

EXHIBIT F

FORM OF INCLUSIONARY ZONING DECLARATION

**INCLUSIONARY ZONING
DECLARATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COVENANTS
REVENUE LOSS OFFSET ASSISTANCE
RENTAL UNITS**

By

_____ **in favor of the
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

Dated as of: _____, 20____

Relating to the:
_____ **Project**

Approved as to substance by:

*Manager, Residential Finance
Housing Policy and Development*

THIS INCLUSIONARY ZONING DECLARATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COVENANTS, is made on or as of the _____ day of _____, 20____ (the “Effective Date”), by _____, a _____ (“Developer”), having its offices at _____, in favor of the **City of Minneapolis**, a Minnesota municipal corporation (“City”).

WITNESSETH :

WHEREAS, Developer and City have entered into that certain Inclusionary Zoning Development Contract dated _____, 20____ (the "Development Contract"), pursuant to which the City agreed to provide Developer with Revenue Loss Offset Assistance of significant value in exchange for Developer’s agreement to comply with the requirements of this Declaration in accordance with the affordability standards in the City’s Unified Housing Policy,; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Development Contract, Developer is obligated to cause construction of _____ rental housing units on the property described in Exhibit A attached hereto and to cause this Declaration to be recorded against the Property, imposing the affordability covenants set forth below; and

WHEREAS, Developer hereby acknowledges that the financial assistance making possible the construction of the Project is sufficient consideration for executing and filing this Declaration in lieu of the other options available in accordance with Chapter 535 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances and the affordability standards in the City’s Unified Housing Policy; and

WHEREAS, capitalized terms in this Declaration have the meaning provided in the Development Contract, unless otherwise defined herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and covenants hereinafter set forth, and of other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Developer agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

In this Declaration, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

AFFORDABILITY PERIOD – A period commencing on the Completion Date and continuing for 30 years.

ANNUAL INCOME – “Annual Income,” as defined at 24 CFR 5.609, which is the definition used for income qualification pursuant to the HUD “Section 8” program.

APARTMENT UNITS – _____ (_____) rental housing units and related improvements on the Property (which include the IZ Units) according to building permits issued by the City.

CERTIFYING ENTITY – The City or its designated agent that is under contract with the City to

provide income verification and compliance monitoring for the rental IZ Units for a specified fee schedule to be charged directly to the owner of the rental IZ Units.

CITY – The City of Minneapolis.

COMPLETION DATE – The date when construction of the Apartment Units upon the Property is completed and City has issued a certificate of occupancy for the Project.

COMPLIANCE MANUAL – The City of Minneapolis Inclusionary Zoning Compliance Manual for Owners and Managers of Affordable Rental Housing Units in effect as of the Effective Date as modified from time to time to the extent such modifications are noticed in writing to Developer.

ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION – A Certification of Tenant Eligibility substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C hereto or in such other form as may be approved by the City, in which the prospective Qualifying Tenant certifies as to Annual Income.

HUD – The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

IZ Page – The City’s web page for inclusionary zoning information at [minneapolismn.gov/cped/inclusionary zoning](http://minneapolismn.gov/cped/inclusionary%20zoning).

IZ UNITS– _____ (___) rental housing units in the Project, specifically _____ (___) SRO units, _____ (___) efficiency units, _____ (___) one-bedroom units, _____ (___) two-bedroom units and _____ (___) three-bedroom units.

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME – The "Median Family Income" as most recently established by HUD for the Minneapolis/St. Paul standard metropolitan statistical area, adjusted for family size.

OTHER DOCUMENTS – Any agreement or deed containing covenants, conditions, or restrictions for the benefit of City, including any Development Contract or other agreement between City and Developer.

OVER-INCOME HOUSEHOLD – A household that was a Qualifying Tenant at the time tenancy commenced, but whose income over time exceeds one hundred and forty percent (140%) of the maximum income allowed for a Qualifying Tenant.

