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OLBISTON APARTMENTS LLC, as beneficial owner and LIBERTY OLBISTON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC., as fee owner

and

CITY OF UTICA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT

City of Utica Industrial Development Agency 2022 Real Estate Lease (Olbiston Apartments LLC Facility)

Oneida County, City of Utica, Utica City School District

Tax Account Nos.: 318.72-2-1

318.72-2-68

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PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT

THIS PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT, dated as of March 31, 2022, is by and among CITY OF UTICA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, with offices at One Kennedy Plaza, Utica, New York 13502 (the "Agency"), OLBISTON APARTMENTS LLC, a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 117 W. Liberty Street, Suite 3, Rome, New York 13440, as beneficial owner, (the "Company") and LIBERTY OLBISTON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC., a not-for-profit corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 117 W. Liberty Street, Suite 3, Rome, New York 13440 (the "HDFC"), as fee owner and nominee for the Company.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 99 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended, (the "Enabling Act"), and Chapter 710 of the Laws of 1981 of the State of New York, as amended, constituting Section 901 of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of, among others, industrial facilities for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry in order to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, the Company is undertaking a project consisting of (i) acquisition of three parcels of land measuring 2.0± acres in the aggregate located at 1431 Genesee Street, 1½ Clinton Street and (no number assigned) Clinton Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York (collectively, the "Land") and the historic seven-story residential building located thereon (the "Existing Improvements"); (ii) partial demolition of the Existing Improvements; (iii) adaptive reuse and substantial renovation and rehabilitation of the Existing Improvements to provide 153 residential units and common areas in a 125,000± square foot building (collectively, the "Improvements"); and (iv) the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment in the Improvements (the "Equipment"), all to be used for the purpose of providing residential housing affordable to a wide range of household incomes, including low income and workforce housing (the Land, the Existing Improvements, the Improvements and the Equipment are referred to collectively as the "Facility" and the acquisition, partial demolition, renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of the Facility is referred to collectively as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Facility will help satisfy the need for housing identified in Oneida County's Vision 20/20 Initiative by providing residential housing affordable to a wide range of household incomes; and

WHEREAS, New York State Housing Finance Agency ("HFA") intends to finance a portion of the costs of the Facility by extending (a) a loan to the Company in the maximum principal sum of \$39,800,000.00 to be secured by a Mortgage (the "HFA Mortgage") from the Company and HDFC to HFA; and (b) a loan to the Company in the maximum principal sum of \$18,386,415.00 to be secured by a Subsidy Mortgage (the "HFA Subsidy Mortgage") from the Company and HDFC to HFA; and

WHEREAS, the HDFC is the fee owner of the Facility, as nominee for the Company pursuant to a Declaration of Interest and Equity Agreement dated March 31, 2022 (the "Nominee Agreement") between the HDFC and the Company, and is entering into this PILOT Agreement for the limited purpose of its capacity as fee owner of the Facility; and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Company to develop the Facility, the Agency is willing to accept a leasehold interest in the Facility pursuant to a Lease Agreement dated of even date herewith and lease the Facility back to the Company and HDFC pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in a Leaseback Agreement dated of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, the Company intends to further sublease individual residential units comprising the Facility to residential tenants (each a "Residential Sublessee" and collectively the "Residential Sublessees"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency has agreed to accept a leasehold interest to the Facility in order to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Facility is exempt from real property taxes, general property taxes, general school district taxes, general assessments, service charges or other governmental charges of a similar nature levied and/or assessed upon the Facility or the interest therein of the Company or the occupancy thereof by the Company commencing August 1, 2022, the taxable status date, (the "Exempt Taxes"), because the Agency has a leasehold interest in the Facility and the Facility is used for a purpose within the meaning of the applicable Constitutional and statutory provisions, including the Enabling Act, provided, however, such exemption does not extend to special assessments or ad valorem levies; and

WHEREAS, the Company understands that it, as sublessee of the Facility leased by the Agency, will, in fact, have Exempt Taxes to pay under the provisions of the Leaseback Agreement from the first date of the Exemption Term

(as that date is determined by the parties and described herein) through the term of the Leaseback Agreement (the "Exemption Term"); and

