RESOLUTION 35-2020

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE PAAA AND THE ACT, AS AMENDED AND APPROVING THE FORM, SUBSTANCE AND EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 358 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York, as the same may be amended from time to time (collectively, the "Act"), the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power, among other things, to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipping and furnishing of certain industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreation facilities as authorized by the Act in order to promote and maintain the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of the Town of Brookhaven, New York and of the State of New York and to improve their standard of living; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature adopted the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005 and the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2009, each as amended from time to time (the "PAAA"), to ensure that New York's public authorities operate more efficiently, more openly, and with greater accountability; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a conflict of interest policy is to protect the Agency's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that could benefit the private interest of a board member or employee of the Agency or could result in a possible excess benefit transaction; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Agency to be more transparent and accountable to the public, the Agency desires to develop a written conflict of interest policy to formally establish the procedures for dealing with conflict of interest situations and assure that the Agency's interest prevails over personal interests of the Agency's board members and employees; and

WHEREAS, a Conflict of Interest Policy would permit the Agency to continue to provide financial assistance to various business entities to acquire, locate, construct, renovate, equip

and/or expand in the Town of Brookhaven, New York (the "Town"), which would generate additional revenues, housing and employment within the Town; and

WHEREAS, to carry out the Agency's purposes under the PAAA, as amended and the Act, the Agency has the power under the Act to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the adoption of a stand-alone Conflict of Interest Policy, the Agency desires to amend its by-laws to permit the deletion of Article IX (Conflicts of Interest) in its entirety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Agency (a majority of the members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Agency hereby finds and determines:

- (a) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and
- (b) Authorizing and adopting the Conflict of Interest Policy will allow the Agency to formally establish the procedures for dealing with conflict of interest situations and assure that the Agency's interest prevails over personal interests of the Agency's board members and employees; and
- (c) Authorizing and adopting the Conflict of Interest Policy will allow the Agency to continue to provide financial assistance to various business entities to acquire, locate, construct, renovate, equip and/or expand in the Town, which would generate additional revenues, housing and employment within the Town; and
- (d) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy.
- (e) The adoption of a stand-alone Conflict of Interest Policy and the amendment by the Agency of its by-laws will permit the Agency to maintain stand-alone Conflict of Interest Policy.
- Section 2. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to (i) adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof and (ii) amend its by-laws to reflect the deletion of Article IX in its entirety, a copy of such by-laws, as amended, is attached hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof.
- <u>Section 3.</u> The Agency is hereby authorized to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment of the purposes of this resolution, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.
 - <u>Section 4.</u> This resolution shall take effect immediately.

DATED: January 8, 2020

MOTION MADE BY: Mr. Pollakusky

SECONDED BY: Ms. Scheidt

Unanimously approved

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