PROJECT – The Property and the Apartment Units.

PROPERTY – The real property located in Hennepin County, Minnesota, and legally described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

QUALIFYING TENANTS – Those persons and households who shall be certified from time to time by Developer to have combined adjusted Annual Income that does not exceed 50% of the Median Family Income for the applicable calendar year. For purposes of this definition, the occupants of an IZ Unit shall not be deemed to be Qualifying Tenants if all the occupants of such residential unit at any time are “students,” as defined in Section 151(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), not entitled to an exemption under the Code.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS – Apartment Units rented in periods of less than one month.

SRO – Single room occupancy sleeping room with shared bathroom or kitchen facilities.

UTILITY PAYMENTS – Actual utility payments or a Utility Allowance paid by a tenant of an IZ Unit, excluding telephone.

UTILITY ALLOWANCE – A utility allowance consistent with the City’s annual published utility allowance schedule.

SECTION 2. Representations.

Developer represents to and for the benefit of City, that Developer has duly authorized, executed and delivered this Declaration pursuant to proper authorization therefor; that this Declaration constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Developer, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except only as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, moratorium, reorganization or other laws, or principles of equity affecting creditors' rights and that the execution and delivery of this Declaration does not constitute a breach, violation or default under any law, regulation, order, judgment or ruling binding upon such party, or a default under any indenture, mortgage, agreement or other instrument to which Developer is subject or by which it or the Property is bound.

SECTION 3. Restrictions on Use.

- A. Developer agrees to develop, operate and manage the Project, including the IZ Units, according to the terms of this Declaration for the duration of the Affordability Period.
- B. During the Affordability Period, this Declaration shall constitute covenants running with the land and be binding on the successors and assigns of Developer and on all parties having or acquiring any rights, title, or interest in the Project.
- C. Rental of the Project shall be in accordance with the following:
 - (a) All of the IZ Units shall be occupied by Qualifying Tenants and shall bear rents not greater than the current maximum housing tax credit rents published by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (“MHFA”) for the 50% income limits by number of bedrooms in the unit for Hennepin County adjusted by Section 3(C)(d) charges paid by the Qualifying Tenant.
 - (b) The IZ Units are identified by unit number on the initial rent schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B. In no event will City require the IZ Unit gross rents to be set lower than the rents listed on Exhibit B.
 - (c) Developer may not refuse to lease an Apartment Unit in the Project to a prospective tenant because the prospective tenant is a Section 8 certificate or voucher holder, or a participant in any other tenant-based assistance program. Notwithstanding Section 3(C)(a) above, Developer may charge more than such rent limits for a household using rental assistance as permitted by the assistance

program as long as the household using the rental assistance is not paying more than 30 percent of the household's monthly adjusted income.