WHEREAS, each year of the Exemption Term is more particularly set forth on <u>Schedule B</u> attached hereto (each year being referred to as an "Exemption Year"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency and the Company deem it necessary and proper to enter into an agreement making provision for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes and such assessments by the Company to the City of Utica, or any existing incorporated village or any village which may be incorporated after the date hereof, within which the Facility is or may be, wholly or partially located, Oneida County, Utica City School District and appropriate special districts described on Schedule A attached hereto (hereinafter each a "Taxing Authority" and collectively the "Taxing Authorities") in which any part of the Facility is or is to be located; and

WHEREAS, the PILOT Payments (as defined below) represent a deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "Policy"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874 of the Act, on November 29, 2021, the Agency sent a notice to the chief executive officer of each Taxing Authority providing a description of the PILOT Payments, the Agency's reasons for deviating from the Policy as well as the time and location of the meeting during which the Agency would consider a resolution approving the deviation from its Policy and the PILOT Payments; and

WHEREAS, all defined terms herein as indicated by the capitalization of the first letter thereof and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms as set forth in the Leaseback Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, to provide for certain payments to the Taxing Authorities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. The Company shall pay to each Taxing Authority:
- (a) all taxes that are due with respect to the Facility prior to the Exemption Term, no later than the last day during which such payments may be made without penalty; and
- (b) all special assessments and ad valorem taxes coming due and payable during the term of the Leaseback Agreement and the Leaseback Agreement for which the Facility is not exempt, no later than the last day during which such payments may be made without penalty.

- The Company shall pay an amount in lieu of the Exempt Taxes 2. (a) equal to seven percent (7.00%) of the Effective Gross Income of the Facility (the "PILOT Payments") during each Exemption Year as described on Schedule B attached hereto. For the purposes of calculating PILOT Payments, "Effective Gross Income" or "EGI" shall be defined as the Potential Gross Income of the Facility, less vacancy losses. "Potential Gross Income" shall be defined as the maximum amount of rental income the Facility can collect in any given year. The Company shall submit to the Agency annually, no later than February 28 (i) a certified statement attesting to the EGI for the Facility for the prior calendar year, including a calculation of the PILOT Payment based on the EGI; and (ii) a check payable to "City of Utica" for the full amount of the PILOT Payment. The City shall allocate the PILOT Payment among the Taxing Authorities in the same pro-rata proportion that the Taxing Authorities would have received taxes, if the Agency did not have a leasehold interest. For purposes of apportioning the PILOT Payment, the City shall use the tax rates for the prior Exemption Year. As an example, for Exemption Year 1, the Company shall submit a statement to the Agency no later than February 28, 2024 using the EGI for calendar year 2023. The PILOT Payment remitted with this statement will be applied to County vear 2023, City year 2023-2024 and School District year 2023-2024.
- (b) Anything herein to the contrary, notwithstanding, this Agreement shall terminate on the date on which the Leaseback Agreement shall terminate and the Agency shall terminate its leasehold interest in the Facility pursuant to the Leaseback Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Company shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without penalty if the Company determines, in its sole discretion, that termination of this Agreement will result in a more beneficial tax treatment for the Company. The right of the Company to terminate this Agreement is subject in all respects to the provisions of Article 8 of the Leaseback Agreement, and the Lease Agreement and Leaseback Agreement shall terminate concurrently.
- (c) Anything herein to the contrary, notwithstanding, upon the failure of the Company in making any payment when due hereunder and upon failure to cure such default within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice as herein provided, shall constitute an Event of Default under Section 7.1(a)(vi) of the Leaseback Agreement, and the Agency may take any one or all remedial steps afforded it in Section 7.2 of the Leaseback Agreement; provided, however, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to limit any other rights and remedies the Agency may have hereunder or under any other Transaction Document.
- 3. The Company will make PILOT Payments to each Taxing Authority hereunder for each Exemption Year by making the required payment to the City of Utica no later than February 28 of each Exemption Year. PILOT Payments that are delinquent under this Agreement shall be subject to a late penalty of five percent (5%) of the amount due which shall be paid by the Company to the City at the time the PILOT Payment is paid, and the City shall allocate the penalty among the Taxing Jurisdictions in the same pro-rata proportion that the Taxing Jurisdictions would have received taxes, if the Agency did not have a leasehold interest. For each month, or

part thereof, that the PILOT Payment is delinquent beyond the first month, interest shall accrue to and be paid to the affected Taxing Authority on the total amount due plus a late payment penalty in the amount of one percent (1%) per month until the payment is made.

