Specialty,
26 Inc./Hilltrans, LLC explaining the reasons for Council's determination and a date, time, place
27 of a hearing to be conducted by Council for the purpose of further considering JH Specialty,
28 Inc./Hilltrans, LLC's 2017 compliance with statement of benefits.

29 **SECTION 2c.** That JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC failed to appear and otherwise
30 provide additional information on its compliance with statement of benefits and has caused
Council to conclude and find that JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC is not in substantial
compliance pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 and Section 153.21 of the Municipal Code of the City

1 of Fort Wayne on their 2017 filing. Council therefore directs the Community Development
2 Division to mail written notice to JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC explaining the reasons for
3 Council's determination and a date, time, place of a hearing to be conducted by Council for
4 the purpose of further considering JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC's 2017 compliance with
statement of benefits.

5 **SECTION 3.** That, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after
6 its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

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Member of Council

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12 APPROVED AS TO FORM A LEGALITY

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Carol Helton, City Attorney

Admn. Appr. _____

DIGEST SHEET

TITLE OF ORDINANCE: Resolution determining substantial compliance with a Statement of Benefits (SB-1) for 2017

DEPARTMENT REQUESTING ORDINANCE: Community Development Division

SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE: This resolution determines whether Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1) Form filings made by JH Specialty, Inc./Hilltrans, LLC in May 2017 with an approved economic revitalization area are in substantial compliance pursuant to both Council policy and Indiana law.

EFFECT OF PASSAGE: Will allow property owners with existing economic revitalization area designation to continue to receive their economic revitalization area deduction (property tax abatement/phase-in) benefit if determined to be in substantial compliance or provide notice to company if determined to be in substantial non-compliance and a hearing will be scheduled

EFFECT OF NON-PASSAGE: Potential retention or loss of economic revitalization area deduction (property tax abatement/phase-in)

MONEY INVOLVED (DIRECT COSTS, EXPENDITURES, SAVINGS): No expenditures of public funds required.

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE (PRESIDENT): Geoff Paddock and Jason Arp