- (d) City may review and approve rents and other charges or allowances on the IZ Units annually for consistency with this Declaration. The limitations on rents imposed by this Section 3 for the IZ Units includes rent, services and Utility Payments or monthly allowances for services and other non-optional charges. Developer must provide tenants of the IZ Units with not less than 30 days prior written notice of increases in rents.
- (e) The determination of whether an individual or household is a Qualifying Tenant of an IZ Unit shall be made at the time the tenancy commences and on an ongoing basis thereafter, determined annually, in accordance with the Compliance Manual. If, during the tenancy, a Qualifying Tenant's income exceeds one hundred forty percent (140%) of the maximum income allowed for a Qualifying Tenant at the point of an annual Eligibility Certification, Developer must evict such Over-Income Household from such IZ Unit upon ninety (90) days written notice.
- (f)
 - (1) All leases of IZ Units shall contain clauses, among others, wherein each individual tenant: (i) certifies the accuracy of the statements made in its application and Eligibility Certification (as defined in Section 4 hereof); (ii) agrees that the household income at the time the lease is executed shall be deemed a substantial and material obligation of the tenant's tenancy, that the tenant will comply promptly with all requests for income and information relevant to determining low or moderate income status from Developer or City, and that the tenant's failure or refusal to comply with a request for information with respect thereto shall be deemed a violation of a substantial obligation of the tenant's tenancy; and (iii) is put on notice that subletting of such IZ Unit is strictly prohibited except as specifically approved by the City consistent with the Compliance Manual.
 - (2) The form of lease to be utilized by Developer in renting any IZ Units in the Project to any person who is intended to be a Qualifying Tenant shall provide for termination of the lease and consent by such person to eviction upon 30 days' notice for failure to qualify as a Qualifying Tenant as a result of any material misrepresentation made by such person with respect to the Eligibility Certification defined below or upon ninety (90) days' notice for being an Over-Income Household.
- (g) Developer shall retain all records related to compliance with this Declaration for a minimum of six (6) years after termination of the Affordability Period. Developer shall permit any duly authorized representative of City to inspect the books and records of Developer related to compliance with this Declaration. Developer also agrees to provide City, upon request, copies of any leases for the IZ Units and access to the Project and IZ Units for on-site inspections. Developer agrees to submit any other information, documents or certificates requested by City which

City deems reasonably necessary to substantiate continuing compliance with the provisions specified in this Declaration.

- (h) Developer must contract directly with the Certifying Entity and, upon annual invoicing pay the Certifying Entity for income eligibility verification services for new tenants of IZ Units and for annual recertifications of tenants of IZ Units as well as any additional monitoring deemed reasonably necessary by the City to determine Project compliance with this Declaration. Certifying Entity fees will be consistent with the fee schedule published by the City on the City's IZ Page and updated annually.
- (i) Tenants of the IZ Units must not be charged fees that are not customarily charged in rental housing, such as laundry room access fees.
- (j) Developer shall comply with the Compliance Manual, and provide evidence of compliance to City upon request.
- (k) For the duration of the Affordability Period, Developer shall not rent IZ Units in such a way as to permit master leasing of Short-Term Rentals. Developer shall not be in default of this provision if a tenant of an individual IZ Unit leases such IZ Unit as a Short-Term Rental so long as the lease for such IZ Unit prohibits such activity and Developer is using reasonable means to enforce such provision. Developer covenants not to locate the IZ Units on floors of the Development that have Apartment Units master leased as Short-Term Rentals.

SECTION 4. Certification of Tenant Eligibility.

As a condition to initial and continuing occupancy, each person who is intended to be a Qualifying Tenant of an IZ Unit shall be required annually to sign and deliver to Developer an Eligibility Certification, confirmed by the Developer consistent with the requirements of the City's Compliance Manual. In addition, such person shall be required to provide whatever other information, documents or certifications are deemed necessary by the City or Certifying Entity to substantiate the Eligibility Certification along with requests for voluntary information, on an ongoing annual basis, and Developer must verify that such tenant continues to be a Qualifying Tenant as defined herein. Eligibility Certifications will be maintained on file by Developer with respect to each Qualifying Tenant who resides in an IZ Unit or resided therein during the immediately preceding calendar year.

Developer agrees to comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and all other applicable state and federal laws relating to data privacy or confidentiality. A form for collecting tenant information that meets these requirements is available from City upon request. Developer shall promptly report to City any requests from third parties for information relating to this Declaration. City agrees to promptly respond to inquiries from Developer concerning data requests. Developer agrees to hold City, its officers, department heads and employees harmless from any claims resulting from Developer's unlawful disclosure or use of data protected under state and federal laws unless such disclosure was done at the direction of or with the consent of the City.

SECTION 5. Fair Housing Policy.