- 4. The PILOT Payments to be made by the Company pursuant to this Agreement are intended to be in lieu of all Exempt Taxes that would have to be paid on the Facility leased to the Company by the Leaseback Agreement if the Agency did not have a leasehold or other interest in the Facility.
- 5. If by reason of a change in the Constitution or laws of the State of New York, or an interpretation of the Constitution or the laws of the State of New York by the Court of Appeals (or such lower court from which the time to appeal has expired) of the State of New York, or for any other reason, the Company is required to pay any tax which the payments specified herein are intended to be in lieu of, the Company may deduct the aggregate of any such payments made by it from the amount herein agreed to be paid in lieu of such taxes and need only pay the difference. Furthermore, inasmuch as the PILOT Payments herein agreed to be made by the Company are intended to be in lieu of all Exempt Taxes, it is agreed that said payments shall not, as to any Exemption Year, be in an amount greater than would be payable for such year for such Exempt Taxes, in the aggregate, by a private corporation on account of its ownership of the Facility using an assessed value calculated pursuant to 581-A of the Real Property Tax Law. The Company shall have the ability, in its sole discretion, to challenge such 581-A assessment.
- 6. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties.
- It is the intent of the parties that the Company will have all the rights and remedies of a taxpayer with respect to any real property or other tax, service charge, special benefit, ad valorem levy, assessment or special assessment or service charge because of which, or in lieu of which, the Company is obligated to make a payment hereunder, as if and to the same extent as if the Agency did not have a leasehold or other interest in the Facility. It is the further intent of the parties that the Company will have all of the rights and remedies of a taxpayer as if and to the same extent as if the Agency did not have a leasehold or other interest in the Facility with respect to any proposed assessment or change in assessment concerning the property (581-A or otherwise), or any portion thereof, whether through an assessor, board of assessment review, court of law, or otherwise and likewise will be entitled to protest before and be heard by such assessor, board of assessment review, court of law or otherwise and will be entitled to take any and all appropriate appeals or initiate any proceedings to review the validity or amount of any assessment or the validity or amount of any taxes that would have been payable but for the provisions hereof. In the event, however, that a court of competent jurisdiction shall enter an order or judgment determining or declaring that, by reason of the Agency's interest in the Facility, the Company does not have the right to bring a proceeding to review such assessment under the Real

Property Tax Law or any other law, then the Company shall have the right to contest such assessment in the name and as the agent of the Agency, and the Agency agrees to cooperate with the Company in all respects in any such proceeding at the sole cost and expense of the Company. The Company hereby unconditionally and irrevocably waives its rights, if any, to apply for and/or receive the benefit of, any other real property tax exemption including, without limitation, any real property tax exemptions that may be available under Section 485-b and Section 485-e of the Real Property Tax Law for so long as the PILOT Agreement is in effect, provided that nothing herein shall preclude the Company's rights pursuant to Section 581-a of the Real Property Tax Law. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, for so long as this Agreement is in effect, the Company shall not consolidate any other tax parcels into the tax parcels that are the subject of this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Agency in each instance.

- 8. All amounts payable by the Company hereunder will be paid to the City on behalf of the Taxing Authorities and will be payable in such lawful money of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, including a check payable in such money.
 - 9. (a) If any term or provision hereof should be for any reason held or adjudged to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such term or provision will be deemed separate and independent and the remainder hereof will remain in full force and effect and will not be invalidated, impaired or otherwise affected by such holding or adjudication.
 - (b) This Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except by an instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Company shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without penalty if the Company determines, in its sole discretion, that termination of this Agreement will result in a more beneficial tax treatment for the Company. The right of the Company to terminate this Agreement is subject in all respects to: (1) the condition that the Lease Agreement and Leaseback Agreement shall terminate concurrently; and (2) prior written consent of the HFA, and Bank of America, N.A. for so long as its letter of credit in favor of HFA with respect to the Project remains outstanding.
 - (c) All notices, certificates or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when (i) mailed by United States registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or (ii) when delivered by a commercial overnight courier that guarantees next day delivery and provides a receipt, to the Agency, the HDFC and the Company, as the case may be, addressed as follows:

If to the Agency: City of Utica Industrial Development Agency
One Kennedy Plaza

Utica, New York 13502 Attn.: Executive Director

With a Copy to:

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC

501 Main Street Utica NY 13501

Attn.: Linda E. Romano, Esq.

