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Resolution approving a Conditional Use under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article V, Chapter 911, Section 911.04.A.64 to Propel Schools, lessee and St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, property owner, for authorization to renovate and occupy a three-story building as an Elementary School, General for grades K through 6 and a maximum enrollment of 300 students, located at 134 East Elizabeth Street on property zoned R1D-M, Residential Single -Unit Detached Moderate Density District, 15th Ward.

Whereas the Planning Commission of the City of Pittsburgh has made certain findings with regard to the conditional use application for the proposed Propel Charter Elementary School at 134 East Elizabeth Street;

Whereas the Planning Commission of the City of Pittsburgh has recommended approval of this application for Conditional Use;

Whereas City Council has reviewed the record of the Planning Commission and herewith adopts the findings and recommendations of the Planning Commission;

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. Upon a review of the record of the record as provided by the Planning Commission of the City of Pittsburgh, it is herewith affirmed that the proposed elementary school located at 134 East Elizabeth Street has properly met the standards as provided in the Pittsburgh Code Section 922.06.E.1 and that the following criteria was considered:

- a) That the development will not create detrimental visual impacts, such that the size, and visual bulk of the proposed development is determined to create an incompatible relationship with the surrounding built environment, public streets and open spaces and land use patterns;
- b) That the proposed development will not create detrimental transportation impacts, such that the proposed development is determined to adversely affect the safety and convenience of the residential neighborhoods or of the vehicular and pedestrian circulation in the vicinity of the subject tract, including traffic reasonably expected to be generated by the proposed use and other uses in the area given the existing zoning, existing land uses and proposed land uses in the area;
- c) That the development will not create detrimental transportation impacts, such that the proposed development will result in traffic volumes or circulation patterns that exceed the capacity of streets or intersections likely to be used by traffic to and from the proposed development;

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d) That the development will not create detrimental operational impacts, including potential impacts of hours of operation, management of traffic, servicing and loading operations, and any on-site operations associated with the ongoing functions of the use of the site, in consideration of adjacent and surrounding land uses which may have differing sensitivities to such operational impacts;

- e) That the development will not create detrimental health and safety impacts, including but not limited to potential impacts of noise, emissions, or vibrations from the proposed development, or functions within the proposed site which would otherwise affect the health or safety of others as a direct result of the operation of the proposed use,
- f) That the development will not create detrimental impacts on the future and potential development of parcels in the vicinity of the proposed site of the development;
- g) That the development will not create detrimental impacts on property values.

Section 2.

It is further stated that the following findings of the Planning Commission are herewith adopted:

- a) That the proposed school use is in an existing building previously used as a school and will not create any detrimental visual impacts;
- b) That the proposed school use will not create detrimental transportation impacts since all activities will be managed under an approved Traffic Plan;
- c) That the proposed school use will not create detrimental transportation impacts that result in traffic volumes that
 exceed the capacity of streets and intersections since any increase in traffic can be accommodated by the existing
 streets;
- d) That the proposed school use will not create detrimental operational impacts on nearby land uses since the site has historically been used as an elementary school and the site is sufficiently large enough to accommodate the proposed use;
- e) That the proposed school use will not create detrimental health and safety impacts since the use remains compatible in a residential district;
- f) That the proposed school use will not create detrimental impacts on the future development in the area since the use is permitted in residential districts and there is no expansion of the site itself involved;
- g) That the proposed school use will not create detrimental impacts on property values in the area since the use is easily accommodated by the existing site and the impacts of the use on the surrounding area will minimal.

Section 3.

Under the provisions of Section 911.04.A.64 of the Pittsburgh Code, approval is hereby granted to Propel Schools, lessee

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That the final Traffic Plan submitted shall incorporate all recommendations and comments by the City Traffic Engineer and shall be administered and enforced by Propel School.