Developer shall use affirmative fair housing marketing practices in soliciting renters, determining

eligibility, and concluding all transactions as addressed in Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988, as well as the fair housing protections provided by the Minnesota Human Rights Act, which adds creed, marital status, status with regard to public housing, and sexual orientation, and any applicable City Civil Rights ordinances. In part, regarding rental housing issues, Title VIII, the Human Rights Act, and applicable City Civil Rights ordinances make it unlawful to: (i) discriminate in the selection/acceptance of applicants in the rental of housing units; (ii) discriminate in terms, conditions or privileges of the rental of a dwelling unit; (iii) engage in any conduct relating to the provision of housing that otherwise makes unavailable or denies the rental of a dwelling unit; (iv) make or publish (or have anyone else make or publish) advertisements that indicate preferences or limitations based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, familial status, or sexual orientation; (v) tell a person that because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, familial status, or sexual orientation, a dwelling unit is not available when it is; and (vi) deny access to, or membership or participation in, associations or other services organizations or facilities relating to the business of renting a dwelling or discriminate in the terms or conditions of membership or participation.

Developer will be required to affirmatively market the availability of all Apartment Units. IZ Unit availability opportunities are required to be advertised on [HousingLink](#) concurrent with other public or private advertising for a minimum of 10 consecutive days.

SECTION 6. Annual Report.

- (1) **Annual Report.** Developer covenants and agrees that during the terms of this Declaration, it will prepare and submit to City, on or before March 31 of each year, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, executed by Developer and: (a) identifying the tenancies and dates of occupancy or vacancy for all Qualifying Tenants in the IZ Units, or the IZ Units held vacant and available for occupancy by Qualifying Tenants, at all times during the year preceding the date of such certificate; and (b) describing all transfers or other changes in ownership of the Project or any interest therein; and (c) that Developer was not otherwise in default under this Declaration during such year.
- (2) **Notice of Non-Compliance.** Developer will immediately notify City if, at any time during the term of this Declaration, the IZ Units in the Project are not occupied or available for occupancy as required by the terms of this Declaration.

SECTION 7. Restrictions on Sale of the Project.

Developer covenants and agrees that Developer will cause or require as a condition precedent to any conveyance, transfer, assignment, or any other disposition of the Apartment Units prior to the termination of this Declaration (a “Transfer”) that the transferee of the Apartment Units pursuant to the Transfer assume in writing, in a form reasonably acceptable to the City, all duties and obligations of Developer under this Declaration, including this Section, in the event of a subsequent Transfer by the transferee prior to termination of this Declaration provided herein (the “Assumption Agreement”). Developer will deliver the Assumption Agreement to the City prior to the Transfer. Further, Developer covenants and agrees that it will not Transfer the Apartment Units to any transferee that (i) owns any rental housing properties in the City of Minneapolis with a Tier 3 rental license; (ii) has a history of rental license revocations with the City or (iii) has any current outstanding housing orders with the City.

SECTION 8. Covenants: Binding Upon Successors in Interest.

It is intended and agreed that the covenants provided in this Declaration shall be covenants running with the land and that they shall, in any event, and without regard to technical classification or designation, legal or otherwise, be binding on Developer, the successors and assigns of Developer, and all parties having or acquiring any right, title, or interest in all or any part of the Project. This Declaration shall be enforceable against all such parties to the fullest extent permitted by law and equity for the benefit and in favor of City, its successors and assigns. It is expressly agreed and acknowledged that: Developer may not amend this Declaration without the express written consent of the City; the covenants provided in this Declaration are in addition to the provisions of any Other Documents; this Declaration shall not be deemed to limit or merge into any Other Documents or vice versa; this Declaration shall survive the expiration or termination of any Other Documents; and the satisfaction or release of any Other Documents shall not be deemed to a satisfaction or release of this Declaration.

SECTION 9. Remedies for Default.