If to the Company:

Olbiston Apartments LLC

c/o Liberty Affordable Housing, Inc.

117 W. Liberty Street, Suite 3

Rome, New York 13440

Attn.: Randell Denton, Executive Director

With a Copy to:

Mazzotta & Vagianelis, P.C.

9 Washington Square Albany, New York 12205 Attn.: John Vagianelis, Esq.

If to the HDFC:

Liberty Olbiston Housing Development Fund

Company, Inc.

c/o Liberty Affordable Housing, Inc. 117 W. Liberty Street, Suite 3

Rome, New York 13440

Attn.: Randell Denton, Executive Director

With a Copy to:

Mazzotta & Vagianelis, P.C.

9 Washington Square Albany, New York 12205 Attn.: John Vagianelis, Esq.

provided, that the Agency, the HDFC or the Company may, by notice given hereunder to the other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates or other communications to them shall be sent.

(e) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this **PILOT Agreement** as of the date first above written.

LIBERTY OLBISTON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC.,

a New York not-for-profit corporation, as fee owner By: Liberty Affordable Housing Inc., its Sole Member

Name: Randell J. Denton
Title: Executive Director

OLBISTON APARTMENTS LLC.

a New York limited liability company, as beneficial owner

By: Liberty at Olbiston LLC, a New York limited liability company, its Managing Member

By: Liberty Affordable Housing Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation, its Sole Member

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Name: Randell J. Denton
Title: Executive Director

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ONEIDA

On the day of March 2022 before me, the undersigned a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared **Randell J. Denton**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity, and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

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ELIZABETH A. BAKER
Notary Public in the State of New York
Qualified in Herkimer County 01BA6165549
My Commission Expires May 7, 20.23

SIGNATURE PAGE OF AGENCY (PILOT AGREEMENT)

CITY OF UTICA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Vincent J. Gilroy, Jr.

Chairman

STATE OF NEW YORK)
: ss.:
COUNTY OF ONEIDA)

On the <u>I</u> day of March 2022, before me, the undersigned a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared **Vincent J. Gilroy, Jr.**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

SCHEDULE A

COUNTY OF ONEIDA Receiver of Taxes 800 Park Avenue Utica, New York 13501

City of Utica Receiver of Taxes City Hall One Kennedy Plaza Utica, New York 13502 Attn.: City Treasurer

UTICA CITY School District Receiver of Taxes 929 York Street Utica, New York 13502 Attn.: Haylee Lallier, Treasurer

SCHEDULE B

Exemption Year	EGI Certification Due	County Tax Year	City Tax Year	School Tax Year
1	2024	2023	2023-24	2023-24
2	2025	2024	2024-25	2024-25
3	2026	2025	2025-26	2025-26
4	2027	2026	2026-27	2026-27
5	2028	2027	2027-28	2027-28
6	2029	2028	2028-29	2028-29
7	2030	2029	2029-30	2029-30
8	2031	2030	2030-31	2030-31
9	2032	2031	2031-32	2031-32
10	2033	2032	2032-33	2032-33
11	2034	2033	2033-34	2033-34
12	2035	2034	2034-35	2034-35
13	2036	2035	2035-36	2035-36
14	2037	2036	2036-37	2036-37
15	2038	2037	2037-38	2037-38
16	2039	2038	2038-39	2038-39
17	2040	2039	2039-40	2039-40
18	2041	2040	2040-41	2040-41
19	2042	2041	2041-42	2041-42
20	2043	2042	2042-43	2042-43
21	2044	2043	2043-44	2043-44
22	2045	2044	2044-45	2044-45
23	2046	2045	2045-46	2045-46
24	2047	2046	2046-47	2046-47
25	2048	2047	2047-48	2047-48
26	2049	2048	2048-49	2048-49
27	2050	2049	2049-50	2049-50
28	2051	2050	2050-51	2050-51
29	2052	2051	2051-52	2051-52
30	2053	2052	2052-53	2052-53
31	2054	2053	2053-54	2053-54
32	2055	2054	2054-55	2054-55