In the event of any default, failure, violation, or any other action or inaction by Developer specified in this Declaration, after thirty (30) days written notice from the City to the Developer of the default, failure, violation, or any other action or inaction by Developer but only if the Default has not been cured within said thirty (30) days or such longer period as is reasonably required to cure the same, provided that in no event will the cure period exceed ninety (90) days and that Developer is proceeding with reasonable diligence, the City, at its option, may institute such actions or proceedings at law or in equity as it may deem desirable for effectuating the provisions of this Declaration, including without limitation third-party enforcement of Certifying Entity fees, withholding, conditioning, suspending or revoking any permits, license, approval, payments or other entitlement for the Property, including without limitations, certificate of occupancy as well as actions for specific performance, extension of the Affordability Period, damages, and injunctive relief, and including also any remedy allowed under the terms of any Other Documents. Developer hereby further acknowledges that City cannot be adequately compensated by monetary damages in the event of any default hereunder. In any action or proceeding to enforce its rights under this Declaration, City shall be entitled to the recovery from Developer of reasonable attorneys' fees.

SECTION 10. Indemnification and Hold Harmless

Developer will indemnify and hold harmless (without limit as to amount) the City and its elected officials, officers, employees and agents in their official capacity (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Indemnitees"), and any of them, from because of or by reason of any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, judgments and executions for damages (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses) of any and every kind and by whomever and whenever made or obtained, allegedly cause by, arising out of or relating in any manner to Developer's operation of the Project or the IZ Units, or Developer's performance or non-performance under this Declaration, and shall protect and defend Indemnitees, and any of them with respect thereto, except to the extent caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of any of the City Indemnitees. The provisions of this section shall survive expiration or other termination of the Declaration or any release of part or all of the Property from the burdens of this Declaration and the provisions of this section shall remain in full force and effect.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the HUD is ever deemed the "Owner" of all or part of the Project, HUD shall not be subject to the indemnification provisions contained in this Section 10. HUD

prohibits and does not authorize any expenditure which would violate 31 USC 1341 (the "Anti-Deficiency Act"). Any provision of this Declaration which violate(s)(d) the Anti-Deficiency Act, in the past, present or future, will not be enforced against HUD. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, HUD whether in the capacity of subsidy provider, loan insurer, lender, owner, lessee or mortgagee in possession, shall have no obligation of reimbursement, indemnity, or holding harmless, of any nature whatsoever, to any governmental entity, private entity, person or party, either now or in the future. Any and all indemnity provisions, however, shall apply to any subsequent purchaser from HUD.

SECTION 11. Recordation.

This Declaration shall be properly recorded against the Property at the expense of Developer in the official real estate records of Hennepin County, Minnesota. In the event Developer fails to properly and timely record, the City may record this Declaration against the Property on Developer's behalf and Developer shall pay or reimburse the City all fees and expenses incurred by the City to facilitate such recording on Developer's behalf.

SECTION 12. Notices and Demands.

A notice, demand, or other communication under this Declaration by either party to the other shall be sufficiently given or delivered if it is dispatched by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or delivered personally, and

A. in the case of Developer, is addressed to or delivered personally to Developer at:

Attention: _____

B. in the case of City, is addressed to or delivered personally to City at:

City of Minneapolis
Department of Community Planning and Economic Development
505 Fourth Avenue S., Rm 320
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
ATTENTION: Director

or at such other address with respect to either such party as that party may, from time to time, designate in writing and forward to the other as provided in this Section.

SECTION 14. Agent of the City.

City shall have the right to appoint an agent to carry out any of its duties and obligations hereunder, and shall inform Developer of any such agency appointment by written notice.

SECTION 15. Severability.

The invalidity of any clause, part or provision of this Declaration shall not affect the validity of the

remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 16. Governing Law.

This Declaration shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota and, where applicable, the laws of the United States of America.

(Signature pages follow.)

[Signature page to Inclusionary Zoning Declaration of Affordable Housing Covenants]

→,
a _____

By _____

Its:

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of
_____, 20____, by _____, the _____ of
_____, **a** _____, on behalf of the
_____.

Notary Public

*This instrument was drafted by:
Minneapolis City Attorney's Office (SAR)
505 Fourth Avenue South, Room 220
Minneapolis, MN 55415*

**EXHIBIT A
TO INCLUSIONARY ZONING REVENUE LOSS OFFSET
DECLARATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COVENANTS**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**EXHIBIT B
TO INCLUSIONARY ZONING REVENUE LOSS OFFSET
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INITIAL RENT SCHEDULE

Unit #	# of Bedrooms	Affordability Level	Unit Size in sq. ft.	Rent Limit

If project is 100% affordable, there is no reason to fix unit numbers. If project includes market rate units, determine whether project needs to be able to float units for purposes of LIHTC. Otherwise fix unit numbers.

Rent limit is based on rent paid by household and does not include rental subsidies paid by third parties.

EXHIBIT C
TO INCLUSIONARY ZONING REVENUE LOSS OFFSET
DECLARATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COVENANTS

CERTIFICATION OF TENANT ELIGIBILITY

EXHIBIT D
TO INCLUSIONARY ZONING
DECLARATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COVENANTS

CERTIFICATE OF
CONTINUING PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

Date: _____, _____.

The following information with respect to the Project located at _____, Minneapolis, Minnesota (the "Project"), is being provided by _____ (the "Developer") to the Department of Community Planning and Development in and for the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota (the "City"), pursuant to that certain Inclusionary Zoning Declaration of Affordable Housing Covenants, dated _____, 20__ (the "Declaration"), with respect to the Project:

(A) The total number of residential units which are available for occupancy is ___. The total number of such units occupied is _____.

(B) The following residential units (identified by unit number) have been designated for occupancy by "Qualifying Tenants," as such term is defined in the Declaration (for a total of ___ units):

Studio Units:

1 BR Units:

2 BR Units:

(C) The following residential units which are included in (B) above, have been re-designated as units for Qualifying Tenants since _____, 20__, the date on which the last "Certificate of Continuing Program Compliance" was filed with the City by the Developer:

Unit Number	Previous Designation of Unit (if any)	Replacing Unit Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(D) The following residential units are considered to be occupied by Qualifying Tenants based on the information set forth below:

	Unit Number	Name of Tenant	Number of Persons Residing in the Unit	Number of Bedrooms	Total Adjusted Gross Income	Date of Initial Occupancy	Rent
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(E) The Developer has obtained a “Certification of Tenant Eligibility,” in the form provided as EXHIBIT B to the Declaration, from each Tenant named in (D) above,

and each such Certificate is being maintained by the Developer in its records with respect to the Project. Attached hereto is the most recent “Certification of Tenant Eligibility” for each Tenant named in (D) above who signed such a Certification since _____, _____, the date on which the last “Certificate of Continuing Program Compliance” was filed with the City by the Developer.

(F) In renting the residential units in the Project, the Developer has not given preference to any particular group or class of persons (except for persons who qualify as Qualifying Tenants); and none of the units listed in (D) above have been rented for occupancy entirely by students, no one of which is entitled to file a joint return for federal income tax purposes. All of the residential units in the Project have been rented pursuant to a written lease, and the term of each lease is at least ___ months.

(G) The information provided in this “Certificate of Continuing Program Compliance” is accurate and complete, and no matters have come to the attention of the Developer which would indicate that any of the information provided herein, or in any “Certification of Tenant Eligibility” obtained from the Tenants named herein, is inaccurate or incomplete in any respect.

(H) The Project is in continuing compliance with the Declaration.

(I) The Developer certifies that as of the date hereof at least _____ of the residential dwelling units in the Project are occupied or held open for occupancy by Qualifying Tenants, as defined and provided in the Declaration.

(J) The rental levels for each Qualifying Tenant comply with the maximum permitted under the Declaration.

IN FURTHERANCE WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature, on behalf of the Developer, on _____, 20__.

_____,
a _____

By _____

Its _____